

Approved February 7, 1983
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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 Tuesday, February 1, 1983 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Reps. Duncan, Meacham, Mainey -- 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: Dr. Robert Harder, Secretary, SRS
Mr. Johnson, State Librarian

Others present: (Attachment I).

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:35 p.m. The first order of business was consideration of HB 2093.

House Bill 2093, "An Act relating to the Kansas state library; providing for library services for the blind and other handicapped readers; amending K.S.A. 1982 Supp. 75-2534 and 75-2537 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 76-158d."

The Chairman called upon Dr. Robert Harder, Secretary of SRS, to review the provisions of HB 2093.

Secretary Harder stated that this is a bill that would clarify the authority of the services of the state library as it works in the area of reading material for the blind, talking books and other mediums of use to the blind. He referred to Attachment II during the course of his testimony. He stated that this bill, in and of itself, does not have any fiscal impact.

Mr. Johnson, State Librarian, stated that the service pattern as it now exists between the state library and the regional, Topeka, library isn't effected by this statutory amendment. All that they are asking for is a specification in the law clearly authorizing the state library to oversee this service in the state of Kansas, which they have done for a number of years, and to also specify their legal authorization to contract with the Library of Congress to oversee this service on their behalf in Kansas. A large portion of the assistance they receive comes to them from the Library of Congress. He stated that they are to be audited next year and one of the things they look for in these audits are the clear statutory authorizations for the state agency to contract with the Library of Congress. This amendment would achieve that assurance.

Chairman Buntен asked where we stand today on having library services for the blind. Mr. Johnson indicated that at this time, it appears stable and well accepted and supported by the readership throughout the state. This concluded testimony on HB 2093.

House Bill No. 2097, "An Act relating to social and rehabilitation services; funeral and cemetery expense limitations; amending K.S.A. 39-713d and repealing the existing section."

Dr. Harder also reviewed the provisions of HB 2097 for the committee from the attached material. (Attachment III).

Dr. Harder stated that the present statute has language in it that actually specifies by dollar amount the amount of money the department can reimburse the cemeteries for burial expenses. This has not changed since 1974. What they are asking for is that rather than putting it into a statutory provision

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 514-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 1983.

that the Secretary be given the authority to set those expenses. The appropriations bill would always contral the this. The expenses would not be set higher than what would be within the budget in any given fiscal year. In FY 82 they spent \$327,946.00. This comes out of regular assistance money and they would not anticipate any significant increase in FY83 or FY84.

Chairman Buntten questioned what the average costs were for funeral and burial expense.

Secretary Harder was unable to quote an average but did stress that in no case have they paid more than the \$600.00 or \$150.00.

Representative Wisdom questioned if they had actually been approached by anyone indicating that the \$600.00 or \$150.00 is not high enough. Secretary Harder replied that they have been approached by the Funeral Directors Association almost continuously over the last three or four years and there have also been at least a couple of Cemetery Associations contact them within the same period of time. This concluded testimony on HB 2097.

Chairman Buntten called upon Representative Rolfs to review the subcommittee report on HR 6006. The changes proposed by this subcommittee's study are found in the subcommittee report. (Attachment IV). Representative Rolfs moved that the subcommittee report on HR 6006 be adopted and the resolution be amended accordingly. Representative Teagarden seconded. Motion carried. (Attachment V).

Representative Arbuthnot moved that HR 6006 be adopted as amended. Representative Chronister seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Buntten called for a motion on the minutes of the January 24,25,26 and 27 meetings. Representative Shriver moved that the minutes be approved as written. Representative Heinemann seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Buntten recommended that the subcommittees use the remainder of the time today to get together with their analysts and try to work on some of their fee agency budgets.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
1. Richard Schutz	Topeka, KS	SRS
2. John Peterson	Topeka	Ky County Ass
3. Sammy Johnson	WSU	Intern
4. Cindy Entiken	WSU	Intern
5. Robert C. Hance		SRS
6. JUANIE F. JOHNSON		State Library
7. Caroline G. Longmire		State Library B+PH
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STATE OF KANSAS

JOHN CARLIN, GOVERNOR

STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

ROBERT C. HARDER, SECRETARY

STATE OFFICE BUILDING
TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612

STATEMENT REGARDING HOUSE BILL No. 2093

Providing for library services for the blind and other handicapped readers; amending K.S.A. 1982 Supp. 75-2534 and 75-2537 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 76-158d.

I. BACKGROUND

In the interest of economy and efficiency, the Talking Book Program of the Division of Services for the Blind of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services was administratively transferred to the State Library in 1970. This program is authorized by K.S.A. 76-158d.

The State Librarian is authorized to administer extension services through K.S.A. 1981 Supp. 75-2534 and 75-2537.

The present statutes make it unclear regarding authorization for the State Library to contract with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, and to make the Talking Book Program available to handicapped readers in Kansas. Clear statutory authority in this area is likely to become relevant when the State Library is audited for its Federal programs in 1983 or 1984.

II. COMMENTS

A technical change in the statutes would clarify authorization for the State Library to contract with the National Library Service. A technical change in the statutes would provide continuity to administrative actions to improve efficiency and effectiveness of services.

The wording of K.S.A. 76-158d, with appropriate agency name changes, could be transferred to Chapter 75, Article 25 in that series of statutes which relate to the State Library.

III. SRS/REHABILITATION SERVICES POSITION

SRS/Rehabilitation Services encourages favorable consideration of House Bill No. 2093. It is believed that it will provide needed clarification of the State Library's authority. It will be a technical change in statutes and will have no impact on ongoing services.

Robert C. Harder, Secretary
Social and Rehabilitation Services

January 31, 1983

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ED C. ROLFS
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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
CHAIRMAN: GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
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TOPEKA

HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

January 31, 1983

Subcommittee Report -- HB-6006
Rolfs, Solbach, Teagarden

- 1) That the resolution be amended by, on line 46 after the word "who" by adding "in the opinion of the Adjutant General" and on line 47 after the word "died" by inserting "as a result of participation in the Vietnam conflict".

- 2) That the resolution, as previously amended by the full committee and by item #1, be recommended for passage, as amended.

Ed C. Rolfs

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John Solbach

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George Teagarden

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

Your committee on Ways and Means

Recommends that House Resolution No. 6006

"A RESOLUTION memorializing the Kansas State Historical Society to set aside a site for a Vietnam Veterans' Memorial."

Be amended:

On page 1, in line 42, by striking "its" and inserting in lieu thereof "the"; also in line 42, by striking "headquarters" and inserting in lieu thereof "museum"; in line 46, after "who" by inserting "in the opinion of the Adjutant General"; in line 47, after "died" by inserting "as a result of participation in the Vietnam conflict";

And the resolution be adopted as amended.

Bill Denton Chairperson

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