

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

Legislative Budget Committee

June 2, 1977

Three members (Speaker Carlin and Representatives Hurley and Weaver) of the Legislative Budget Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on June 2, 1977, in Room 510 of the State House. Staff members present all or part of the time were Phill Jones, Richard Ryan, and Marlin Rein of the Legislative Research Department; Fred Carman and Norman Furse of the Revisor of Statutes Office; and James Bibb, Director of the Budget Division. The administrative assistants to Speaker Carlin and Senator Gaar and Representative Lady's secretary also attended.

Proposal No. 47 - State General Fund

The staff presented an oral report on state general fund receipts through May of FY 1977. Based on preliminary figures for the month of May, cumulative receipts from all taxes and interest were about \$9.3 million, or 1.4 percent, over the budget estimate. It was pointed out that a substantial amount is estimated to be collected in June, so it is not yet certain how actual and estimated receipts will compare for all of FY 1977.

A written report on "Kansas Personal Income in 1976 (Preliminary) and Personal Income, By County, For Selected Years" was prepared by the staff and is in each member's notebook.

Proposal No. 49 - State Personnel System

Conferees were Keith Weltmer, Secretary of Administration, Norman Hanson, director of the 1976 "Study Group" on the personnel system, and Deborah High, a research analyst on Mr. Hanson's Staff.

The staff briefly reviewed materials in the Committee notebook re Proposal No. 49. However, because four members of the Committee were not present, it was decided to postpone until June 30 the previously planned detailed briefing on the report and recommendations of the "Study Group" to the 1977 Legislature. The briefing on June 30 should emphasize the major policy issues involved in such recommendations and should include a comparison with the proposals of the Governor's Task Force in the area of personnel. In addition, Secretary Weltmer was asked to report to the Committee on the status of the study of the state salary plan.

Proposal No. 48 - Fiscal Notes

Materials in the notebook were discussed briefly and Mr. Bibb distributed a memorandum that he prepared on the fiscal note procedures of the Division of the Budget. Also, there was a general discussion of some of the problems involved in the present system and of possible options that might be considered. It was agreed that Proposal No. 48 should be considered in depth at a subsequent meeting when all members of the Committee are present.

Proposal No. 50 - Capitol Area Plaza

Copies of the Capitol Area Master Plan, February 1976, and the minutes of the Capitol Area Plaza Authority meeting held on March 22, 1977, are in the Committee notebook. Speaker Carlin suggested that a meeting should be scheduled later in the interim when there is adequate time to consider Proposal No. 50 thoroughly and to confer with representatives of the Authority.

Proposal No. 51 - Contracting For Computer Services

Materials in the notebook were reviewed by the Committee. They include 1977 S.B. 465, which was recommended for consideration by Secretary Weltmer, the report to the Governor's Task Force by the Steering Committee on computers, and the Governor's press release dated June 1, 1977, announcing the creation of a State Data Processing Policy and Review Board.

Mr. Weltmer said that S.B. 465 was not the result of the study or recommendations of the Governor's Task Force. He was asked to provide a list of the Steering Committee on computers and the staff, if any, of that Committee. It was agreed that, in consideration of S.B. 465, all sides should be heard and that the Committee should confer with vendors who assisted in putting together the suggestions of the Steering Committee on computers.

As a beginning point on Proposal No. 51, the staff was instructed to organize a presentation for the June 30 meeting on the present status of state computer services.

Proposal No. 52 - State Warrants Reconciliation

A letter dated June 2, 1977, from the State Treasurer's office re the status of state warrants reconciliation activities is in the Committee notebook. The staff was requested to invite representatives of the State Treasurer and the Division of Accounts to provide an up-dated report on warrant reconciliation to the Committee at the meeting to be held on June 30.

Proposal No. 53 - Tort Claims Act

In the Committee notebook are copies of 1976 H.B. 2684 and the 1976 reports of the Special Committee on Governmental Immunity and the Legislative Budget Committee. The staff suggested that the following individuals or organizations probably would make a contribution to the Committee's consideration of Proposal No. 53: the Legislative Counsel, attorneys for the state universities, Attorney General, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, League of Kansas Municipalities, and Kansas Association of School Boards.

A staff briefing on 1976 H.B. 2684 was scheduled for the meeting on June 30.

Plans for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled on June 30, 1977, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 510 of the State House. Speaker Carlin, chairman of the Committee, approved the following agenda for that meeting:

- Minutes of Prior Meetings
- Proposal No. 49 - State Personnel System
- Proposal No. 51 - Computer Services
- Proposal No. 52 - State Warrants Reconciliation
- Proposal No. 53 - Tort Claims Act
- Proposal No. 47 - State General Fund
- Architectural Services Advisory Committee
- Plans for Future Meetings

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Approved by Committee on:

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