

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
Regular Session of 1965

Minutes of the Meeting
February 23, 1965

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sanborn at 9:30 a.m., February 23, 1965, with all members of the Committee present.

Mr. George Moore of the FORESTRY, FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, appeared with reference to the agency's budget requests. Following are comments made by Mr. Moore:

1. For administration, the Commission had asked for \$6,000 for data processing equipment rental. Presently Kansas State equipment is utilized at a rental of \$1,000. Our request was deleted. Reinstatement of this request is asked.
2. The Commission requested \$5,000 for rental of a single engine high wing airplane, partly for the director's travel and partly for law enforcement. The request was deleted. Specific request is made for reinstatement.
3. A request for funds to purchase an air conditioner for an automobile was also deleted. The Commission plans to trade in a car during fiscal year 1965 for delivery in fiscal year 1966 and asks for funds to purchase the air conditioner to be installed in the new automobile for the director's use.
4. Last year the federal government passed legislation for aid to commercial fisheries. The Commission asked for a position to start work on a determination of such an industry for the State. It is worth the investment to determine if commercial fisheries can be developed. The request is for \$15,000 for fiscal year 1966 for a man and equipment.
5. Of the agency's request of \$23,465 for agricultural equipment was cut to \$4,635 by the Governor. It included three tractors, a cultivator disc, a tree planter, a high pressure sprayer, and a scraper and blade. It is requested that these items be reinstated.
6. Two game protectors had been requested and the positions deleted in the Governor's recommendations. One is scheduled for Pamoona, and the other for Montgomery County. Restoration of these positions was specifically made.
7. A position of Informational Counsel to be situated in northeast Kansas was deleted in the Governor's recommendations. Reinstatement of about \$10,500 for the Counsel and equipment is requested.
8. Reinstatement of a Field Biologist position in Field Services is requested to handle special technical requests.
9. An appropriation is requested for the Emergency State Lake Repair Fund to save the Commission of going to the Finance Council for aid. The fund appropriated three years ago now has a balance of about \$5,000, and most of those funds are committed to the Pottawatomie lake.
10. It was suggested that a Legislative Council study be undertaken to determine the feasibility of including the Commission on the State communications system. The agency has requested its own frequency, but the request was deleted.

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Dr. Schoewe of the ACADEMY OF SCIENCE appeared before the Committee to ask reinstatement of the agency's request for \$5,000 for fiscal year 1966. The Governor recommended \$4,000. The additional funds are needed to help defray expenses of the publication TRANSACTIONS, and it is Dr. Schoewe's feeling that the benefits derived by way of the economy effected by the publication warrants the reinstatement.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

THEO. A. SANBORN, Chairman