

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

9:30 a.m./p.m. on March 30, 1984 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senators Talkington and Warren

Committee staff present:
Research Department: Mary Galligan, Lynne Holt, Sherry Brown, Bill Gilmore
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Susan Bell, State Treasurer's Office

HB 3098 - Abolishing Unclaimed Property Expense Recovery Fund in State Treasurer's Office

Senator Harder said the subcommittee which had worked on the budget for the State Treasurer's office has no problem with the bill so long as the Treasurer has a contingency fund of some kind. Senator Harder and Senator Steineger explained to the committee the need for the fund, stating that several states combine funds and employ someone to check out unclaimed moneys in large corporations outside the state.

Motion was made by Senator Harder to amend HB 3098 to continue the Unclaimed Property Expense Recovery Fund, and to provide that they keep a balance of \$20,000 with any excess flowing to the State General Fund. (It was noted that the appropriations bill would also need to be amended). The motion was seconded by Senator Steineger and carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Harder and seconded by Senator McCray to report HB 3098 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

SB 812 and SB 816 - Regarding Mined-land Reclamation Fund

Senator Hein reported that the subcommittee which had been appointed to discuss these measures contacted the Kansas Corporation Commission and asked their opinion on the two bills. They prefer to leave SB 816 as it is, without a cap; and there is no controversy in SB 812. There was discussion concerning the bill, and the fact that only one company would be affected if no cap were used.

Motion was made by Senator Steineger and seconded by Senator Hein to report SB 812 favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Senator Hein and seconded by Senator Steineger to amend SB 816 by some technical changes concerning the fact that fees should be sufficient to pay for the cost of administering the program. Senator Hein indicated there is some duplication. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Hein and seconded by Senator Bogina to amend SB 816 to provide that there be a cap of \$300,000 on the fees charged. The motion carried by a 4-3 vote.

Motion was made by Senator Hein and seconded by Senator Bogina to report SB 816 as amended favorably for passage. The motion lost on a roll call vote.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator McCray to remove the cap voted on above. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Steineger to report SB 816 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Multi-Year Appropriations Bill

Senator Bogina reviewed the concern about construction of a new state printing plant. He said a lot of the printing could be contracted out, but the problem arises when the legislature is in session and bills are needed in a hurry. Senator Bogina added that if presses were to be purchased for printing bills for the legislature, it might be well to build a new plant. He said renovation of the old plant is impossible.

It was decided to delete the printing plant construction money from the multi-year bill and to further study the matter before making a decision.

The meeting was adjourned.