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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud at _____
Chairperson

9:10 a.m./p.m. on March 22, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird - Legislative Research Department
Jackie Breymeyer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Leo Hafner - Legislative Post Audit
Jerry Shelor, Secretary, Department of Human Resources
Larry Wolgast, Assistant Secretary, Department of Human Resources
Steve Goodman, Assostant Secretary, Department of Human Resources

The meeting of the House Governmental Organization Committee was called to order by Vice-Chairman Marvin Smith at 9:10 a.m. He asked Leo Hafner, Legislative Post Audit, to continue the audit report presentation of yesterday's meeting. Mr. Hafner stated that he had been discussing the review of 100 cases contested by employers. Post Audit found that the charges had been made according to law. In going over the last two sections of the presentation, Mr. Hafner cited statistics dealing with the reasons given by employers who do not normally protest or appeal decisions. 16 employers found it too time consuming; 17 too costly; 22 difficult for employers to win; 7 were not aware they could appeal and 6, other reasons. If Senate Bill 721 passes, the 'good personal cause' reason for leaving employment claim will be eliminated next year.

Chairman Cloud said that Subcommittee C will be taking a close look at the Post Audit Report. Any member of the full committee who would like to sit in on that meeting may do so.

The Chairman called on Jerry Shelor, Secretary, Department of Human Resources, to address SB 532. Secretary Shelor complimented Post Audit on the job accomplished and said the Department fully supports SB 532. In commenting on the Organization Chart that Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department had made, he said an organizational chart based on the statutes cannot be developed, one of the reasons being that federal requirements are not in our statutes. The Department of Human Resources is in compliance with the statutes.

Discussion centered on the Advisory Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped. Larry Wolgast, Assistant Secretary, Department of Human Resources, said that this committee works fairly independently of the department; they are semi-dependent. The committee serves as an advocate for specific legislation; they see this as their mission.

The status of the Wichita office building is that it has been purchased. Secretary Shelor described the physical features of the building. This transaction had been initiated before Mr. Shelor became Secretary. Three attorneys backed up his decision of going ahead with the purchase. A letter from Attorney General Stephan to Senator Vidricksen contained language to the effect that the Secretary has done no criminal wrong.

The relationship of the department to DISC was discussed. DISC reviews and approves the department's purchases of software and hardware.

James Cobler, Accounts and Reports, is conducting an independent study of state agencies with regard to unemployment compensation. \$22,000 has been appropriated for this study. The report should be out in July.

The unemployment security trust fund now stands at 152 million. The fund triggers at \$80M. Mr. Shelor reminded the committee that the fund had been over 200 million when, within a two-year period, because of the recession, it dropped to 90 million. The philosophy is to build during the good times and hold on during the bad times. Kansas is fortunate since at least 30 states' funds are insolvent.

Several comments concerning forms used by employers were mde by Steve Goodman, Assistant Secretary, Department of Human Resources. March 19 minutes were approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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