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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Governmental Organization

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at  
Chairperson

1:45 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on March 17, 1987 in room 531N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Bogina  
Senator Hoferer

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird - Research  
Jill Wolters - Revisor

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Richard Schutz - Director of Services for the Blind - SRS  
Jerry Merryman - Division of Purchases  
Art Griggs - Chief Attorney, Department of Administration

The Chairman called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Richard Schutz to address the Committee on HB 2393 which would authorize the secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services to charge publication fees for certain advertising. He pointed out the fact that the Kansas Industries for the Blind has borne the entire cost of publishing and distributing the "Catalog of Blind and Handicapped Made Products" and that they believe that other participating facilities should be charged a reasonable publication fee in order to lessen the financial burden for them. (Exhibit A)

After a brief discussion Senator Johnston made a motion that HB 2393 be recommended as favorable for passage. This was seconded by Senator Gaines. Motion carried.

Jerry Merryman addressed the Committee on HB 2467 which concerns the state surplus property program. The bill would make the transfer of the program from the Department of Administration to the Department of Corrections more complete and would allow the agencies receiving money to be able to use it without being subject to expenditure limitations. No action was taken on this bill.

Attention was then turned to HB 2435 which concerns purchasing and sales procedures for state agencies. He pointed out and explained the House amendments of the bill noting that it would raise the limit to \$10,000 for competitive bidding requirements and allow the Director of Purchases to waive the publication notice requirement when the Director determines that a more timely procurement is in the state's best interest. There was considerable discussion and several questions were raised. The Chairman announced that this bill would have to be discussed again at a later date.

A motion was made by Senator Gaines to approve the minutes of the March 16 meeting. This was seconded by Senator Winter. Motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

GUEST LIST

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NAME	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
Richard Schantz	Topeka, KS	SRS
Jerry Merryman	Topeka, KS	Div of Purchases
Brent Burdick	Wichita, KS	Page
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State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Testimony in Support of H.B. 2393

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I appear today in support of H.B. 2393 which authorizes the secretary of social and rehabilitation services to charge a reasonable publication fee to those rehabilitation facilities that advertise their products or services on the list of products furnished to the department of administration, state agencies, and unified school districts. The list is the "Catalog of Blind and Handicapped Made Products" published each year. From eight to ten Kansas workshops and facilities usually advertise products in the list. Kansas Industries for the Blind has borne the entire cost of publishing and distributing the list. We believe that other participating facilities should be charged a reasonable publication fee in order to lessen the financial burden to Kansas industries for the blind.

SRS supports this bill because it will equitably distribute the cost of publishing the product list among all participating facilities rather than having Kansas Industries for the Blind bear the cost alone. I urge your passage of H.B. 2393.

Richard Schutz, Director

Division of Services for the Blind

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for

Robert C. Harder, Secretary

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