

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 10, 1986 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rick von Ende, Executive Secretary, University of Kansas  
Stan Koplik, Executive Secretary, State Board of Regents  
Mike Johnson, Assistant to the President, Kansas State University

SB 584 - Appropriations FY 1986, Regents' Institutions  
SB 537 - Appropriations FY 1987, Regents' Institutions

SB 584 - Section 11- University of Kansas

Committee members were given opportunity to question Senator Johnston following his presentation of the subcommittee report on this section.

SB 537 - Section 7 - University of Kansas

During the presentation of the subcommittee report on this section, Senator Johnston indicated that recommendations 5 and 6 will be reflected in the University of Kansas Medical Center report as well as in this report. Senator Doyen added that the three main additions were Recommendations 2, 3 and 4.

Senator Werts asked about the objective of Recommendation No. 4. Senator Johnston answered that there is not now capability in the state to do economic modeling on university campuses. He added that Dr. Tony Redwood would like to undertake a model so that it will help with tax policy, economic policy, etc. When asked by Senator Werts if it is related to consensus estimating, Senator Johnston indicated that it is not. In answer to further questioning, he stated that it concerns the entire population of the state; that it will be an ongoing program built into the base budget, and that it is a new program. According to Senator Johnston, the program is being established at the request of the University, and is also being discussed by the Economic Development Commission.

Senator Kerr stated that the economic modeling capability is one of the recommendations of the Redwood study. He asked if this funding should be included at this point, or if the committee should delete it until the Economic Development Commission makes recommendations. Senator Bogina commented that he feels it is a viable program, regardless of what the Economic Development Commission recommends.

There followed an extended discussion on Recommendation No. 4. Senator Gaines recalled that Professor Redwood had access to capabilities at the University of Missouri. Mr. von Ende agreed that Prof. Redwood did go to Missouri for information several years ago, because there was no capability in this state.

Senator Johnston explained that Kansas does not have modeling capability now, but the expertise is available to design the model. Senator Doyen explained that the subcommittee had included in the report what was deemed the most important to the University.

Senator Feleciano said he is in favor of the plan, but questioned why other universities have not had the opportunity to bid on this item.

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SB 537 - Section 7 - University of Kansas (Continued)

Senator Bogina suggested that a possible approach would be to transfer this item to the Board of Regents budget. Mr. Koplik indicated he felt other universities might be interested. He said he assumed the same thing would happen that happened with the economic development study, since the University of Kansas has special talents in several areas right now. He added that one possibility might be for several institutions to work together on this capability.

Senator Winter reminded the committee that the University of Kansas had submitted this item in its budget, and that it has been approved by the Board of Regents. Mr. von Ende added that Professor Redwood has been seeking funding for this proposal for four years; but that no other school has attempted to develop this program.

Motion was made by Senator Feleciano and seconded by Senator Gaines to delete Recommendation No. 4 from the University of Kansas budget and include it in the Board of Regents budget. The motion carried by show of hands.

Senator Gannon questioned subcommittee Recommendation No. 2. It was explained by Mr. von Ende that the amount noted in the subcommittee report would be supplemented by interest received from a \$3 million private grant. He noted that these professorships will continue indefinitely. Senator Winter stated that Hallmark has contributed a large sum to establish a center for the Humanities. Mr. von Ende explained that the university can do nothing until the base salary amount is appropriated.

Senator Werts stressed that, if Kansas is ever going to have great universities, this kind of professorship must be approved. He added that there must be specialists involved. Mr. von Ende answered a question from Senator Gannon by stating that one professorship probably will be in Mathematics, one in History, and he does not know where the others will be placed. When asked what sort of salary is involved, Mr. von Ende said it may be about \$75,000. He suggested that it may be more than that in some fields, and less in others. He said it depends on what is available in the marketplace.

At this point, Senator Bogina called the committee's attention to the Exxon Oil overcharge settlement. He explained that the Federal Government had returned the funds to the states, and the Kansas Corporation Commission has ruled that the funds can be used for institutional conservation programs, but there must be a 50% match of state funds.

There was a brief discussion concerning this matter, with Senator Werts suggesting the committee may be premature in taking action on this matter. Senator Bogina said he would like to indicate interest in using a portion of the money.

Motion was made by Senator Doyen and seconded by Senator Gaines to incorporate the Exxon funds into the energy conservation funds of the Regents' institutions, and that these funds be used to the greatest extent possible with all approved energy conservation projects within the scope of the KCC guidelines, to be matched at 50% from the State General Fund. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Gaines to include \$100,528 and 2 F.T.E. for the Instrumentation Lab, a program started in 1985. Following a brief discussion, the motion failed on a voice vote.

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

SB 537 - Section 2 - Fort Hays State University

During Senator Winter's review of the subcommittee report on this section, Senator Bogina questioned recommendation No. 3.

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Senator Winter explained that the item was not approved by the subcommittee last year, but the university seemed to want it very badly. Senator Gaines expressed interest in the program. There was a brief discussion concerning the need for Off-Campus Instruction Centers.

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

SB 537 - Section 5 - Emporia State University

Senator Gannon presented the subcommittee report on this section. There was a question concerning recommendation No. 5. Mr. Koplik stressed that he felt the subcommittee should include a statement urging this institution and others to cooperate in the library cataloging and resources sharing.

A conceptual motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Gannon to amend the subcommittee report to reflect that the subcommittee strongly urges this institution and others to cooperate with the system that is being developed as noted by Mr. Koplik. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

SB 537 - Section 6 - Pittsburg State University

Senator Winter presented the subcommittee report on this section. A motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Werts to amend recommendation No. 4 to indicated that the joint library project is proposed by "other Regents' institutions" instead of the "University of Kansas and Kansas State University." The motion carried by voice vote.

There was extended discussion concerning Recommendation No. 2, and the consideration of priorities in various technologies at Pittsburg State. At this point, Senator Gaines noted that he saw more actual job creation capability at Pittsburg State than at other universities. Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Johnston to include the sum of \$9,545.10 to provide equipment so that graduates may qualify to introduce the desk top printing concept to state printing people. The motion carried by voice vote.

Following a brief discussion concerning the issue, motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Werts to include in recommendation No. 2 the 2.0 FTE positions and salaries, and to allow the university to use these positions as they see fit in connection with the new Applied Science and Technology Transfer Institute (Amount noted in the recommendation but not included originally). The motion carried by voice vote.

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

The meeting was recessed until adjournment of the Senate later on March 10.