

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

11:00 a.m./p.m./ on March 6, 1985 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Doyen

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Ed Ahrens, Mary Galligan, Alan Conroy, Paul West
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Judy Bromich, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John B. Hipp, State Architect
Alden K. Shields, State Budget Director
Lynn Burriss, Jr., Director, Park and Resources Authority
Representative Carl Holmes
Senator Bob Frey

SB 303 - Abolishing the architectural services recovery fund

Mr. Hipp appeared to give some background to the proposal before the committee. He indicated that the architectural services recovery fund was established two years ago, and was supported by those people who were administrators at that time. He said the reason for the fund was to lessen the drain on the State General Fund.

Mr. Hipp said the Fund is creating a problem within agencies and is an administrative headache. The estimates are difficult to establish, and the original bill did not include engineering projects. Mr. Hipp explained that this amounts to 11% of his total budget, and has resulted in ill will, and jeopardized projects. He added that it penalizes large projects. According to Mr. Hipp, the Regents have requested to have private funds and endowment funds exempted from the fee. He said the provisions of SB 303 would become effective for FY 1987.

Senator Gaines questioned why the funds for architectural services should be taken from the State General Fund instead of from the building funds. He indicated that he felt the architectural fees should be considered part of the cost of a building project, and should come from those funds.

Mr. Hipp suggested an alternative. This would be to bill each of the building funds once instead of billing for each project. He reminded the committee that, as soon as the legislative session ends, the amount of the building funds is known. If an amount of \$240,000 or \$300,000 could be transferred from those funds into the State General Fund, the problem would be solved.

Senator Bogina asked Mr. Hipp to confer with the Revisor's Office to determine action needed, if any, to carry out the latter suggestion. No action was taken on SB 303.

SB 304 - Allowance for non-uniform clothing--highway patrol

The Chairman stated that Col. Cantwell, of the Highway Patrol, has requested that this measure be held in committee; and that no action be taken at the present time.

HB 2087 - Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for FY 1985, Various Agencies

Section 2 - Department of Administration

Mr. Shields explained that the current claims in the workmen's compensation fund would be about \$400,000 more than budgeted in the current fiscal year, and may be more than that.

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Section 2 - Continued

Mr. Shields stated that the employer contribution will be raised from .4% to .7%; so there will be sufficient funds in FY 1986; and that the \$550,000 requested to be transferred from the State General Fund for FY 1985 will be replaced by the end of FY 1986. Questions from committee members were answered by Mr. Shields.

Section 3 - Wichita State University

Mr. Shields explained that the amendments in this section simply shift funds from one year to another, and that there are no new moneys allocated. Senator Harder added that the Joint Committee on State Building Construction has approved shifting of these funds. According to Mr. Shields, the changes have been approved by all entities involved in the capital improvement project.

Section 4 - Adjutant General

Mr. Shields explained that the supplemental request in this section is the result of a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Northeast Kansas last summer. The mix of funding is from federal, state and local moneys.

Mr. Shields called the committee's attention to Section 4 (b), which is an amendment by the House. He explained that the state emergency fund has traditionally operated with a balance of \$1 million, and that this amendment draws the balance below that figure.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Senator Feleciano and seconded by Senator Gaines to delete Section 4 (b) from HB 2087. The motion carried by voice vote.

Section 5 - Kansas State Penitentiary

Mr. Shields explained the amendments in this section, and noted that the \$1,200,000 deleted in Line 113 should be included in the figure in Line 146, making a total on line 146 of \$2,334,200. Other changes needed are: in line 152, delete \$1,090,700 and insert \$712,100; and in line 154, delete \$132,000 and insert \$510,600.

There was a question about the need to spend the \$1,200,000 if it is not to be spent in FY 1985. Senator Talkington explained that this was worked out and included in the conference committee report for this budget during the last session of the Legislature. This amount was included as a buffer, but was part of the total budget. Authority was given to spend that amount if it was needed during the interim, but to transfer it to the regular budget if it was not spent at that time.

There was discussion concerning the Douglas Construction Company problems. Mr. Shields said nothing that is being discussed in HB 2087 is involved with that company. Mr. Hipp explained that the state is protected by its surety company and will not lose anything if the Douglas company declares bankruptcy.

Section 6 - Department of Health and Environment

Mr. Shields commented that there is need for quick action on this section.

Section 7 - Mental Health and Retardation Services

Mr. Shields explained that the reference to approval by the State Finance Council on page 6 needs to be stricken from this section. He noted that the telecommunications committee has approved this amendment.

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Section 8 - State Historical Society

Mr. Shields reminded the committee that the Governor had recommended an appropriation of \$435,000 for FY 1985 to restore the cornices on the Memorial Building, and that had been reduced by the Legislature. The total amount required to repair and restore the cornices is \$328,600, and this section speaks to that requirement. Senator Harder said the Joint Committee on State Building Construction had approved this expenditure.

Staff indicated that some technical changes needed to be made in HB 2087. These changes are: (1) Delete the word "and" at the end of line 23; insert the word "and" in line 24 before the words "June 30, 1989": (2) Make appropriate changes in Section 1 to add "June 30, 1989": and (3) Delete the proviso in lines 141 to 145.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Harder to amend HB 2087 as suggested in the above paragraph; and to change the figures in Section 5, page 3, as suggested by Mr. Shields. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Gaines to report HB 2087 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

HB 2529 - Supplemental Appropriations for FY 1985, State Park and Resources Authority, Lake Meade State Park

Mr. Burris appeared to explain the provisions of the measure, and the history of the problems involved with water rights for Lake Meade. He indicated that the Joint Committee on State Building Construction has approved the project.

Representative Holmes distributed Attachment A, and reviewed the outline in that attachment. There were questions from committee members, and an extended discussion concerning the matter. During this discussion, it was noted that the Governor included this in his FY 1986 recommended budget. Representative Holmes stressed the importance of Lake Meade to the citizens of the area where it is located.

Senator Frey also discussed the importance of the lake to Western Kansas residents. He answered questions from members of the committee. Senator Bogina asked a representative of the Budget Division if there is a Budget Amendment forthcoming. The reply was that it has been drafted and more items may be included in that Amendment.

Senator Talkington noted that HB 2405, relating to processing farm loan applications, is on its way to the Governor for his signature, and there is need for additional funding to implement that bill. Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Gaines to add a new section to HB 2529 to include the amount of \$126,671 for FY 1985 to reimburse persons assisting in the processing of farm loan applications. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Gaines to report HB 2529 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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HB 2529
Meade State Lake

FY 1985 Appropriation for Park and Resources Authority

\$38,000 for irrigation well--Meade State Lake
\$19,000 from state general fund
\$19,000 from federal land and conservation fund

Governor's recommendation for FY 1986
Lake dry by time FY 1986 funds will be available
Will be tremendous loss of present fish life
Fish and Game Commission indicated it will stock additional
fish with assured water supply

Article on your desk on meeting in Liberal on November 15th
Estimated attendance of 500
Signed petition for well consideration
Lynn Burris attended from Park & Resources Authority

Park and Resources Authority
2 lakes in SW 1/4 of Kansas
Only lake in SW 1/4 of Kansas with any water today
No runoff from watershed in last 2 years

Water-right approved for recreational usage

Stand for questions

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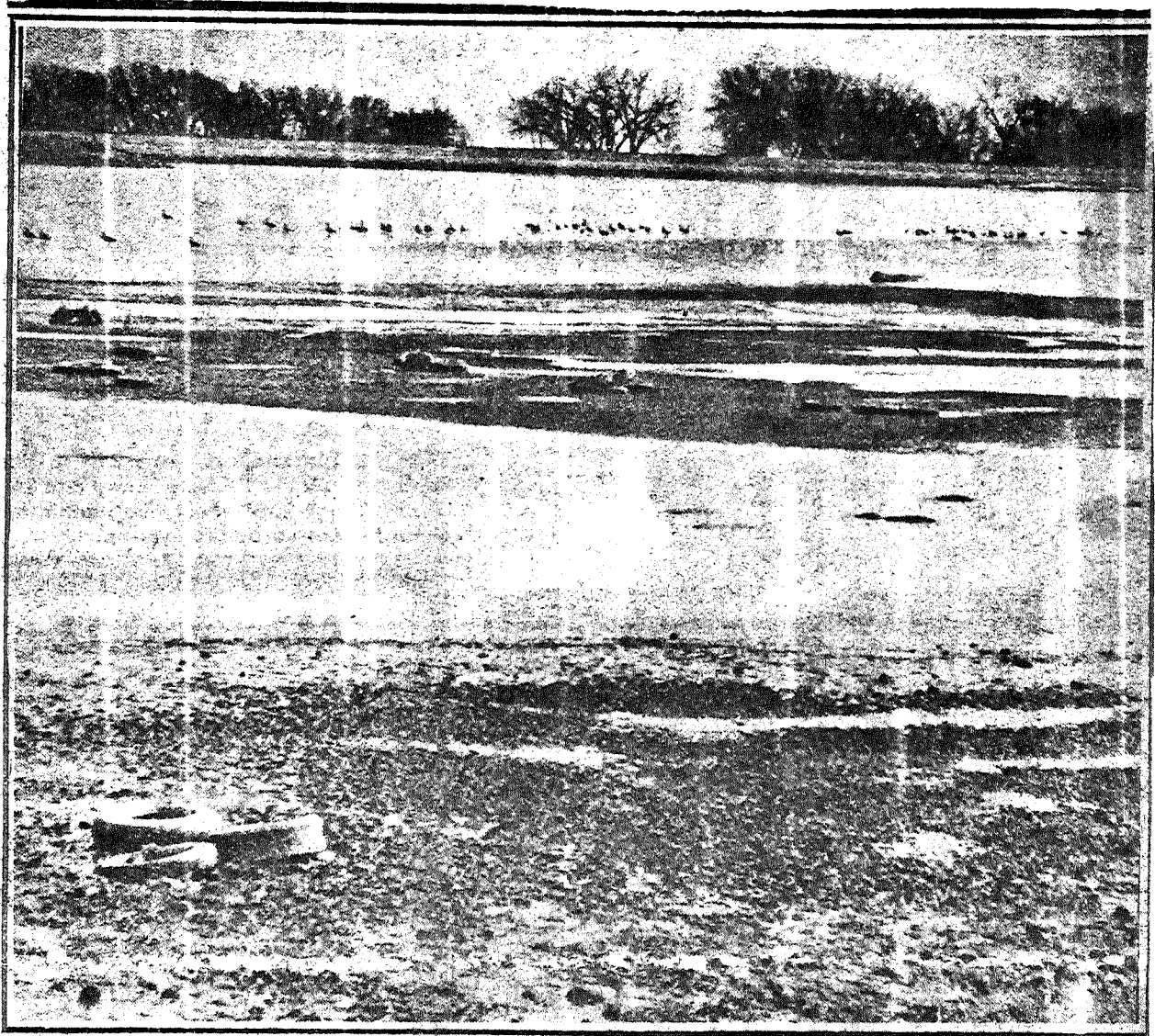
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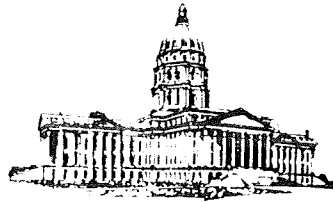
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MEADE LAKE, which could dry up this coming spring and summer without the addition of well water, will have to wait for action on a new bill in the Kansas Legislature to provide a \$38,000 emergency appropriation. Lake supporters are counting on the measure so a well to supply the state recreation facility can be drilled before hot weather, which brings evaporation, arrives in southwest Kansas.

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Message Clear:

'Save Meade Lake'

By GEOFF CLARK
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Nearly 500 local and area residents jammed the the Kansas National Guard Armory Thursday night for a special meeting on the future of Meade State Lake.

It was prompted by a petition drive to save the lake, which is drying up due to evaporation and water table declines.



SENTIMENT IN favor of Meade Lake shows on signs held by South Junior High honor society and student council members who attended a public meeting Thursday night at the Liberal National

Guard Armory. About 500 Southwest Kansans of all ages turned out.

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