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Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by BILL BUNTEN at  
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on Monday, January 31, 1983n room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Reps. Louis, Wisdom, Meacham, Chronister, Holderman---  
all excused.

Committee staff present: Marlin Rein, Legislative Research Dept.  
Lyn Entrikin-Goering -- Legislative Research Dept.  
Bill Gilmore -- Legislative Research Dept.  
Jim Wilson -- Office of the Revisor  
Charlene Wilson -- Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Keith Farrar on HB 2051  
Marjorie Van Buren, Judicial Administrators Ofc.  
Representative Ron Fox on HR 6006  
Joe Snell, Executive Director, Kansas State  
Historical Society

Others present: (Attachment I)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Buntten at 1:35 p.m.

House Bill 2051, "An Act reducing the rate of compensation per calendar day for members of the legislature; amending K.S.A. 46-137a and repealing the existing section."

Chairman Buntten called upon Representative Farrar to review the provisions of HB 2051 for the members of the committee. A prepared statement was distributed to all members of the committee. (Attachment II).

Representative Farrar stated that this bill also addresses two other groups, those being retired judges who are recalled to hear certain cases and the State Board of Education in the daily pay they receive. The bill was designed so that the first time there is any increase for classified employees it would, at the same time, automatically increase the legislative rate of compensation back to the \$45 per day.

Representative Buntten briefed the committee on the figures that are contained in the Fiscal Note for HB 2051. He indicated that, for the legislature, it is \$33,630.00. For the judicial branch, generally for retired judges, it is \$1,032.00 and for the Board of Education the figure is \$1,060.00 for a total of \$35,722.00.

Representative Dyck questioned what the percent of increase would be if they went from \$43 to \$45 per day. Representative Farrar answered that it would be in the area of 4½%. Representative Dyck stated that they should be taking the decrease from the \$42 per day rather than the \$45 per day figure. Representative Farrar indicated that it had to be based on the \$45 per day figure due to the fact that this is the amount that has been effective since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Representative Shriver expressed some concern about this bill in view of the fact that if we pass this piece of legislation, he feels that we will be setting a precedence to be followed in the future. His feeling is that the pay that a legislator draws is a very delicate area in the balance of the legislative process. He would not like to see the balance of the people we have involved in this process be inhibited from entering into the process as a result of this type of legislation. He feels that it would eventually be limited to an elite group of people rather than the good mix that we have now. An alternative plan might be to reduce the number of days we are here. He indicated that, from information gathered from the Research Department, that it costs \$37,560.00 per day during session. He feels that if we could reduce this total daily amount by being here less days, that we would be better off than by trying to pass this legislation.

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Representative Farrar responded by saying, first of all, that he was in disagreement. He doesn't feel that there are that many who would quit due to the fact that they couldn't afford to be here during the 90 day period. He did, however, agree to the fact that there would possibly be something we could do about cutting down the length of the session. He felt this would have to be addressed closer to the end of the session when there is a better idea of what work was left to be done and how long it would take to finish it up. He also stated that he didn't feel that this type of legislation would be introduced year after year if the balances were in good shape. Only when we are facing a year such as the one we are in now, would this type of legislation be in order.

Marjorie Van Buren, of the Judicial Administrators Office, was called upon by Chairman Bunten to address the committee. Ms. Van Buren stated that she concurred with the statements made by Representative Farrar and reemphasized the fact that this does effect those retired judges who are called in to hear cases. Representative Dyck questioned how many retired judges this included. Ms. Van Buren stated that in the first 6 months of this year that approximately 300 assignments have been filled by retired judges. This concluded testimony on HB 2051.

House Resolution 6006, "A Resolution memorializing the Kansas State Historical Society to set aside a site for a Vietnam Veterans' Memorial."

Representative Ron Fox was called upon by Chairman Bunten to review the provisions of HR 6006. Representative Fox stated that basically it urges the Kansas State Historical Society to set aside a site at the location of the new museum for a memorial to honor Viet Nam Veterans and to establish a fund to receive contributions and also allow Kansans to design that memorial. Representative Lowther asked if we have similar monuments for the recognition of the other wars. Representative Fox indicated that there are other monuments but was unable to give locations. Representative Hoy asked if this would cost the state anything. Representative Fox indicated that it would be built through contributions only.

Mr. Joe Snell, Executive Director of the Kansas State Historical Society, was called upon next by the Chairman to make additional comments to the committee. Mr. Snell brought attention to line 42 of HR 6006 regarding setting the site near its new headquarters. This is not going to be a new headquarters of the Historical Society but rather the site of the new museum of the Historical Society. The headquarters will remain at its present location.

Representative Hamm questioned the cost of such a memorial. Mr. Snell indicated that he could not speculate on this since it would be constructed with whatever funds were available at the time.

Representative Miller asked what the reaction of the Historical Society would be if this committee amended this to also urge the Historical Society to keep its current museum open for the next two and one half months, while the legislature is still in session, to allow the students of Kansas to tour the facility when they visit the Capitol. Mr. Snell indicated that they would do whatever the legislature requested but also added that it would definitely slow down the process of the move to their new facility. Representative Miller asked when they planned on having the exhibits or portions of the exhibits available to the public at the new facility. Mr. Snell indicated that the first ones would be available in June of 1984. He further stated that it is a long process to move the artifacts, that some of them will need some renovation, and also that the speed with which they can make the move will depend on available funds and staff.

Representative Rolfs made a motion that HR 6006 be reported favorably for passage. Representative Hoy seconded. Representative Heinemann questioned what names would appear on the memorial and how they would deal with making sure that all appropriate names were on it. Representative Lowther added to this by saying that if this legislation is passed as it is with no clear cut goals that they are inviting alot of controversy. After considerable discussion

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On this matter, Representative Hoy withdrew his second to the motion and Representative Rolfs withdrew his motion.

Representative Farrar made a motion that the wording in line 42 of HR 6006 be changed to read "the" rather than "its" and "museum" rather than "headquarters". Representative Hoy seconded. Motion carried.

The following committee members were assigned to act as a subcommittee and study HR 6006 further and report back to the committee tomorrow.

Representative Rolfs  
Representative Solbach  
Representative Teagarden

This concluded discussion on HR 6006.

Marlin Rein, Legislative Research Department, was called upon by the Chairman to review the policy by which they will deal with the agency and institution budgets as far as salaries and wages are concerned.

Marlin indicated that the Governor's budget recommendations for these state agencies includes allowance for a 4% across the board salary increase. In the case of civil service employees, it would be a cost of living increase. For other groups, such as Regents, unclassified faculty and faculty at the School of the Deaf and Blind, the recommendation would have to be interpreted as an average of 4%, in as much as those institutions have flexibility as to how they allocate those dollars.

Marlin suggested that the committee should be aware of the fact that some of the reclassification actions the agencies are proposing, while the majority are increases, some are actual reductions of costs.

Marlin proposed two choices for dealing with this matter. One would be to take all of the reclassification money out of the budget and the second would be that each subcommittee review each agency's plans and make a judgment on them individually looking at where each agency is in its planning.

Representative Arbuthnot asked if there was any difference from the way the budgets had been worked last year, that being, taking the recommended increase out or just working the budget with base-budget figures. Marlin indicated that it would give the same effect. Last year the money was taken out, which would be the counterpat of the 4%, and they worked the budgets without allowance for any salary increases. The Legislature made the decision on salary increments at the end of the session and appropriated the money to the Finance Council for reallocation.

Another approach might be, on the reclassification money, to take it out and allocate it to the Finance Council and they would have the opportunity to review any reclassifications and make transfers.

Representative Arbuthnot moved that the policy of this committee regarding salaries and wages in the 1984 appropriations be the Governor's budget less the 4% cost of living increases, less any merit pay included in the Governor's recommended budget and that money for reclassifications be considered by each individual subcommittee. Representative Dyck seconded. After considerable discussion on the motion, the motion carried.

Representative Shriver moved that a separate piece of legislation be introduced by this committee that puts the amount of money being taken out of these budgets into the 4% Governor's recommendation. Representative Solbach seconded. Committee discussion followed. Motion lost 8-8.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am glad to have the opportunity to ask for your support for HB 2051. I am sure you all realize the few dollars involved in this bill in relationship to our overall budget problems. I would remind you that the legislative budget has been voluntarily cut approximately 4% to conform to the Governor's request of all agencies. However, that cut did not affect each one of us in the manner HB 2051 does. Each of the 165 legislators will make a small contribution to reduce the load on the general fund if this bill would pass.

I would readily admit this is a symbolic gesture, but I feel the value of passing HB 2051 should not be measured in monetary terms but in the message it carries to our constituents across the state of Kansas. We as legislators care and will try to do our part. Why should we be left out of the cuts if we are truly concerned about the state's balances.

One final thought, last year at this time we were paid 42 dollars a day. Under this proposal, you would drop from the present 45 dollars a day to 43 dollars a day and would remain there until we feel our balances are in shape to allow an increase in public employees pay.

*Att. to II*