

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

1:30 /a.m./p.m. on March 13, 1985 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Kerr

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Mary Galligan, Robin Hunn, Lyn Goering
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Judy Bromich, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

SB 166 - Appropriations FY 1986, Board of Regents Institutions
SB 161 - Appropriations FY 1985, Board of Regents Institutions

SB 161, Section NA - Board of Regents

Senator Bogina explained the subcommittee report on this section. There were no questions from members of the committee.

SB 166, Section 11 - Board of Regents

There was limited discussion concerning several items in the subcommittee report on this section. However, no changes were made.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Gaines to adopt the subcommittee reports for the Board of Regents. The motion carried by voice vote.

SB 161 - Wichita State University

The subcommittee report for Wichita State University was explained by Senator Werts. There were no questions on the appropriations for FY 1985.

SB 166, Section 8 - Wichita State University

Senator Werts presented the subcommittee report on this section. Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Senator Doyen indicated he would like to reserve the right to make a motion on the floor of the Senate concerning a project Center Industries is contemplating. He stated he will explain it to the subcommittee chairman, Senator Werts, when he obtains additional information.

Senator Winter commented that he agrees with recommendation 7(c) on page 5 of the subcommittee report. He indicated that the enrollment adjustment formula is somewhat unsatisfactory for the universities on which he has worked.

SB 161 - Kansas Technical Institute

The subcommittee report for this section was explained by Senator Werts. There was a question concerning recommendation No. 2, and the recommendation of the Joint Building Construction Committee. Senator Harder said that, although the Building Committee has not made a final decision, it has approved this item. He added that the Committee is aware of the need for the new telephone system in the new building; and wants the Institute to go through normal procedures to obtain it.

Motion was made by Senator Harder to conceptually amend the subcommittee report to note that Kansas Technical Institute should coordinate with the offices of telecommunications before this expenditure is made. The motion was seconded by Senator Werts, and carried by voice vote.

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SB 166, Section 10 - Kansas Technical Institute

Senator Werts presented the subcommittee report for the Kansas Technical Institute. Committee members were given the opportunity to question him.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Doyen to adopt the above subcommittee reports as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

SB 166, Section 5 - Emporia State University

Senator Winter explained to the committee that his subcommittee felt it was important to spend extra time at Emporia State University because of its unique problems; and that the subcommittee report is written in more detail than most reports.

There was discussion concerning internal reorganization at the University. Senator Winter explained that internal reorganization at the present time is merely a continuation of that begun under the former administration.

In answer to a question from Senator Harder, Senator Winter referred him to Item No. 2 on page 5 of the report. He said his subcommittee did not identify specific courses which should be eliminated, because they felt that should be determined by the Board of Regents.

Senator Gannon reminded the committee that Emporia State University is in a very delicate situation because of declining enrollment. He stressed that the subcommittee feels Emporia State University can fill a definite need for teacher education. He indicated there are questions which need to be answered concerning the need for a School of Education at every large university in the state. He also stressed the need to consider the fact that Washburn University and community colleges are having an impact on enrollment at Emporia State. He said he had problems asking Emporia State to cut graduate programs, for instance, while additional funds are being appropriated for Washburn's graduate program.

Senator Gannon concluded that it might be well to have an interim committee consider the duplication of effort in Regents institutions. He suggested the possibility of consolidation and/or transfer of some of the programs. Others on the committee agreed that this may be a need.

Senator Winter said the emphasis of the subcommittee report is to note that it is important to provide strong legislative support for Emporia State University.

Motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Gannon to adopt the subcommittee report. The motion carried by voice vote.

SB 161, Section 9 - University of Kansas Medical Center

Senator Bogina explained the subcommittee report for the Medical Center. There was extended discussion concerning medical scholarships, the number of people involved, the percentage of dropouts, etc. Staff indicated that most of the students who receive scholarships are "buying out" so that they do not need to go to under-served areas or to stay in the State of Kansas. It was noted that the pay-back by those who are buying out may off-set the cost of scholarships in future years.

SB 166, Section 9 - University of Kansas Medical Center

Senator Bogina presented the subcommittee report for this section. There were questions from committee members about various subcommittee recommendations. There were comments concerning recommendation No. 21, and members of the subcommittee stressed that they felt the increase in the Hospital Revenue Fund balances is significant, and this is due to improved administration policies at the hospital.

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SB 166, Section 9 - Continued

Following a discussion concerning recommendation No. 8 on page 4 of the report, motion was made by Senator Feleciano and seconded by Senator Gaines to amend the subcommittee report to provide that the \$103,000 for establishment of a new MESH curriculum be noted in the bill as a separate line item. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Gaines to adopt the subcommittee reports for the University of Kansas Medical Center as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

Motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Doyen to introduce a bill concerning the Health Care Providers Availability Act, relating to malpractice insurance for psychiatrists. Following a brief discussion and an explanation of the measure by Senator Winter, the motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

