

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Paul Hess at _____
Chairperson

Senate Adjournment March 16, 1983, 19__ in room 123-S of the Capitol.
a.m./p.m. on

All members were present except:

Senators Bogina and Harder

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Marlin Rein, Sherry Brown, Mary Galligan, Bill Wolff
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Mark Skinner, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Frank Kleffner, Institute of Logopedics, Wichita
Sid Snyder, Department of Human Resources
Rick von Ende, University of Kansas
Charles Hamm, Attorney, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Bonnie Short, Flint Hills Geneological Society
Katie Matthews, Topeka Geneological Society
Joe Snell, Kansas Historical Society

SB 2499 - Special Claims against the state

Mr. Wolff explained the bill, section by section, and answered questions from committee members.

Mr. von Ende explained that the claim which was filed in Section 19 (d) was \$4,950. He said that, based on appraisals by two jewelers in the last year, the full amount should be paid.

Mr. von Ende requested the committee to insert funds in payment of a small claim by an employee who had her car damaged by a sign blown over in the parking lot.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Talkington to allow the claim of \$145.67 to Ann Maltby from the parking fees fund. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Hein and seconded by Senator McCray to allow the full claim of \$4,950 in Section 19. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. von Ende said he had been asked whether or not the City of Lawrence water billing issue (Section 17 (a)) might interfere with the Board of Public Utilities case regarding the University of Kansas Medical Center. There followed a brief discussion of this issue.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator McCray to delete Section 17 (a) from HB 2499. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Snyder said Shawnee County has entered a claim for property taxes owed on a piece of property purchased by the state for the Department of Human Resources in 1979. The state had agreed to pay the taxes, but for some reason did not pay the amount and it recently came to light that the amount is still owing. He said his Department would like to have authority to pay these taxes in the amount of \$123.13.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator McCray to approve the request of the Department of Human Resources in the amount of \$123.13. The motion carried by voice vote.

HB 2499 - Continued

Mr. Wolff explained that Section 11 had been deleted by the House Committee on Ways and Means so that the subcommittee could get additional information concerning the claim and the amount which should be paid. He said that two of the three members on the House subcommittee agreed that one of the two figures in Attachment B should be allowed.

Dr. Kleffner presented his prepared statement (Attachment A). He elaborated on the statement and answered committee members' questions. It was agreed that this was not an obligation of SRS, but should be paid from the State General Fund.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Gaines to reinstate the claim from the Institute of Logopedics in the amount of \$134,176 (school children only). The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator McCray to report HB 2499 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

SB 399 - All Sports Hall of Fame

Mr. Snell distributed his written statement (Attachment C). There were questions from committee members following his presentation. He noted it would cost \$48,000 to stay open on Monday, and he would need three positions. He said it would be possible to remain open without additional employees, but the cataloging, etc., is getting more and more difficult to keep up to date.

Mrs. Short presented Attachment D, and noted her opposition to SB 399.

Mrs. Matthews presented Attachment F, and gave reasons for her opposition to SB 399.

Mrs. Cunningham left her statement (Attachment E) to express her opposition to SB 399.

No action was taken on the measure, and the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.



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Frank R. Kleffner, Ph. D.
Institute of Logopedics

TO: Senate Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Frank R. Kleffner, Ph.D.
Director, Institute of Logopedics

RE: H.B. 2499

My purpose is to make the case for placing the Institute's claim against the state back into the Claims Bill H.B. 2499 now before you.

Our claim is for education services which the Institute provided to handicapped clients of SRS and for whom SRS criteria did not permit payment for full program. When it became clear that neither state law nor policy established where responsibility rested for paying for program components not covered by SRS, Attorney General Stephan advised that we go to the Claims Committee.

Our claim was initially presented in November. The Claims Committee asked SRS to provide a detailed set of verifiable figures and scheduled a second hearing in January. SRS reduced our claim to \$290,335.81 by applying a variety of adjustments and exclusions. The Claims Committee recommended that we be awarded half that amount, or \$145,167.90.

On March 1, H.B. 2499 was taken up by the House Ways and Means Committee. A motion to increase the figure was defeated. Because of uncertainty about the rationale and accuracy of the figures, they voted to remove the claim from the bill and appointed a subcommittee (Shriver, Chair; Myers; and Duncan) to review and report back.

Shortly thereafter, without hearing the subcommittee report, the House Ways and Means Committee completed H.B. 2499 without including our claim. In the interim the subcommittee used State Department of Education figures to arrive at \$134,176.00 as the categorical aid which would have gone to public schools for these children. This approach provides a workable rationale and defensible figure. Since there are no clearly traceable lines of responsibility and no precise legalities, our claim rests on equity. The Institute did, in good faith, provide special education services and someone should have paid something for those services.

I ask that you consider reinstating our claim in the amount of \$134,176 and that you take into account whatever report may be forthcoming from the subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee.

AAA 3-16-83
5:30 p.m.

Office Memorandum

The Legislative Research Department

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TO:

Bell

FROM:

RE:

Your numbers are:

139,462 -- for all children

134,176 -- school-age children only

AH B 3-16-83
5:30 p.m.

Statement of Joseph W. Snell, Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society concerning amendments to KSA 75-2702 (in S.B. 399) before the Senate Ways and Means Committee on March 16, 1983.

When I became director of the State Historical Society on April Fool's Day six years ago, one of my earliest tasks was to prepare the Society's FY 1979 budget request.

At that time I identified space and staff as our most serious shortages and began what has turned out to be a continuing effort to relieve both situations.

In the intervening years space problems have been or are being alleviated by the construction of the Urish road warehouse and the new Kansas Museum of History. Plans to turn the partially restored Pottawatomie Baptist Mission building into an archeological resource center and remodeling of the Memorial building into an historical resource and research center will solve our space problems for years to come.

Since 1978 the staff of the Society has grown considerably but of the personnel added through FY 1983, 60% have been authorized for the museum because of the new building, leaving the remaining to be scattered throughout our nine other programs and 17 historic sites. The collecting departments (archeology, archives, library and manuscripts) were given 11.1% of the new staff (or 4.6 FTEs) and this at a time when patron usage of their services has increased at an annual rate of 15 to 25% and collections grow at a rapidly multiplying rate. The photo collection as a sample, has increased by 54,000 prints in five years, a 68.4% growth. Copies of historic photos sold to patrons have increased by 8,282 for a percentage growth of 57.6% during that same time.

AH C
3-16-83 5:30 p.m.

It is understandable that state resources available to the Society must be concentrated on getting the museum on line and we also understand why, during these troubled economic times, our FY 1984 request for 24.5 non-museum FTEs received little attention from the governor and the legislature.

The governor is aware of our need for more staff to arrange, catalog, preserve and make available to the public the vast amounts of documentary and artifactual resources we must acquire each year. The governor felt he couldn't recommend additional staff now so he is trying to give our existing staff more time to perform their vital behind the scenes duties by closing our research rooms to the public on Mondays.

I regret that we will be reducing public access to the collections by eight hours a week but we also know that a collection is no good to any patron until it is arranged and cataloged.

It has long been my desire to open our reading rooms on some evenings and on weekends (we are open on Saturday mornings now) so that working patrons could use our services too, but we have not been able to do so because of limited staff. A recent survey showed that 52% of our respondents would use our research facilities if open on Saturday afternoons, 32% would like us to be open on Sunday afternoons and 25% during the evening.

I would like to have three additional staff authorized and remain open on our present schedule, but if that is not possible I do support Governor Carlin's recommendation that we be closed to the public on Mondays as a temporary measure to allow our staff to care for their collections.

When the museum is on line and the economy improves I'll be back with staffing requests that will eventually allow us to serve the visiting public more instead of less.

In regard to the other amendment in SB 399, that Kansas History, & Journal of the Central Plains be printed with funds derived from membership dues, the Society has no objections. We don't know how we'll fare but we're willing to give it a try.

I am here to try to help keep ^{the} # 399 Bill from getting out of this Ways and Means Committee.

I do know that our Kansas State Historical Society has ask for more employees and we do need them. I also understand that the money situation is bad but we all want you to know that history must be kept and research must be done each and every day or it will get away from us and could be lost forever.

Some of us have only a few years left to help keep our history "alive" and we need all the days we can to help preserve and study it.

Our Society has about forty people doing volunteer work so they are getting some of the backlog work done without using tax money.

Many of our researchers are from out of state and also out of town. I live 85 miles from Topeka and a lot of people get terribly frustrated when research departments are closed when they could be in Topeka for only one day and that day would be on a Monday.

The Society is helping to get things done in many ways and do not use tax money. There are eleven people working there now and being paid with money from Grants, memberships, as well as selling books, gifts, etc.

Genealogists, historians, teachers and students as well as others use this State Historical Society for many things.

All of the information people have now states that our Society is open to the public on Monday and it would take at least a year to get this change made so the public would know that it is closed on Mondays. A lot of people would be very angry if they came on a Monday to find it closed. Also if out of state people who would be doing research in other states such as Iowa, Illinois, etc., and would get to Topeka on the weekend and then find that our Society was closed on Monday they would be very unhappy.

ATD 3-16-83
5:30 p.m.

I do know that some of the libraries close on Mondays but if this one was also closed the employees at these other libraries would not be able to come and do research at this Society.

These are just a few things about which to think before passing this bill.

Annie G. Cunningham

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opposed to closing the State Historical
Library on Monday -

3:45 P.M. - March 16, 1983

AHE 3-16-83
5:30 P.M.

- #1. It seems doubtful that there would be any savings of money in closing the building as the Staff would be working, the bldg. heated or cooled.
- #2 The Staff already has an hour each morning to do the cataloging and other tedious work, which would be difficult to do for 8 hours straight.
- #3 Patrons from the western part of the State may use Sundays to travel to have a full day in the library on Monday, rather than a half day on Saturday.
- #4 This would limit the use of Archives, and Manuscripts which is not open on Saturday mornings, to a four day week for Patrons.
- #5 Absorbing the 'MONDAY PATRONS' the balance of the week, due to the limited areas and the size of the Staff would be a concern.
- #6 Due to the financial difficulties of State and Federal Government some of the services have ceased that we used to enjoy adding to the burden of local libraries.
- #7 We have a truly dedicated Staff and they are certainly wonderful Ambassadors for Kansas when we have patrons from England to Hawaii, who are interested in their KS Ancestry, it would be a shame if the building was closed on the day they arrived.
- #8 My suggestion would be to close an hour earlier each evening rather than for a full day

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*AHF 3-16-83
5:30 p.m.*