

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 28, 1977

The Legislative Budget Committee convened at 8:45 a.m. on November 28, 1977, in Room 510 of the State House. All members were present except Representative Weaver and Senator Steineger. Staff in attendance all or part of the time were Richard Ryan and Marlin Rein of the Legislative Research Department; Fred Carman, Arden Ensley, and Norman Furse of the Revisor of Statutes Office; and James Bibb of the Division of the Budget.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on November 2-3, 1977, were approved without change.

Proposals No. 47 and No. 48

The Committee approved drafts of final reports on Proposal No. 47 - State General Fund, and Proposal No. 48 - Fiscal Notes. The only change made was to delete the words "without fail" at the end of the last sentence in the report on Proposal No. 48.

Proposal No. 51 - Contracting for Computer Services

Keith Weltmer, Secretary of Administration, Virgil Basgall, Director of Computer Services, and Jack Crocker, Special Assistant to the Governor to implement the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Effective Management, participated in the discussion of Proposal No. 51.

Mr. Carman distributed a copy of a bill draft requested by the Committee at the last meeting and called attention to important policy questions. After review of the bill, the Committee made the following decisions:

Sections 2-4, 6 and 8. Provide in Section 8 that the persons appointed to the positions created in Sections 2-4 and 6, and their salaries, shall be subject to approval of the Governor. All such positions, including the Director of Operations, shall be in the unclassified service.

Sections 3(b) and 14. Delete the words "and operational privacy and confidentiality" from Section 3(b) and expand Section 14 to require the Secretary of Administration to adopt rules and regulations relating to standards for security, confidentiality, etc. Also in Section 14 insert the word "accounting" between the words "cost" and "system."

Section 10. Add "a person appointed by the State Board of Regents" to the Information Systems Policy Board established by that section.

Section 21. Delete the words "unless approved by concurrent resolution of the legislature accompanied by," insert the word "until" after "force or effect," and substitute the word "enactment" for "directive by concurrent resolution."

The Committee approved the bill as amended and a draft final report as amended to reflect changes made in the bill.

Proposal No. 85 - Mandatory Retirement

In attendance were Secretary Weltmer, Jim Maag of the Governor's Office, and John Corkhill and Marshall Crowther of KPERS.

Mr. Furse distributed and explained a draft bill to eliminate mandatory retirement of state employees who are members of KPERS (Nonschool), except security officers at correctional institutions, or who are not members of KPERS or any other state retirement program. He pointed out that it had been determined that the words "or a member employed by the state of Kansas" in line 13 on page 6 need not be added, and the Committee agreed to deletion of that language. The bill, as amended, was then approved.

Also approved was a draft of a final report, with the understanding a notation would be made on page 13 to the effect that the Governor has issued the executive order referred to in Mr. Maag's testimony.

Proposal No. 52 - State Warrants Reconciliation

Conferees were Glen Deitcher, Assistant State Treasurer, and Jim Cobler, Director of the Division of Accounts and Reports.

Mr. Deitcher presented a letter dated 11-23-77 which summarizes the progress to date on state warrants reconciliation. A copy is in the Committee notebook. Mr. Cobler said he is very encouraged with the progress that has been made. Both conferees said it appears that by February 1978 warrant reconciliation will be on a current basis.

The Committee reviewed a draft of its final report on Proposal No. 52. It was agreed to (1) delete on page 1 the listing of the reasons for the unreconciled condition as identified by the Legislative Post Audit Division and simply refer to the Division's report, (2) delete on page 2 the quotation from that report, and (3) expand the next to last paragraph on page 3 to reflect some of the testimony presented at this meeting. The Committee Report, as so revised, was approved.

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Approved by Committee on:

Date