

Approved 3-27-89
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR AUGUST "GUS" BOGINA at
Chairperson

11:10 a.m. on MARCH 17, 1989 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Hayden who was excused

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Diane Duffy, Kathy Porter, Ellen Piekalkiewica, Russ Mills, Laura Howard, Paul West, Scott Rothe, Karen DeViney

Revisor: Norman Furse

Committee Staff: Judy Bromich, Pam Parker

Conferees appearing before the committee:

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator Allen moved, Senator Doyen seconded, the introduction of bill draft 9 RS 1304, an act concerning wildlife and parks; authorizing establishment of a program to extend public access to certain private land for recreational purposes; providing for issuance of certain deer permits and game tags. The motion carried.

HB 2027 - Appropriations for FY 1990, state public safety agencies, including youth centers

Senator Kerr reviewed the Subcommittee Reports for FY 1989 and FY 1990 regarding the Adjutant General, the State Fire Marshal and the Kansas Parole Board.

Senator Harder reviewed the FY 1989 and FY 1990 Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Highway Patrol. In answer to questions, Colonel Don Pickert, Kansas Highway Patrol, stated that the federal grant program for motorcycle troopers, (#1, FY 1990) is through the Highway Safety Grant program. They specifically intend to apply the motorcycle troopers to the urban areas for working in pairs through high density traffic. It was pointed out that last year the Governor recommended 20 new troopers and the legislature's final total was 12. There are currently 23 vacancies at the next Highway Patrol training class.

Senator Gaines moved, Senator Doyen seconded, to amend the Subcommittee Report for FY 1990, HB 2027, to recommend five regular troopers and increase the grant request to 10 motorcycle troopers. During discussion, the Chairman noted that last year a study was submitted by Kansas University regarding the shortage of Kansas Highway Patrol troopers and the proposal this year is to try to add troopers the legislature was unable to add last year. It was also pointed out that the addition of troopers is an attempt to facilitate 24 hour coverage. The motion carried.

Senator Allen reviewed the Subcommittee Reports for FY 1989 and FY 1990 concerning the Youth Center at Topeka. In answer to a question, Senator Allen reported that the perimeter fence under construction has a cost of \$100 per running foot. Senator Allen reported problems with a roof at YCAT which is seriously in need of repair due to the internal damage to the building. He also noted difficulties with the night lock-up personnel.

Senator Kerr reviewed the FY 1989 and FY 1990 Subcommittee Reports for the Youth Center at Beloit.

The meeting was adjourned.

