

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANSThe meeting was called to order by Senator Paul Hess at
Chairperson9:00 a.m./p.m./on March 31, 1983, 19 in room 123-S of the Capitol.All members were present except:
Senators Bogina and Harder

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Brian Moline, Kansas Corporation Commission

HB 2135 and HB 2140 - Appropriations FY 1983 and FY 1984, General GovernmentHB 2140, Section 4 - Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Senator Hein presented the subcommittee report on this section. There was an extended discussion concerning the Senate Subcommittee's recommendations. Senator Hein said that, in connection with computer equipment, Kansas is the only state in the nation which cannot get access to certain crime information. DISC says this can be included in its operation and KBI says the computer must be in the KBI building. Others say that, as long as there would be a contract with the Highway Patrol, KBI and DISC, it doesn't matter where the computer is located. Senator Hein continued by stating that nobody has filed application to see if permission can be obtained from the Federal Government for a computer system.

There was discussion concerning confiscating incidental property in drug raids (planes, automobiles, etc.) Staff stated that the statute provides for distribution of contraband, so it must be sold in order that money may be distributed to units of government.

There was a discussion concerning space needs for the KBI. Senator Hein said the Division of Architectural Services is doing some planning for that space at the present time.

HB 2140, Section 18 - Kansas Energy Office

This subcommittee report includes both FY 1983 and FY 1984. Senator Hein presented the report. He noted that there is a conflict between the House and the Senate subcommittee on how to structure the Energy agency. A corrolary issue is what to do with the excess funds from the Petroleum Violation Escrow Funds returned to the state in the amount of \$2.1 million.

Senator Hess asked the reasoning behind the Senate Subcommittee's recommendation to provide that the Energy office be a division of the Kansas Corporation Commission rather than to create a new office as provided in HB 2434. Senator Hein said that Mr. Loux had indicated that he was not requesting the responsibility of the energy office, but would carry it out adequately if it were given to his department. Senator Hein added that he feels the KCC will get good people in the program and will make it work. He said the State of Kansas has adopted a cabinet form of government, and it was the opinion of the subcommittee that there should be fewer independent agencies.

During the discussion, Senator McCray said that nearly every other state has an agency that speaks specifically to energy, and he was opposed to the decision of the subcommittee.

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There was a question about the need for 6.5 FTE for the energy office. Mr. Moline said he felt they would need that many people initially, but would hope that there would be need for fewer employees after the program is started.

There were questions and discussion concerning Senate Subcommittee Recommendation No. 5--loan program for residents of single and multi-family dwellings to make energy conserving modifications.

HB 2140, Section 18 - Veterans of World War I

Senator Hein presented the subcommittee report. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion was made by Senator Hein and seconded by Senator McCray to adopt the above subcommittee reports. The motion carried by voice vote.

No action was taken on HB 2140.

SB 433 - State Corporation funds abolished and moneys transferred to State General Fund

There was a discussion concerning the reasoning behind making the KCC a general fund agency. Senator Hess indicated that the Commission is a major agency, and it seemed to be logical that it be treated the same as any other general fund agency. Senator Steineger said he understands the logic in smaller fee agencies, since they regulate themselves and should bear the cost of their administration. He suggested that if fee agencies are placed in the state general fund, the groups involved will try to get fees lowered.

Senator Gaines referred to bills introduced to provide that the Securities Commissioner and the Fire Marshal be placed in the state general fund instead of being fee agencies. He said these are strictly administrative, and should be general fund agencies. He suggested he has misgivings about the Kansas Corporation Commission being a state general fund agency, because it has a combination of powers.

Discussion of the proposal was continued until the next meeting of the committee, and the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.