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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 April 6, 1987 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senators Gannon, Harder and Kerr on excused absence

Committee staff present:
Research Department: Laura Howard, Ray Hauke
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Judy Bromich, Pam Parker

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Senator Norma Daniels, Valley Center

Senator Daniels appeared before the Committee for the purpose of requesting the introduction of bill draft 7 RS 1427, an act concerning acquisition of equipment for institutions under the state board of regents; increase of student fees; issuance of revenue bonds. She stated that frustration and concern about the lack of instructional research equipment in the state's universities coupled with the inability to fund new and updated equipment prompted the concept of this bill. It was her feeling that this will help improve the quality of education in higher education facilities and will provide an infusion of funds to allow the faculty to use the talents they have in instructing their students. Senator Werts moved, Senator Feleciano seconded, for the introduction of bill draft 7 RS 1427. The motion passed on a voice vote.

HB 2439 - FY 1988 Appropriations for KSU and KSU Vet-Med Center

Senator Feleciano reviewed the Subcommittee Reports for the Sections in HB 2395 and 2439 for Kansas State University and KSU-Veterinary Medical Center. In response to a question from Senator Feleciano, Dr. Michael Johnson, Kansas State University, stated that at the Vet-Med Center they have 88.4 positions, of which only 71 are filled because the remaining positions do not have enough money to fill them with board certified Ph.D. faculty. Last year they were given three year creditation instead of the usual seven due to being cited for being under funded and not having positions filled critical to the continuation of the program. Regionalization and tuition increases are helping them reach their goal of having all 88.4 positions filled. In answer to Senator Doyen, Dr. Johnson stated that they have some temporary faculty in some of the unfilled positions so those positions are not filled with the type of faculty they need for certification. Staff stated an exact accounting of the unfilled positions will be provided.

In regard to telecommunications at KSU, Dr. Johnson responded to questions from Senator Werts by stating that the center will be ready for operation in about two years. An internal technical committee is currently receiving technical advice as to location and type of facility. Operating funds will be needed in the last half of FY 1988 for two positions. Senator Werts moved to amend the Subcommittee Report for Kansas State University to indicate that the Senate Committee recommends the appropriation of \$100,000 for 2 F.T.E. positions made to the Board of Regents for the purpose of providing operating funds for KSU telecommunications for FY 1988. Senator Doyen seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Werts moved, Senator Feleciano seconded, to amend the Subcommittee Report regarding Kansas State University by amending the last sentence in item seven of the House Subcommittee Recommendations regarding telecommunications to indicate that kthe Committee feels the control of the tele-

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communications center should be within the Board of Regents. The motion carried by voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, Senator Johnston seconded, for the adoption of the Subcommittee Report as amended regarding Section 3, Kansas State University, HB 2439. The motion carried by voice vote.

Senator Doyen reviewed Section 7, University of Kansas, HB 2439. Senator Doyen moved, Senator Johnston seconded, adoption of the Subcommittee Report regarding Section 7, HB 2439. The motion carried by voice vote.

In regard to systemwide issues within HB 2439, Senator Winter moved, Senator Feleciano seconded, to increase salaries for 6 months from 2.5 percent to 3.5 percent and concur with the Governor's recommendations concerning special Other Operating Expenditures. Following discussion, the motion failed.

Senator Winter made a motion to concur with the Governor's recommendations on unclassified salary increase of 2.5 percent for a full year. The motion died for lack of a second.

Senator Doyen moved, Senator Talkington seconded, to report HB 2439, as amended, favorably for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

