

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

9:00 a.m./p.m. on April 7, 1983, 19\_\_ in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Sherry Brown, Mary Galligan, Louis Chabira, Tom Severn  
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse  
Committee Office: Mark Skinner, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2434 - Kansas Office of Energy Management

It was the consensus of the committee that the word "fuel" should be changed to "energy" throughout the bill.

It was reiterated that energy management should be transferred to the Kansas Corporation Commission, but that no requirement should be made to make it a separate division.

Motion was made by Senator Steineger and seconded by Senator Hein to remove new section 16 (sunset provision). The motion carried by voice vote.

It was the consensus of the committee that certain needed technical changes be made in the bill.

The Chairman called attention to Senator Hein's motion at a previous meeting to include SB 433 in HB 2434. There was an extended discussion concerning this motion. Senator Talkington, Senator Gaines, and Senator Steineger said they were not comfortable with the concept, and felt it should be studied further before action is taken.

The vote on Senator Hein's motion to amend SB 433 into HB 2434 lost on a voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Gaines to report Sub. for HB 2434 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Bill Introduction

Senator Talkington explained that there are times when municipalities can get discounts for early payments of bills. These bills sometimes are received two or three weeks before the board or commission meets to approve payment. The bill in question would allow them to pay before the meeting if early payment provides a discount.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Bogina to introduce a bill allowing municipalities to pay claims in advance of presentation to governing bodies; and to request that the bill be referred to Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by roll call vote.

SB 41 - State Board of Healing Arts Continued in Existence

It was noted by the Chairman that the committee had reported SB 41 favorably, but with the agreement that the entire committee would look at the amendments before it was officially referred to the Senate. Staff explained language in the bill, and Senator Hein said it was his understanding that the language has been approved by all interested parties. The committee agreed to approve filing of the committee report.

Introduction of Bills

Senator Hess explained that the Senate Reapportionment Committee had asked that he request Senate Ways and Means Committee to introduce a bill requiring that there be a state census conducted by the Secretary of State following federal census guidelines, beginning in 1983 and every four years thereafter. He added that there is no attempt to push this through without appropriate hearings. When asked about the fiscal note on the proposal, Senator Hess said he had no idea.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Talkington to introduce the bill requested by Senator Hess. The motion carried by voice vote.

Senator Harder said the Department of Education had suggested there may be need for legislation because of the decision to forego the \$.50 per credit hour increase in state aid to community colleges and Washburn University. Senator Talkington commented that if there is no money appropriated, that will take care of the decision. Senator Bogina said that might be true of community colleges, but the Washburn aid is an entitlement program.

Motion was made by Senator Harder and seconded by Senator Bogina to introduce necessary legislation to nullify the second year \$.50 per credit hour increase for Washburn University and community colleges. This would be for one year only. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.