

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

4:30 a.m./p.m. on April 5, 1984, 19__ in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senators Harder and Steineger

Committee staff present:
Research Department: Mary Galligan, Lynne Holt, Sherry Brown, David Monical
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Doris Fager, Mark Skinner

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Mike Meacham
Representative Rochelle Chronister
Rick von Ende, Executive Secretary, University of Kansas
Lynn Muchmore, Director of Budget, Department of Administration

HB 3118 - Health care provider insurance availability act; state institutions for the mentally retarded

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Warren to report HB 3118 favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

HB 2643 - Statue on state house dome

There was a limited discussion concerning this measure, but no action was taken.

HB 3080 - Acquisition and broadcast of instructional and educational television courses, etc.

Representative Meacham explained that this bill authorizes the Public TV Board to have contracts for post-secondary courses subject to appropriation. It authorizes the appointment of one institution to act as agent, and there will be no new staff needed. He stated this would include Regents' institutions, private colleges, Washburn, and community colleges.

There were questions from committee members, and discussion about the fact that the state would pay for people getting instruction in their own homes. Representative Meacham said he was open to any additional ideas for the proposed program.

No action was taken on HB 3080.

HB 3081 - Centers of Excellence; appropriations for KSU, WSU AND KU

Representative Chronister explained the bill to the committee, indicating that it places into statutory language what was done last year. She answered questions from committee members regarding the appropriations included in the measure.

Mr. von Ende requested that the University of Kansas Medical Center be added to the three universities on Line 30. He said no appropriation is being requested at this time. When asked if an appropriation would be requested in the future, he answered that he did not think one would be asked for next year.

No action was taken on HB 3081.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PROPOSAL

Mr. Muchmore used the following chart for his presentation:

(1)	<u>192 beds</u>	<u>FY 1984</u>	<u>FY 1985</u>
	80 at KSIR	\$ 72,900	\$236,500
	112 at KSR	92,700	231,500
		<u>\$165,600</u>	<u>\$468,000</u>
(2)	Planning Funds, Womens' Facility - \$175,000		
(3)	Feasibility Study--Hospital Conversion - \$150,000		
(4)	SB 858--Sentencing Changes		
(5)	Constitutional amendment, Correctional Building Fund		

Mr. Muchmore reviewed the above chart and answered questions from committee members. There was discussion concerning SB 858, and Mr. Muchmore indicated it is a preventative measure. He said there is a perception that the reason there has been an increase in prison population is because of HB 3104. According to a primary study in the Department of Corrections, there is presently only a small percentage of that impact, and major impact is still to come. He indicated that, even with SB 858, only growth in years to come will be addressed.

There followed an extended discussion concerning the need to proceed with the above proposals. Included in the discussion was the possibility of a joint House and Senate subcommittee studying the proposals during the two-week recess.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator McCray to amend the proposed bill to provide for Finance Council approval . . . for Items (2) and (3) above. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Steineger to introduce a proposal including Items (1), (2) and (3) above, as well as the amendment, and to refer it to Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator McCray to introduce a Senate Concurrent Resolution to provide for voting on a constitutional amendment to levy a tax for buildings at state correctional institutions. During subsequent discussion, Senator Gaines stressed that the Legislature needs to get the message to the people of Kansas that there is a problem of crowding in correctional institutions. Senator Steineger said he is not satisfied this vote is necessary. He said he would like to see the Building Construction Committee study the matter further to see if existing buildings could be used.

Following a thorough discussion of the matter, the motion carried by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.