

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANSThe meeting was called to order by _____ Senator Paul Hess _____ at
Chairperson4:15 /// a.m./p.m. on March 24, 1983, 19__ in room 123-S of the Capitol.All members were present except:
Senators Bogina, Doyen and HarderCommittee staff present:
Research Department: Sherry Brown, Mary Galligan, David Monical, Lyn Goering
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Mark Skinner, Doris FagerConferees appearing before the committee:
Fred Sudermann, Wichita State UniversityIntroduction of Bill

The Chairman noted that Wichita State University had requested the committee to introduce legislation authorizing the Board of Regents to lease property on the campus of Wichita State University to the Wichita Public Building Commission at a nominal fee for the purpose of constructing a recital hall on the campus of Wichita State University at no capital expense to the State with the provision that the building constructed thereon shall become the property of the State of Kansas upon the termination of the lease and the completion of the bond amortization. The money will come from a 1.5 mill levy from the City of Wichita.

There were questions from committee members about the proposal being requested. Staff explained that the 1.5 mill levy in the City of Wichita was originally imposed when Wichita State University was included in the state system, and was to retire debt service on buildings already in place at that time. Later the City of Wichita opted out of that levy, and then re-imposed it on themselves so they have control over it. A portion of it is treated as endowment funds are treated at other universities. The Board of Trustees, with approval of the Board of Regents, spend money on bond debt and for faculty enrichment and service programs of the institution, based on a budget approved by the Trustees, City of Wichita and Board of Regents.

Committee members questioned the continuation of the 1.5 mill levy, and the possible consequences to the state if a building is constructed, since the maintenance and repairs will become the duty of the state. Mr. Sudermann said he was not involved in the arrangements at the time the university was taken into the state system, but he is aware that there was never any discussion about the 1.5 mill levy being dropped as debts were paid.

Motion was made by Senator Steineger and seconded by Senator Hein to introduce the bill requested by Wichita State University, and to request that it be sent to Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by roll call vote

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.