

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

 The meeting was called to order by Representative Stephen R. Cloud at
 Chairperson

9:09 a.m./p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 1986 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

 Avis Swartzman - Revisor
 Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research Dept.

Conferees appearing before the committee:

 Stan Teasley - Executive Director, Kansas Veterans Commission
 Larry Wolgast - Secretary, Department of Human Resources

The meeting of the House Governmental Organization Committee was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Representative Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman. The minutes of the February 25 meeting were approved on a motion by Representative Fuller, with a second by Representative Barr. February 26 minutes were distributed. The Chairman stated that final action would be taken on a number of bills.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone present who was on the list as a conferee on HB 2793 who did not get to testify at the previous hearing. As there was not, he called on Stan Teasley, Executive Director, Kansas Veterans, to respond to the question, will the day-to-day operation of the Soldiers Home be affected if the Commission is removed from the Department of Human Resources. Mr. Teasley responded that the operation would not be affected in any way and basically would operate as it has in the past. He reiterated the three ways by which the Soldiers Home is funded; federal reimbursement, state general fund monies and the amount the residents pay, which is outlined in the statutes. He would respond to other agencies that would like to be taken out of a department by saying that this is a special situation and one which the veterans want.

Larry Wolgast, Secretary, Department of Human Resources gave the reason why the Kansas Veterans Commission was originally placed under the Department. At one time there was an attempt to place all major units within state government under one cabinet level secretary.

The Department of Human Resources provides services to veterans and the Department has a high commitment to them. After several other comments regarding hiring, lay-off procedures and Gramm-Rudman, Mr. Wolgast ended his presentation.

The Chairman stated this concluded the hearing on HB 2793. Avis Swartzman, Revisor, said an amendment would be needed on page 6, line 212 to strike '79-1904' and insert '76-1904'.

Representative Sughrue moved to amend HB 2793 on page 6, line 212 and report the bill favorable for passage. Representative Graeber gave a second to the motion. Committee discussion commenced on the bill. Several members spoke for and against the bill, emphasizing that a vote either way would in no way be a condemnation of the Commission or any Commission member. Representative Sughrue closed on her motion and by voice vote, the motion carried.

The Chairman asked the Committee to turn to HB 2714, the bill dealing with the Advisory Board on Juvenile Offender Programs. Representative Fuller said the Board could be extended for two years and at that time return to justify its existence. The Chairman stated he felt comfortable with a four-year extension, with the Committee taking a look at the program again in four years.

Representative Fuller moved to amend HB 2714 with a four year extension. Representative Sutter gave a second to the motion. The motion carried. Representative Fuller moved to report HB 2714 favorable as amended. Representative Sutter gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to HB 2884, the land surveyors bill. Copies of an amendment containing a grandfather clause were distributed.

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room 522-S, Statehouse, at 9:09 a.m./p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 1986

Representative Barr moved the words, 'is of good moral character' be stricken.
Representative Hassler gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Walker moved to amend HB 2884 by adding the grandfather clause.
Representative Sutter gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Walker moved to pass HB 2884 favorably as amended.
Representative Graeber gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman announced Wednesday's agenda and adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

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