

Approved 4-26-88
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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Appropriations

The meeting was called to order by Bill Buntten at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on March 21, 1988 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representatives Miller, Teagarden, Vancrum, Heinemann, Guldner, Hoy, Helgerson, and Turnquist. (all excused)

Committee staff present:

Ellen Piekalkiewicz, Legislative Research
Gloria Timmer, Legislative Research
Russ Mills, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Sharon Schwartz, Administrative Aide

Conferees appearing before the committee: Sue Krische, Committee Secretary

Jim Robertson, Child Support Enforcement, SRS
Art Griggs, Chief Counsel, Department of Administration
(Others attending: See attached list.)

HB 3089 - An Act concerning imprest funds in area offices of the department of social and rehabilitation services; amending K.S.A. 75-3061 and repealing the existing section.

Jim Robertson, Child Support Enforcement, SRS, testified in support of HB 3089 and stated the purpose of the bill is to allow an increase in funding of the SRS fee fund from \$400,000 to \$500,000. SRS processes about \$605,000 per month in child support payments through the system. Representative Chronister moved that HB 3089 be recommended favorably for passage. Seconded by Representative Mainey. Motion carried.

HB 3091 - An Act concerning financing of statewide reappraisal of real property; relating to state aid for costs incurred by counties therefor; authorizing loans of certain state moneys by the pooled money investment board therefor; prescribing terms and conditions for such loans; amending K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-8711 and repealing the existing section.

Staff explained that HB 3091 was proposed by our Appropriations subcommittee on the Kansas Lottery as a method to finance reappraisal through loans from the Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB). Total loan amount authorized is not to exceed \$7 million to be repaid July 1, 1990. Repayment of the loans would be with moneys transferred back into the county reappraisal fund. This bill is in lieu of appropriating a loan from the State General Fund for reappraisal for FY 1989. Representative Chronister moved that HB 3091 be recommended favorably for passage. Seconded by Representative Mainey. Motion carried.

HB 3092 - An Act creating the state buildings and grounds fund; transferring certain moneys thereto and abolishing certain funds; amending K.S.A. 75-3765 and 75-3768 and repealing the existing sections; and also repealing K.S.A. 75-3615, 75-3617, 75-3632, 75-3637, 75-3638, 75-3646, 75-3650, 75-3653, 75-3654 and 75-3655.

Art Griggs, Chief Counsel, Department of Administration, stated that HB 3092 collapses three state buildings funds into one fund, the State Building and Grounds Fund. This combines parking lot revenue and rental funds from the State Building Depreciation Fund so they can be used for capital improvements in the Capitol Area Complex and at Cedar Crest. Representative Chronister moved that HB 3092 be recommended favorably for passage. Seconded by Representative Ott. Motion carried.

Chairman Buntten announced that the report by the Department of Transportation on reflectorized sheeting is complete and available to any members of the Committee who request a copy.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Appropriations,
room 514-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on March 21, 1988

Regarding HB 2560 which creates a separate Division of Services for the Blind, a resolution adopted by the Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc. was distributed to the Committee members (Attachment 1). This bill was heard in Committee on 3-14-88.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

MARCH 15, 1988

TO: Members of the Kansas House

FROM: Legislative Committee
Mary Adams, Chair
Michael J. Byington, Lobbyist
Rev. Dr. Jo Taliaferro, Member

SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL 2560

The following resolution was adopted at the fall 1987 convention of the Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Inc. It concerns the above captioned bill. Our organization would like to be able to support this legislation, but we feel it needs to be amended as is described.

RESOLUTION 8715

WHEREAS, in resolutions passed at previous conventions, the Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Inc. has gone on record as supporting the removal of the Kansas Division of Services for the Blind from its current position in the umbrella system of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, KABVI has entered into some preliminary negotiations with the Kansas Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind with reference to defining what form enabling legislation should take which would change the organizational location and operation of the Kansas Division of Services for the Blind, and

WHEREAS, while there have been established many points of agreement between the Legislative Committees of the two consumer organizations mentioned above, there has not in fact been an agreement reached on all aspects of any legislation to a point that it could be proposed as the joint product of both groups, and

WHEREAS representatives of the Kansas Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind introduced a Bill into the Kansas Legislature during the 1987 session which was represented as a joint product of the two consumer organizations in as much as it contains the names of both organizations within its body, and

WHEREAS this introduction was not authorized by the KABVI Legislative Committee, and

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Attachment 1

WHEREAS the bill introduced, House Bill 2550, contains many points on which agreement had been reached between the two consumer organizations' legislative committees, but also contains some language with which the KABVI Legislative Committee has always and consistently disagreed,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Inc., in convention assembled, Great Bend, Kansas, September, 1987, directs its Legislative Committee to oppose House Bill 2560 unless at least the following changes to the bill can be achieved.

1. The bill must stipulate that vocational rehabilitation services, rehabilitation teaching services, prevention of blindness services, sheltered employment (both Kansas Industries for the Blind and home industries), the business enterprises program, and the rehabilitation center for the blind, SHALL all remain a responsibility of the State of Kansas and must be supervised by Services for the Blind. (Currently the Bill only states that these services MAY be provided.)

2. The State Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the Kansas State School for the Visually Handicapped will specifically NOT be included within the bill. (Currently the bill implies that these two services should be included. The Library Services for the Blind is currently quite efficiently operated through the Kansas State Library. It continues to be more logical for a library services agency to provide library services for the blind. The State School for the Visually Handicapped is an educational facility which should remain with the Kansas Department of Education.)

3. Language in the section of the bill referencing the business enterprises program shall be consistent with language in legislation currently being proposed by the Kansas State Committee of Licensed Vendors. (H2504 reflects amendments to the Kansas Randolph-Sheppard Act which should also be in H2560 in the form originally introduced through H2504.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Committee of KABVI is directed to convey the contents of the resolution to representatives of the Kansas Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind at such times as are deemed appropriate by the Legislative Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall also be sent to: Governor Mike Hayden; Mr. Joe de la Torre of the Governor's staff; Winston Barton, Executive Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services; the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services; Dr. Richard Schutz, Director, Kansas Division of Services for the Blind; and such members of the Kansas Legislature as deemed appropriate.