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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Edward F. Reilly, Jr. at
Chairperson

11:00 a.m. ~~xxxx~~ on February 11, 1985 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~xxxx~~ except:

Committee staff present:

Fred Carman, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
June Windscheffel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Howard Klink, Director, Crime Victims Reparation Board
Jim Snyder, Kansas Funeral Directors Association

SB106 - concerning crime victims reparations; relating to allowable expenses.

The Chairman called the Committee's attention to the hearing on SB106 on the agenda for today. He introduced Mr. Howard Klink who spoke in favor of the proposed legislation. The bill increases the maximum amount of reparations which can be paid by the Board for funeral expenses from \$750 to \$1,500.

Mr. Klink said that they are receiving more claims because more people are learning of it from word of mouth; there are more victim witness programs; and the program has been discovered by service providers that help victims. He said that in the event the docket fee is not increased they will need to look at narrowing the eligibility requirements. A copy of his remarks which was distributed to the Committee is Attachment #1. Also attached is a copy of the Fiscal Note on SB106, which is Attachment #2. He said that should the docket fee increase be denied in the bill which provides for it in Judiciary Committee, the Board's feeling is that this bill proposal remain active. There are other ways that they can accommodate fewer available funds.

Jim Snyder was asked about various charges allowed for funerals. He said SRS allows \$850 for an oversize casket, \$150 for an outside burial receptacle and \$250 for cemetery expenses. He said that Workmen's Compensation allows \$3,200 total for both funeral and cemetery expenses.

The Chairman said there being no further testimony on this proposal this would conclude the hearing on SB106, and the Committee will wait to see what does occur in Judiciary Committee.

The Chairman called the Committee's attention to SB47 which rescinds the authority for admittance to state historic sites and property and transfers all monies in the Historic Properties Fee Fund to the State General Fund. He referred to the Fiscal Note on SB47, Attachment #3. Senator Arasmith moved the bill be recommended favorably for passage. 2d by Senator Walker. Sen. Daniels made the substitute motion that the bill be amended to be in force after its publication in the state register. 2d by Senator Walker. Motion carried. Senator Walker moved that SB47 as amended be recommended favorably. 2d by Senator Ehrlich. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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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Bill No.

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Attachment #2

The Honorable Edward F. Reilly, Jr., Chairperson
Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Senate Chamber
Third Floor, Statehouse

Dear Senator Reilly:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for Senate Bill No. 106 by Committee
on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with K.S.A. 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning Senate Bill No. 106 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Senate Bill No. 106 increases the maximum amount of reparations which can be paid by the Crime Victims Reparations Board for funeral expenses from \$750 to \$1,500.

Claims awards for FY 1986 were based on an estimated average cost per claim award, including those for funeral expenses, of \$2,100. Had the maximum authorized by this bill been applied, the average claim would have increased by approximately \$49. Therefore, based on the provisions of the Governor's budget recommendation, passage of Senate Bill No. 106 would increase the amount necessary for FY 1986 awards by an estimated \$13,500 or, should total funding not be increased, allow for award of six to seven fewer claims.

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Fiscal Note
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Bill No.

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Attachment #3

The Honorable Ed Reilly, Chairperson
Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Senate Chamber
Third Floor, Statehouse

Dear Senator Reilly:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for Senate Bill No. 47 by Senator
Norvell

In accordance with K.S.A. 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning Senate Bill No. 47 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Senate Bill No. 47 rescends the authority for admittance fees to state historic sites and property and transfers all monies in the Historic Properties Fee Fund to the State General Fund.

Currently the State Historical Society charges fees at John Brown Museum in Osawatomie and at Frontier Historical Park in Fort Hays. \$5,892 was collected in FY 1984 and \$5,550 is estimated for collection in FY 1985. As of January 29, 1985, \$4,457 has been collected at the sites. In FY 1986 \$5,500 is estimated in receipts. Expenditures in FY 1986 are estimated at \$4,194.

In summary it is estimated that if Senate Bill No. 47 is enacted \$4,194 in state general funds would be needed above the amounts authorized in the FY 1986 Governor's Budget Report or expenditures would need to be reduced by \$4,194.

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