

Approved 2-1-84
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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Ways and Means

The meeting was called to order by Bill Bunten at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on Monday, January 23, 1984 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Miller - excused
Representative Lowther - excused

Committee staff present: Sherry Brown, Legislative Research
Gloria Timmer, Legislative Research
Lyn Goering, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor
Dave Hanzlick, Administrative Assistant
Nadine Young, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others present (Attachment I)

Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Representative Meacham briefed the Committee on the findings of the study by the interim committee on data processing in selected state agencies.

He stated the committee was formed for a number of reasons, one being the lack of any cohesive legislative insight of data processing activities throughout the various agencies. He said their charge specifically was to review those activities, both current and proposed; and come up with a recommendation on projects to be approved and what level of funding should be approved. They also took a look at the investment required to support those activities.

He said it would be physically impossible to examine each and every agency, so they tended to focus on the large agencies and some where they felt there were pertinent issues. That resulted in examination of a total of 15 agencies, what they are currently doing in data processing and what they proposed to do in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

A Supplement was prepared to the interim committee report (Summary of Data Processing Recommendations to the 1984 Legislature). This document is intended primarily for use by the Ways and Means committee in their subcommittee work on various state agency budgets.

Representative Meacham said that one of the most obvious things in the beginning was that of unreliability and inconsistency of cost estimates. The committee agreed this summer that if there is a proposed application that varies by more than 10% of what appears in this report, that is significant enough to warrant re-examination. He said the planning process and cost estimate techniques are not reliable and that he expects constant revisions of these figures.

There was considerable discussion on the real purpose of D.I.S.C. (Division of Informational Services & Computers), whether they establish the plan or compile the plan. The point being that the plan was put together by DISC and the end result being a long list of wants and wishes, not necessarily their needs. The critical word is "need". There was also discussion about increases and/or decreases in personnel as the result of data processing implementation. It was the consensus of the committee that this is an area of study.

Chairman asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of January 16, 17, 18 & 19. Minutes were amended to note that the absence of David Louis on January 16 was an excused absence. Also incorrect spelling of Denny Burgess' name on page 3 of 3 of January 18 Minutes. Representative Solbach moved that minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Representative Chronister. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

GUESTS -- 1984

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Name	Address	Representing
1. Denise Kluwe	Topeka	OJA
2. GARY STUTTS	TOPEKA	BUDGET
3. N. Zogelman	"	Speaker's Office
4. JERRY OLIVER	TOPEKA	KDOC
5. Daniel Eklund	"	KDHE
6. J. BROWN	"	DISC
7. D Larson	"	KCC
8. J. McConnell	"	KCC
9. P. Roberts	"	Post Audit
10. Mary Beth Hammerschmitt	"	Post Audit
11. PAT SCHAFER	"	BUDGET
12. Doris NABEL	"	Budget
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