

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Joseph Harder at
Vice-Chairperson

11:00 a.m./p.m./on February 16, 1984 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Hess

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Ed Ahrens, Lynne Holt, Ray Hauke

Revisor's Office: Norman Furse

Committee Office: Mark Skinner, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

SB 514 - Appropriations FY 1985, Health and Social Services Agencies

SB 578 - Appropriations FY 1984, Health and Social Services Agencies

SB 578 - Section 4 - Social and Rehabilitation Services

Senator Gaines presented the subcommittee report on this section, and committee members were given opportunity to question him.

SB 578 - Department on Aging

The subcommittee report on this section was presented by Senator Gaines. Committee members were given opportunity to question him.

SB 514

Section 2 - Pensions

There were no questions following Senator Gaines' presentation of the subcommittee report on this section.

Section 3 - Department of Revenue - Homestead Property Tax Refunds

There were no questions following the presentation of the subcommittee report on this section by Senator Gaines

Section 4 - Social and Rehabilitation Services

Senator Gaines presented the subcommittee report on Section 4. Senator Werts questioned Item No. 2 in the subcommittee recommendations. Senator Doyen replied that it is felt the caseload figures of the Governor are very optimistic. That is the concern of the subcommittee. He added that it is not intended that SRS spend all of their funds at the beginning of the fiscal year, but if additional funds are needed, there will be need for a supplemental appropriation.

Senator Steineger asked if the existing hospitals mentioned in the subcommittee's recommendation No. 5 are meant to be state hospitals. Senator Doyen said this was not the case, but the feeling of the subcommittee was that if ambulatory medical services come into being, unused hospitals should not be closed. He said the subcommittee feels those services might be within a hospital, and it could include out-patient services.

Senator Hein questioned recommendation No. 6, and asked for clarification of the fact that the subcommittee chose to approve additional staff when the caseload may be reduced. Senator Doyen stated that the subcommittee also questioned that, but had found Kansas maintenance workers serve more people than any other state around the midwest. There seems to be some delay in getting people into the service, and the subcommittee decided it was better to take care of cases as they come on board.

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Section 6 - Department on Aging

Following Senator Gaines presentation of the subcommittee report on this section, there were questions from committee members asking for clarification of the recommendations. These were answered to the committee's satisfaction.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Doyen to adopt the subcommittee reports on SB 514 which have been presented at this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

There was discussion concerning when the subcommittee report for the Department of Health and Environment would be presented. This will be completed at the next meeting of the committee. The meeting was adjourned by Senator Harder.