

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Ways and Means

The meeting was called to order by Bill Bunten at _____
Chairperson

8:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on Friday, March 22, 1985 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Guldner, Dyck, Chronister, Lowther and King (all excused)

Committee staff present: Gloria Timmer - Legislative Research
Laura Howard - Legislative Research
Jim Wilson - Revisor's Office
Sharon Schwartz - Administrative Aide
Nadine Young - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Kauffman, Board of Regents
Don Stumbaugh, Crime Victims Reparations Board
Representative Harper
Others present (Attachment I)

Chairman Bunten called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Representative Harper was recognized and requested introduction of a bill that would provide for individual income tax checkoff for soil and water conservation purposes (Attachment II). The bill was requested by the association of conservation districts. Representative Hamm moved the bill be introduced. Representative Heinemann seconded. Motion carried.

SB 310 -- an act authorizing the state board of regents to dedicate state-owned land to the public and certain municipalities for street, road, or highway purposes; imposing conditions thereon.

Bill Kauffman, representing Board of Regents, appeared before the committee and explained the bill. SB 310 would permit State Board of Regents to dedicate land to City of Wichita for street widening purposes that will improve traffic flow to Wichita State University. Without the passage of SB 310, Board of Regents would have to seek authority through the Legislature. The bill is a means of expediting the matter.

There was lengthy discussion on whether or not the Board of Regents should be given this authority. Many committee members felt the matter should go through the legislative body so that it could be more thoroughly studied.

Representative Heinemann offered an amendment that the Board of Regents make a presentation to the Building Construction Committee, but that they would not have a veto power over the matter. It was seconded by Representative Louis. Motion carried.

Representative Hamm moved that SB 310, as amended, be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Heinemann. Motion carried.

SB 106 -- an act concerning crime victims reparations; relating to allowable expenses; amending K.S.A. 74-7301 and repealing the existing section.

Don Stumbaugh, representing Crime Victims Reparations Board, appeared in support of the bill and provided written testimony (Attachment III). Passage of SB 106 would raise the funeral expense limit from \$750 to \$1500 for crime victims' families.

Representative Miller commented that he would like to hold off on taking any action on this bill until after committee has had a chance to see what happens with SB 108, which contains the budget for this agency.

Chair turned back to reconsideration of SB 310. Chairman Bunten commented that Representative Wisdom had expressed some concern with the bill during the committee's earlier discussion on the bill. At that time there was not a quorum present; therefore chair rules that SB 310 is being re-opened for consideration.

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Representative Wisdom suggested that the committee be furnished a physical description of the property to be disposed of by Wichita State University and that this bill be considered a vehicle for utilizing the Register.

Chairman explained the provisions of the bill for those committee members who arrived late and asked for a motion.

Representative Heinemann moved that SB 310 be amended to instruct the Building Construction Committee to study the matter before proceeding with giving the Board of Regents the authority to grant the land, and that it be moved to the Kansas Register. Seconded by Representative Louis. Motion carried.

Representative Wisdom offered a substitute motion that the bill be amended to provide the legal description of the land, allowing for a specific dedication rather than giving the Board of Regents authority to approve dedications; and that it be moved to the Kansas Register. Seconded by Representative Miller. Motion carried.

Representative Miller moved that SB 310, as amended, be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Hoy. Motion carried.

Chairman turned to final action on SB 106 and asked for a motion. Representative Miller requested that final action not be taken on this bill until after final action on SB 108. The chairman agreed to the request.

HB 2563 -- an act concerning allowances for official travel; amending K.S.A. 75-3203 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 75-3203b.

Representative Duncan reviewed for the committee the provisions of the bill. The bill contains clean-up language relative to allowances for official travel. Representative Duncan moved that HB 2563 be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Heinemann. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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GUESTS

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Name	Address	Representing
John Spurgeon	Lawrence	Budget Div
Don Stumbaugh	LAWRENCE	CVRB
Art Griggs	Topeka	Dept of Adm.
Bill Kaufmann	TOPEKA	Bd of Regents
Richard Harper	TOPEKA	Repr.

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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

By

AN ACT providing for individual income tax checkoff for soil and water conservation purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. Each Kansas state individual income tax return form shall contain a designation as follows:

Kansas soil and water conservation program. Check if you wish to donate, in addition to your tax liability, or designate from your refund, [] \$1, [] \$5, [] \$10 or [] \$_____.

The director of taxation of the department of revenue shall determine annually the total amount designated for use in the Kansas soil and water conservation program pursuant to section 1 and shall report such amount to the state treasurer who shall credit the entire amount thereof to the soil and water conservation fund which fund is hereby established in the state treasury. In the case where donations are made pursuant to section 1, the director shall remit the entire amount thereof to the state treasurer who shall credit the same to such fund. All moneys deposited in such fund shall be used solely for the purpose of conserving soil and water in this state. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the administrative officer of the state conservation commission or such officer's designee.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

SB 106 * * BILL BRIEF

I. Summary:

The Crime Victims Reparations Board is statutorily authorized to award victims of violent crime financial compensation for medical expenses, funeral expenses, and wage loss. The current per award limit is \$10,000, with a \$750 limit set on awards for funeral expenses. The limit set on the other award categories is \$10,000. SB 106 proposes to increase the funeral award limit from \$750 to \$1,500.

II. Supplemental Information:

A. Information obtained from claim files indicates that funeral costs to victims awarded claims by the Crime Victims Reparations Board range from \$2,500 to \$3,500 per funeral.

B. Information obtained from local funeral homes indicates that minimum costs for a funeral, including cemetery expenses, total approximately \$2,000.

C. The Federal General Assistance program limit for funeral reimbursement is \$1,250.

III. Fiscal Impact:

Based on a projection of 27 funeral awards for FY 86, the total fiscal impact would be \$20,250.

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