

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

2:45 /a.m./p.m. on March 17, 1983, 19    in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senators Bogina, Doyen, Harder, Hein and Steineger

Committee staff present:  
Research Department: Marlin Rein, Sherry Brown, Mary Galligan,  
Carolyn Rampey  
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse  
Committee Office: Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Wint Winter, Jr.  
Gary Howland, Budget Division  
Steve Janson, All Sports Hall of Fame (Director of Watkins Museum)  
Dr. Robert Harder, Secretary, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services  
Charles Ham, Attorney, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

SB 398 - Transfer of All Sports Hall of Fame from Department of Administration to State Historical Society

Mr. Howland briefly explained the measure before the committee. He said the transfer would include bookkeeping and preparation of vouchers. He explained that there will be about \$5,000 to \$7,000 left in the trust fund for the Hall of Fame after FY 1984.

Senator Winter said that if the shift noted above takes place, it would allow the Hall of Fame to have access to the expertise of the Historical Society. He said the only concern is that the All Sports Hall of Fame remain in Lawrence. He noted that it came into existence mostly through the work of Od Williams. It utilizes about one-third of the Watkins Museum Building, and all Douglas County Historical Society functions have worked around the fact that the Hall of Fame exists. He requested an amendment to SB 398 to the effect that the Hall of Fame remain in Douglas County. He said the amendment could make reference to the Watkins Museum.

There were questions from committee members about the makeup of the Board for the Hall of Fame.

Mr. Janson said there are 55 athletes now in the Hall of Fame, and these are taken from across the state. He indicated that it is the plan of the Museum to continue to provide space for the All Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Janson said the budget request by the Hall of Fame reflects the desire to make it come alive. He expressed belief that it should be developed by private individuals, but it will be necessary to have transition funds to reach out to these individuals. Senator Hess asked if there would be a request for an annual levy, and Mr. Janson replied the transition funds would be the only request.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Warren to amend SB 398 to provide that the All Sports Hall of Fame be located permanently in Douglas County. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Werts to report SB 398 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

HB 2102 - Settlement of claims by SRS

Dr. Harder distributed Attachment A, which explains the need for HB 2102. There were questions and comments from committee members. Senator Hess noted that the state should be accommodating, but that perhaps very small claims should not be paid, since these people are being given help by the state. Mr. Hamm reminded the committee that the clients are very poor people, and are not even able to pay for the smallest breakage.

In answer to questions from committee members, Mr. Hamm said the total dollar amount paid last year was \$812.68 for an average of \$26.22 per claim. The total cost of the program (homemaker) is \$6 million. The Department would like to be able to pay approximately \$800 a year in claims, and this will be absorbed in the budget.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator McCray to report HB 2102 favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

M E M O R A N D U M

FROM: Robert Harder

DATE : 17 March 1983

TO : Senate Ways and Means

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2102

1. Short Title of Bill:

An Act concerning certain claims against the state; providing authority for certain state agencies and officers of the state to make payments in settlement of such claims; amending K.S.A. 46-922 and repealing the existing section.

2. Purpose of Bill:

To allow SRS to pay small damage claims in behalf of an employee who accidentally breaks items.

3. Why the Bill:

Currently SRS has no way of paying for the replacement or repair of items broken or damaged by the homemaker except by proving that the homemaker is negligent.

4. Background of the Bill:

Prior to 1981 SRS reserved a small amount of funds from the homemaker appropriation to pay for small items damaged by SRS homemakers. In 1980 K.S.A. Supp. 42-922 and Supp. 46-925 were passed to enable state agencies to pay small claims. However, the workers have been reluctant to sign statements that were negligent. The bill as written should allow for SRS to once again pay small claims.

5. SRS Recommendations:

SRS supports this bill and sees it as very necessary in the operation of a successful homemaker program.

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