

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by Senator August "Gus" Bognia at  
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./p.m./on March 4, 1985 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Ed Ahrens, Robin Hunn, Lynne Holt, Lyn Goering  
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse  
Committee Office: Judy Bromich, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

SB 87 - Appropriations for FY 1986, Agriculture and Natural Resources  
SB 161 - Appropriations for FY 1985, Agriculture and Natural Resources

SB 161 - Board of Agriculture

Senator Harder presented the subcommittee report on this department, and committee members were given the opportunity to question him.

SB 87 - Section 2, Board of Agriculture

During Senator Harder's presentation of the subcommittee report on this section, he was asked if the shift of expenditures in subcommittee recommendation No. 5 would place Fee Funds in a precarious position. Staff indicated there is a small balance in each fee fund. Senator Doyen commented that very little of the state's budget is spent on agriculture, and he is concerned about dipping into the Department's fee funds. Senator Harder admitted there is a possibility of some cash flow problems, but his subcommittee felt the balance would be sufficient.

In connection with subcommittee recommendation No. 8, relative to salary payments to retirants for accumulated leave, Senator Harder reminded the committee that this decision was made to correspond to decisions made for other state agencies.

During discussion regarding recommendation No. 21, Senator Harder indicated that legislation is in existence to carry out the recommendation. Senator Kerr said the subcommittee felt that landowners should have the opportunity to pay for at least half of the water rights audits, since this is a property right that is being developed. There were several questions concerning this subject.

SB 87 - Section 3, Animal Health Department

During Senator Harder's report on this section, it was noted that a bill should be introduced in connection with recommendation No. 4; wherein it is recommended that funds be merged and/or eliminated. There were several questions from committee members concerning the subcommittee report.

SB 87 - Section 4, Grain Inspection Department

There were no questions following the subcommittee report on this section.

SB 161 - Board of State Fair Managers

There were no questions following Senator Harder's presentation of the subcommittee report on this section.

SB 87 - Section 5, Board of State Fair Managers

During discussion of the subcommittee report on this section, there were questions concerning the grandstand renovation on the State Fair Grounds.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 123-S, Statehouse, at 11:00 a.m./p.m./on March 4, 1985

SB 87 - Continued

Section 5 - Continued

Motion was made by Senator Harder and seconded by Senator Talkington to delete \$1,100,000 for grandstand renovation, and to amend the subcommittee report accordingly. The motion carried by voice vote.

There was committee discussion about the above motion. Senator Harder indicated that the deletion did not mean that the subcommittee had decided to veto the renovation, but that it was felt there may be a possibility of revenue bonds being issued for that purpose. He further stated that he felt it is a decision which should be discussed and decided upon by the full Ways and Means Committee. Senator Gaines urged that the revenue bond concept be pursued. He said there are special groups renting the buildings on the fair grounds and capital improvements should be paid out of use money. Following a short discussion, it was decided that a decision would be made at a later date.

SB 161 - Kansas Wheat Commission

There were no questions following the presentation of the subcommittee report on this section.

SB 87 - Section 6, Kansas Wheat Commission

There were questions asking for clarification of Recommendation No. 2. These were answered satisfactorily.

SB 161 - State Conservation Commission

Senator Kerr explained the subcommittee report, and committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

SB 87 - Section 7, State Conservation Commission

During his explanation of the subcommittee report on this section, Senator Kerr distributed Attachment A, which contains figures concerning the State Water Plan. There was extended discussion concerning this subject; and committee members agreed that the discussion would be continued during deliberations about the State Water Office.

There were questions concerning subcommittee recommendation No. 7, relating to the Water Resources Cost-Share Program.

Motion was made by Senator Doyen and seconded by Senator Johnston to amend the subcommittee report by increasing the watershed dam construction assistance funding by \$200,000. The motion carried by voice vote.

SB 161 - Kansas Water Office

Senator Kerr presented the subcommittee report for this section. There were several questions concerning the report from members of the committee.

Because of the number of questions, Senator Bogina suggested continuing the report at the next meeting of the committee. He then adjourned the meeting.



STATE WATER PLAN

Fiscal Impact for the State Conservation Commission

Item	First-Year Fiscal Impact	
	FY 1986 State Water Plan Rec.	FY 1986 Governor's Rec.
<u>Water Meter Cost-Share Program</u>		
Agricultural Water (Irrigation) Meters	\$ 300,000	\$ —
Industrial Water Meters	65,000	—
Subtotal - State Aid	\$ 365,000	\$ —
Administrative Costs	Unspecified*	—
TOTAL	\$ 365,000+	\$ —
<u>Water Resources Cost-Share Program</u>		
Moisture Conservation	\$ 600,000	NA
Agricultural Runoff	640,000	NA
Rural Flood Management	300,000	NA
Subtotal - State Aid	\$ 1,540,000	\$ 500,000
Planning and Administrative Costs	\$ 20,000	Unspecified
TOTAL	\$ 1,560,000	\$ 500,000+
<u>Flood Control and Watershed Protection Projects</u>		
Construction Assistance	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 200,000
Watershed Planning Assistance	100,000	—
Subtotal - State Aid	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 200,000
Planning and Administrative Costs	Unspecified	Unspecified
TOTAL	\$1,400,000+	\$ 200,000+
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,325,000+	\$ 700,000+

\* State Water Plan estimates \$25,000 for Industrial Water Meter Cost-Share Program and \$80,000 for Agricultural Water Meter Cost-Share Program for both the Conservation Commission and the Division of Water Resources.