

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 February 14, 1986 in room 123-s of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senators Harder and Talkington

Committee staff present:
Research Department: Ed Ahrens, Scott Rothe
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Judy Bromich, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator Bogina presented seven bills relating to Board of Regents' Institutions. He explained that the Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents indicated these bills are recommended by the full Board. The bills requested are: RS 2279; RS 2325; RS 2326; RS 2327; RS 2328; RS 2329; and RS 2330.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Werts to introduce the seven bills requested by the Board of Regents. The motion carried by voice vote.

SB 442 - Appropriations for FY 1987, Legislative Agencies

Senator Gaines presented the subcommittee report, and explained that the budgets involved had been thoroughly studied by a subcommittee. He reminded the committee that, in past years, the full committee had heard testimony.

Senator Gaines noted that, if the committee approves recommendations of the subcommittee, some of those recommendations probably should be carried out by all subcommittees for all budgets. He then explained the decisions made by the subcommittee for SB 442.

Following a brief discussion concerning a decision made earlier concerning the state health insurance program, motion was made by Senator Feleciano and seconded by Senator Werts to amend the subcommittee report to correspond with the February 12 decision to adjust the fringe benefit portion of agency budgets to allow for the reduction of the surplus in the dependent coverage of the health insurance. The motion carried by voice vote.

During continued discussion of the subcommittee report, Senator Feleciano questioned Recommendation No. 2, regarding reduction in the Legislative Post Audit budget. He noted he had asked for a systemwide study of the court system and that was rejected because no funds were available. Senator Bogina explained that the funds being reduced are for contractual audits and that, since all FY 1987 contracts have been awarded, those funds are not needed. He added that this does not affect Senator Feleciano's request.

There were questions concerning Recommendation No. 3, relating to the Block Boundary Suggestion Project. There was a brief explanation given concerning the project, and the Chairman suggested that the committee might like a memorandum from Mr. Coldsnow, Legislative Counsel, concerning that project.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Johnston to adopt the subcommittee report as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Johnston to report SB 442 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
room 123-S, Statehouse, at 11:00 a.m./p.m. on February 14, 1986

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Chairman explained bill draft RS 2473, relating to construction of a coliseum at Kansas State University. He noted that this measure would exempt the project from payment of prevailing wages. He explained that there are no public funds involved in the construction of the coliseum.

**Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Gannon to introduce the requested bill. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

AMENDMENT TO MINUTES (SEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 1986).

** Motion was made by Senator Johnston and seconded by Senator Feleciano to also introduce a bill requested by the Governor regarding the Kansas economic development highway improvement program (See SB 653). The motion carried by voice vote.