

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Ways and MeansThe meeting was called to order by Bill Bunten at
Chairperson12:30 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 1985 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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:

Mike Johnston, Kansas State University
 Jim Bibb, Board of Regents
 Harley Duncan, Department of Revenue
 Don Stumbaugh, Crime Victims Reparations Board
 Larry Wolgast
 Others present (Attachment 1)

Chairman Bunten called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

SB 340 -- an act concerning the appointment of attorneys for the department of revenue; amending K.S.A. 75-5121 and repealing the existing section.

Harley Duncan explained the bill for the committee. The bill was requested by Department of Revenue to correct or legitimize the situation that has existed the past few years. The bill would authorize the hiring of classified attorneys in several key areas where special expertise and continuity of service is necessary.

Representative Hamm moved that SB 340 be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Turnquist. Motion carried.

SB 334 -- an act concerning the state board of regents; authorizing a capital improvement project for a coliseum at Kansas state university; issuance of revenue bonds and financing therefor; amending K.S.A. 76-6a13, 76-6a15, 76-6a19 and 76-6a21 and repealing the existing sections.

Mike Johnston appeared before the committee on behalf of Kansas State University. The bill would authorize the issuance of revenue bonds to help finance construction of a coliseum.

Representative Chronister moved that SB 334 be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Hamm. Motion carried.

SB 339 -- an act creating a housing system at each state educational institution under the control and jurisdiction of the state board of regents; establishing certain funds; providing for administration of the system.

Jim Bibb appeared on behalf of the Board of Regents. The bill would codify the authority for operation of housing systems at the Regents' institutions. It would also allow the institutions to continue to operate the housing systems after the bonds are paid. No such authority currently exists.

Representative Miller moved that SB 339 be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Chronister. Motion carried.

SB 344 -- an act concerning crime victims reparations; relating to the payment of awards; amending K.S.A. 74-7302 and K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 74-7313 and repealing the existing sections.

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Don Stumbaugh appeared in opposition to the bill. The bill provides that payments of awards to crime victims shall be prorated, when there is insufficient funds to pay in full. The Board feels this is unfair to those victims and objects to the bill. Mr. Stumbaugh stated that the Board ran out of funds to pay awards on March 19 of this year because demand on the fund was greater than money received into the fund. Docket fees this year provided \$273,000 and \$87,000 was appropriated from state general funds.

Representative Miller moved that SB 344 be amended by striking all of Section 2. Seconded by Representative Teagarden. The motion changes the bill to make it clear that compensation is not an entitlement, but is subject to appropriation. Representative Miller also stated his objection to the language put into the bill by the Senate. The motion carried.

Representative Miller moved that SB 344, as amended, be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Teagarden. Motion carried.

SB 348 -- an act concerning the Kansas soldiers' home; relating to the disposition of moneys; amending K.S.A. 76-1906 and repealing the existing section.

Stan Teasley, representing Kansas Veterans Association, was scheduled to appear on the bill, but did not show. Larry Wolgast briefly explained the bill for the committee. Presently there is no provision that governs the remittance and disposition of funds received from the U.S. Veterans Administration. SB 348 would provide for a technical clean-up requested by Accounts and Reports.

Representative Heinemann moved that SB 348 be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Chronister. Motion carried.

SB 352 -- an act concerning payment of wages; relating to assignment of claims; amending K.S.A. 44-313 and 44-324 and repealing the existing sections.

Larry Wolgast explained the bill for the committee. The bill, as amended, allows the Secretary of Human Resources discretion in determining whether or not to provide legal assistance to employees who have valid claims for unpaid wages. The bill results from Senate Ways and Means review of the Department of Human Resources budget.

Representative Heinemann moved that SB 352 be amended on Line 59, by inserting the word "assignment" in place of the word "assessment." Seconded by Representative Chronister. Motion carried.

Representative Mainey moved that SB 352, as amended, be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Heinemann. Motion carried.

SB 371 -- an act concerning the joint committee on state building construction; relating to the organization thereof; amending K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 46-1701 and repealing the existing section.

The bill was requested to allow the chairperson of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction who serves during the interim, to be the chairperson during the same legislative session. After June 30, the chairmanship will rotate between House and Senate. Representative Louis moved that SB 371 be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Duncan. Motion carried.

SB 19 -- an act relating to insurance; concerning certain prohibitions on business activities by insurance companies; amending K.S.A. 40-231 and repealing the existing section.

The bill allows insurance companies to negotiate with health providers in an effort to lower the cost of medical insurance. Representative Hoy explained that it is the intent to run the bill on the floor, and probably go to conference committee where Representative Justice's amendment can be removed from the bill.

Representative Hoy moved that SB 19 be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Helgerson. Motion carried.

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HB 2598 -- an act concerning abstracters; relating to examination and license fees; amending K.S.A. 58-2801 and 58-2805 and repealing the existing sections.

The bill will validate the actions of the Board of Abstracters. Representative Duncan moved that HB 2598 be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Heinemann. Motion carried.

HB 2605 -- an act concerning the state geologist; relating to appointment in the unclassified service; amending K.S.A. 76-323 and repealing the existing section.

The purpose of the bill is to put the Director of the State Geological Survey into the unclassified category. Representative Duncan moved that HB 2605 be recommended favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Ott. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Date 4-9-85

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