

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

5:00 am/p.m. on March 20, 1985 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Doyen

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Ed Ahrens, Mary Galligan, Lynne Holt, Alan Conroy  
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse  
Committee Office: Donna Collins, Judy Bromich

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Stan Koplik, Executive Secretary, State Board of Regents  
James Bibb, University of Kansas  
Larry Wolgast, Secretary of Human Resources

SB 350 - Board of Regents; retirement annuities for unclassified employees

It was noted that the purpose of this measure is to modify the T.I.A.A. employer contribution by the state from 5% to 6%. During ensuing discussion, Senator Winter noted that presently a new employee must wait two years before they can participate in the retirement plan. Because of this, the universities advise new employees to subscribe to T.I.A.A. before leaving their previous jobs in order to have first day coverage at Regents' institutions. According to Senator Winter, nearly all new employees follow this advice.

Motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Feleciano to amend SB 350 by striking language beginning with the word "the" in line 30 through the word "management" in line 46. Current law allows other carriers first day coverage. This amendment removes the language restricting T.I.A.A. to employees who have been employed by Regents' institutions for two years. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Johnston and seconded by Senator Talkington to report SB 350 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

SB 334 - Revenue bonds for coliseum at Kansas State University

It was explained to the committee that SB 334 would provide authority for the Board of Regents to issue revenue bonds to construct a new coliseum at Kansas State University. The bonds would be issued in August, 1985, in the amount of \$7 million. There will be no state funds used for construction of the coliseum.

Staff explained that certain technical amendments are necessary to clarify language in the bill. Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Werts to amend SB 334 as suggested by staff. The motion carried by voice vote.

At this point, Senator Feleciano asked where funding for utilities would come from. Mr. Koplik explained that a plan is being devised to separate athletic-related events from other activities for the purpose of figuring utilities. The expenses would be pro-rated according to usage at KSU.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Gaines to report SB 334 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 123-S, Statehouse, at 5:00 /a.m./p.m. on March 20, 1985

SB 338 - One check payment for tuition grants and state scholarships at Regents' Institutions

Mr. Koplik explained that SB 338 would provide payment to be made in one check to each university for scholarships and tuition grants, instead of writing a check to each recipient. He stated that all institutions--public and private--support SB 338.

In answer to a question from Senator Harder, Mr. Koplik said it would be received three or four weeks before the beginning of each semester.

Motion was made by Senator Harder and seconded by Senator Gaines to report SB 338 favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

SB 339 - Creating a housing system at Regents' institutions

Mr. Bibb explained that SB 339 will allow universities to operate student housing following retirement of bonds. Because present law has no provision for operation when bonds are retired, the University of Kansas is delaying the retirement of bonds. If SB 339 is passed, the remainder of the bonds will be retired. This bill will also provide authority to the Board of Regents to invest funds not immediately needed through the pooled money investment board.

There were several questions from committee members, and Mr. Bibb answered these questions to the satisfaction of the committee.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Johnston to report SB 339 favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

SB 348 - Kansas Soldiers' home; disposition of monies

Mr. Furse explained that SB 348 incorporates into law what has previously been accomplished each year by proviso.

Motion was made by Senator Johnston and seconded by Senator Feleciano to report SB 348 favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

SB 352 - Payment of wages; relating to assignment of claims

Senator Winter explained that the subcommittee which handled the budget for the Department of Human Resources is of the opinion that the Secretary of Human Resources could adopt regulations providing that cases involving large amounts of money be handled by a private lawyer.

Motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Feleciano to conceptually amend SB 352 to provide that if an individual's claim is \$10,000 or more, the employee must hire a private attorney; and if the claim is less than \$10,000 the Secretary of Human Resources shall process the claim. The motion carried by voice vote.

Secretary Wolgast commented that this provision will affect only about one percent of claims cases. Consequently, the case load for department attorneys will not be reduced to a great degree.

Motion was made by Senator Feleciano and seconded by Senator Gannon to report SB 352 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

SB 288, SB 289, and SB 336 (Re-referred)

Motion was made by Senator Harder and seconded by Senator Feleciano to report SB 288, SB 289 and SB 336 without recommendation. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

