

Approved: 3-4-91
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson George Teagarden at 1:40 p.m. on February 20, 1991 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Lowther (excused)

Committee staff present: Ellen Piekalkiewicz, Legislative Research Department
Debra Duncan, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Susan Miller, Administrative Aide
Sue Krische, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: see attached list.

The Committee took up consideration of subcommittee reports on HB 2044.

HB 2044 - Appropriations for FY92, General Government.

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Representative Dean presented the FY91 subcommittee report on the LCC (Attachment 1). Representative Patrick submitted a minority report on the LCC regarding the purchase of the AS 400 IBM computer by the Secretary of State. The Chairman ruled the minority report to be part of the record, as it required no action by the Committee. Representative Dean moved adoption of the FY91 subcommittee report on the Legislative Coordinating Council. Representative Turnquist seconded. Motion carried.

LEGISLATURE

Representative Dean presented the FY91 subcommittee report on the Legislature in which the subcommittee concurred with the Governor's recommendations (Attachment 2). Representative Dean moved adoption of the FY91 subcommittee report on the Legislature. Representative Turnquist seconded. Motion carried.

LEGISLATURE AND RELATED AGENCIES

Representative Dean reviewed the FY92 subcommittee report (Attachment 3). Representative Patrick submitted a minority report. Representative Vancrum noted that with the changes recommended by the subcommittee, the current resources budget is approximately \$25,000 above 1991 levels. Representative Goossen suggested these budgets should be 3 percent below the current resources budget to preclude making changes in current law mandatory.

In response to a question regarding subcommittee recommendation #3, Representative Dean stated the subcommittee felt the function of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee and that of the Education Committees of the Legislature might be duplicative. In addition, the subcommittee suggested an interim study to review the benefit to the state of participating in the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, as well as the Education Commission of the States.

In response to a question, staff advised that travel for the Senate in FY91 was \$520,000 and proposed for FY92 to be \$523,000; for the House in FY91 \$1,310,000 and proposed for FY92 to be \$1,317,000.

Representative Dean moved adoption of the FY92 majority subcommittee report on the Legislature and Related Agencies. Representative Turnquist seconded. Representative Patrick made a substitute motion to adopt the minority report for FY92 on the Legislature and Related Agencies. Representative Hochhauser seconded. Representative Blumenthal requested division of the substitute motion. The Chair ruled the motion divisible. On Recommendation #1 of the minority report, it was noted the funding for the position of legislative counsel was not removed from the budget of the Legislature. On the motion to delete one position and \$69,417 from the office of Revisor of Statutes, the motion failed. On Recommendation #2 in the minority report to delete one FTE and \$28,152 from the FY92 budget of the Legislative Coordinating Council, Division of Legislative Administrative Services, the motion failed.

Representative Vancrum made a substitute motion to delete in the FY92 budget of the Legislature \$50,000 in non-salary expenses and suggested that it be a deletion of the expense of hosting the Assembly of Legislators meeting in the KC area. Representative Helgerson seconded. Substitute motion failed. Representative Chronister made a substitute motion to delete \$108,542 from the budget of the Legislature, which is the funding for the office of Legislative Counsel. Representative Helgerson seconded. Substitute motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, room 514-S Statehouse, at 1:40 p.m.
on February 20, 1991.

Representative Helgerson stated that it is going to be necessary to make cuts in many social service programs this year and cuts in Legislative programs would also be appropriate. Representative Helgerson moved that \$156,177 for out-of-state travel be deleted from the Legislature's budget for FY92. Representative Chronister seconded. It was noted this amount was the actual expenditure for out-of-state travel in FY90. Motion carried. Representative Dean moved adoption of the FY92 subcommittee report, as amended, on the Legislature and Related Agencies. Representative Heinemann seconded. Motion carried. Representative Patrick is recorded as voting no.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Representative Dean presented the FY92 subcommittee report in which the subcommittee concurred with the Governor's recommendations (Attachment 4). Representative Dean moved adoption of the FY92 subcommittee report on the Lieutenant Governor. Representative Heinemann seconded. Motion carried. Representative Goossen requested that staff note on future subcommittee reports figures representing the Governor's Current Resources budget. Chairman Teagarden will visit with staff regarding a format for future reports.

GOVERNOR

Representative Dean presented the FY92 subcommittee report on the Governor's department (Attachment 5). Representative Dean moved adoption of the FY92 subcommittee report on the Governor's Department. Representative Turnquist seconded. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Representative Fuller reviewed the FY91 subcommittee report on the Attorney General (Attachment 6). Representative Fuller moved adoption of the FY91 subcommittee report on the Attorney General. Representative Turnquist seconded. Motion carried. Representative Solbach pointed out that when the KBI and KHP Special Asset Forfeiture Fund was created, the Legislature's intent was that these funds would be expended subject to appropriation. He opposes this Fund being a no-limit fund or only having a maximum dollar limit.

Representative Fuller presented the FY92 subcommittee report on the Attorney General (Attachment 7). Representative Dean moved adoption of the FY92 subcommittee report on the Attorney General. Representative Fuller seconded. Representative Adam made a substitute motion to delete approximately \$31,500 plus benefits and 1 FTE Public Information Officer II position from the Attorney General's department. Representative Blumenthal seconded. Substitute motion carried. Representative Fuller moved adoption of the FY92 subcommittee report, as amended. Representative Turnquist seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. in 514-S.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

DATE: 2-20-91

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
Goun J. O'Neil		STATE TREASURER'S STAFF
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SCOTT HARBOUR	Topeka	DOB
Mike Bohukoff	"	"
Sabrina Wells	"	"
Becc Dean	OP	NIKF
Brian Thomas		Page
TRAVIS Withers		Page (Rep. Charister)
Wm Rott	Emporia	Rep Tungquist
Neil A. Woerman	Topeka	Atty. Gen.
Connie Whitlock	Topeka	Mty. Gen.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Agency: Legislative Coordinating Council Bill No. Bill Sec.
 Analyst: Ahrens Analysis Pg. No. 305 Budget Page No. 406

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Agency Req. FY 91</u>	<u>Gov. Rec. FY 91</u>	<u>Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
State Operations:			
State General Fund	\$ 363,299	\$ 360,511	\$ --
FTE Positions	10.0	10.0	--


Agency Request/Governor's Recommendation

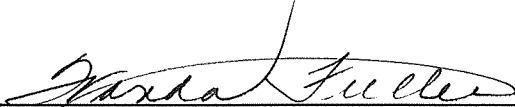
The agency's revised budget request of \$363,299 for FY 1991 would require a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$5,196 to finance salaries as approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council.

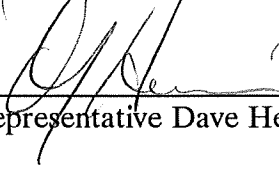
The Governor's recommendation of \$360,511 for FY 1991 reflects revised health insurance rates and requires a supplemental appropriation of \$2,408.

House Subcommittee Recommendation

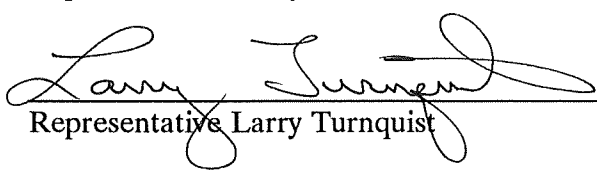
The House Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation.


 Representative George Dean
 Subcommittee Chair


 Representative Wanda Fuller


 Representative Dave Heinemann

 Representative Kerry Patrick


 Representative Larry Turnquist

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MINORITY REPORT

Legislative Coordinating
Council and Legislature

It should be noted that the Secretary of State did not include in his FY 1991 budget any mention of the purchase of a new computer system. According to testimony before the Subcommittee, discussions on the purchase of a new AS 400 IBM computer commenced sometime after the 1990 Legislative Session adjourned.

The contract for the delivery of the AS 400 was signed on December 27, 1990 and delivery was expedited and had by the commencement of the 1991 Session been received by the Secretary's office. In his budget, the Secretary of State requested a CD-ROM reader to read Federal census data that has and will be placed on the AS 400.

According to the Secretary of State's office, no written communication but perhaps some oral communication was made to the Reapportionment Committee or the Legislative Coordinating Council, as to the fact that the AS 400 could and would be able to handle census data and could be used for reapportionment purposes. This is totally inexcusable and this circumvention of the appropriation process by this office is one of the main reasons that we have purchased a standalone reapportionment computer.

If this information had been communicated by the Secretary's office to the LCC, instead of purchasing the reapportionment computer this past fall, we could have purchased the AS 400 in a configuration that would have allowed us to timeshare with their office in it's usage and thus saved the taxpayers approximately \$1 million.

Further, it should be noted that unless additional uses can be found by the CCT committee for the reapportionment computer, it will stand idle and underutilized. If the Arthur Andersen study for the computerization of the Legislature is adopted, we will have no use for the DEC VAX 3400 and we will just have to shut it down once reapportionment is completed in 1992.



SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Agency: Legislature Bill No. Bill Sec.
 Analyst: Ahrens Analysis Pg. No. 312 Budget Page No. 414

Expenditure Summary	Agency Req. FY 91	Gov. Rec. FY 91	Subcommittee Adjustments
State Operations:			
State General Fund	\$ 9,526,647	\$ 9,276,852	\$ --
All Other	115,000	115,000	--
	\$ 9,641,647	\$ 9,391,852	\$
FTE Positions	32.0	32.0	--

Agency Request/Governor's Recommendation

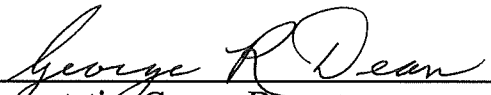
The revised FY 1991 budget for the Legislature, as approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council, is \$880,866 more than the amount authorized by the 1990 Legislature following the veto by the Governor of a \$754,676 line item appropriation for redistricting technology. Financing of the revised budget requires a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$765,866 and authorization to spend \$115,000 received under a contractual agreement with the Kansas Water Office for use of software acquired by the Legislature in connection with the redistricting project. The \$880,866 of additional expenditure authority includes \$577,803 for the purchase, installation, and operation of the computerized redistricting system, \$206,569 for the first year of a project to computerize the Legislature, and \$96,494 for regular legislative operations.

The Governor's recommendations reduce the revised request by \$249,795. The Governor reduces salaries and wages expenditures by \$43,226 mainly to reflect revised health insurance rates and does not recommend the expenditure of \$206,569 in FY 1991 for computerization of the Legislature. As a result, the Governor recommends additional expenditure authority of \$631,071, including a \$516,071 General Fund supplemental appropriation and \$115,000 received from the Kansas Water Office. The Governor makes additional recommendations with respect to the computerization project in FY 1992.

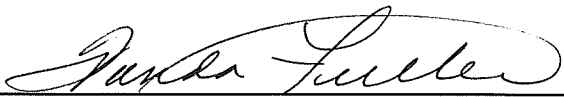
House Subcommittee Recommendation

The Subcommittee concurs with the recommendations of the Governor.

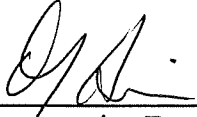
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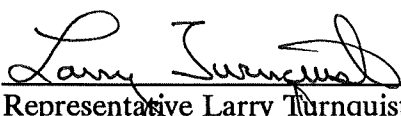
Representative George Dean
Subcommittee Chair



Representative Wanda Fuller



Representative Dave Heinemann



Representative Larry Turnquist

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Agency: Legislature and Related Agencies Bill No. 2044

Bill Sec. 2-5

Analyst: Ahrens

Analysis Pg. No. 303-315

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Agency Req. FY 92</u>	<u>Gov. Rec. FY 92*</u>	<u>Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
State Operations -- All Funds			
Interstate Cooperation Commission	\$ 247,868	\$ 247,699	\$ (43,100)
Legislative Coordinating Council:			
Council Expenses and Administrative Serv.	379,813	369,082	--
Legislative Research Department	1,802,890	1,759,566	--
Revisor of Statutes	2,134,077	2,087,150	--
Educational Planning Committee	38,330	38,330	--
Legislature	10,045,529	10,220,629	(917,908)
Division of Post Audit	1,442,024	1,411,200	--
TOTAL	<u>\$ 16,090,531</u>	<u>\$ 16,133,656</u>	<u>\$ (961,008)</u>
State Operations: State General Fund	<u>\$ 16,014,525</u>	<u>\$ 16,057,650</u>	<u>\$ (961,008)</u>
FTE Positions	124.1	124.1	--

* Excludes amounts reserved for employee compensation.

Agency Request/Governor's Recommendation

The combined FY 1992 budget requests for agencies of the Legislative Branch total \$16,090,531 of which \$16,014,525 would be financed from the General Fund. The FTE position total for these agencies is 124.1, an increase of 1.0 FTE position for the Legislature to assist in operating the redistricting computer system. The budget requests for all agencies except the Interstate Cooperation Commission are submitted with the approval of the Legislative Coordinating Council. The requested budget for the Legislature includes \$711,339 for the second phase of a legislative computerization program.

The Governor recommends FY 1992 expenditures of \$16,133,656 for the agencies of the Legislative Branch, including financing for 124.1 FTE positions. The recommendation includes \$917,908 for the first and second phases of legislative computerization, an amount which is not included in the current resources budget. The Governor's recommendation combines the \$206,569 requested in FY 1991 for phase one of legislative computerization and the \$711,339 requested in FY

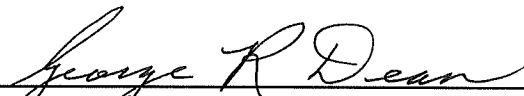
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1992 for phase two. The Governor's recommendations also include reductions based on revised health insurance rates and adjustments to compensation items relating to the reserve of funds for employee compensation.


House Subcommittee Recommendations

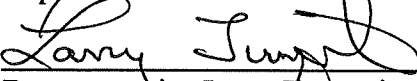
The Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations except as follows:

1. Delete \$43,100 from the budget of the Interstate Cooperation Commission. This amount is this state's estimated share of the operating costs of the Education Commission of the States which the Subcommittee believes should be reflected in the budget of the State Department of Education as it has in all fiscal years except the current one.
2. Delete \$917,908 from the budget of the Legislature. This is the amount included in the FY 1992 Governor's budget recommendations for computerization of the Legislature. The House Committee on Computers, Communication, and Technology is currently reviewing the proposed legislative computerization project, including possible utilization of the redistricting computer in that project. Financing of the computerization project should be removed pending the Committee's report and recommendation. If the eventual decision is not to finance computerization, the position of Information Resource Manager in the Division of Legislative Administrative Services may not be necessary.
3. As a consequence of its review of the budgets for Legislative Branch agencies, particularly that of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee, the Subcommittee is concerned that duplication of efforts may result from the state's current participation in various organizations dealing with matters of educational policy. The Subcommittee recommends that the Legislative Coordinating Council authorize an interim study regarding this matter.


 Representative George Dean
 Subcommittee Chair


 Representative Wanda Fuller


 Representative Dave Heinemann


 Representative Larry Turnquist

MINORITY REPORT

Legislative Branch Agencies FY 1992

Mr. Chairman:

I concur with the recommendations of this Subcommittee with regard to the FY 1992 budgets of Legislative Branch agencies, but I have not signed the Subcommittee report because I wish to recommend adoption by the full Committee of two additional recommendations, as follows:

1. Delete one position and \$69,417 from the FY 1992 budget of the Office of Revisor of Statutes. The position is a newly employed Assistant Revisor who is assigned to assist in matters pertaining to apportionment. No need for such a position was identified when the 1990 Legislature originally approved the automated redistricting system.
2. Delete one position and \$28,152 from the FY 1992 budget of the Legislative Coordinating Council, Division of Legislative Administrative Services. The deletion is a consequence of the efficiency which should be derived from the use of approximately \$80,000 of microcomputers purchased for this staff near the close of FY 1990. The particular position to be eliminated should be at the agency's discretion.



Representative Kerry Patrick

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Agency: Lieutenant Governor

Bill No. 2044

Bill Sec. 7

Analyst: Ahrens

Analysis Pg. No. 317

Budget Page No. 430

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Agency Req. FY 92</u>	<u>Gov. Rec. FY 92*</u>	<u>Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
State General Fund: State Operations	\$ 107,953	\$ 106,167	\$ --
FTE Positions	3.0	3.0	--

* Excludes amounts reserved for employee compensation.

Agency Request/Governor's Recommendation

The agency budget request for FY 1992 is \$107,953, an increase of \$2,117, or 2.0 percent from the FY 1991 revised agency estimate.

The Governor concurs with the agency except for reductions of \$669 to salaries and wages and \$1,117 to other operating expenditures. The resulting recommendation of \$106,167 is an increase of \$1,442, or 1.4 percent, above estimated FY 1991 expenditures. The recommended appropriation for FY 1992 provides a contingency amount of \$32,561 which is not included in the expenditure total.

House Subcommittee Recommendation

The House Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation.

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Representative Larry Turnquist

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Agency: Governor's Department

Bill No. 2044

Bill Sec. 6

Analyst: Ahrens

Analysis Pg. No. 316

Budget Page No. 224

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Agency Req. FY 92</u>	<u>Gov. Rec. FY 92*</u>	<u>Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
State General Fund:			
State Operations	\$ 1,451,345	\$ 1,459,067	\$ --
FTE Positions	29.5	29.5	--

* Excludes amounts reserved for employee compensation.

Agency Request/Governor's Recommendation

The agency budget request for FY 1992 is \$1,451,345, an increase of \$28,458, or 2.0 percent, from the FY 1991 revised agency estimate.

The Governor recommends a budget of \$1,459,067 for FY 1992, which is equal to the Governor's recommendation for FY 1991 expenditures. The recommended appropriation for FY 1992 provides a contingency amount of \$4,189 which is not included in the expenditure total.

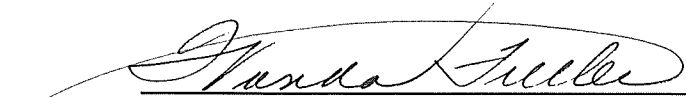
House Subcommittee Recommendation

The Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation.


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Subcommittee Chair



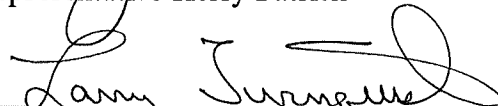
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Representative Kerry Patrick



Representative Larry Turnquist

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Agency: Attorney General

Bill No. --

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Analyst: Rampey

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<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Agency Req. FY 91</u>	<u>Gov. Rec. FY 91</u>	<u>Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
All Funds:			
State Operations	\$ 3,648,706	\$ 7,030,978	\$ --
Aid to Local Units	1,014,593	1,514,593	--
Other Assistance	2,789,068	2,289,068	--
TOTAL	\$ 7,452,367	\$ 10,834,639	\$ --
State General Fund:			
State Operations	\$ 3,039,449	\$ 6,425,965	\$ --
FTE Positions	70.3	70.3	--

Agency Request/Governor's Recommendation

FY 1991. The Attorney General estimates expenditures of \$7,452,367 in FY 1991, of which \$3,039,449 is from the State General Fund. The total does not include a request for a supplemental appropriation of \$3.35 million for water litigation that was submitted after the budget was prepared. (The amount brings the total estimated for water litigation in FY 1991 to \$3,943,694, of which all but \$61,133 is from the State General Fund.) The budget includes a request to approve the expenditure of \$50,000 on behalf of the Highway Patrol and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation from a new fund created by the 1990 Legislature which was inadvertently omitted from an appropriations bill.

The Governor recommends expenditures of \$10,834,639 for FY 1991, of which \$6,425,965 is from the State General Fund. The amount includes a supplemental appropriation of \$3,418,290 for water litigation. Salary adjustments made by the Governor reduce the agency's estimate by \$36,017. The Governor makes no other changes to the agency's estimated expenditures for FY 1991.

House Subcommittee Recommendations

The Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations, with the following exceptions:

1. Place a \$50,000 expenditure limitation on the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Kansas Highway Patrol Special Asset Forfeiture Fund. (The Governor has recommended a "no limit" expenditure limitation.) The agency estimates that

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revenues to the Fund will total \$50,000 in FY 1991. As of February, revenues in the Fund totaled \$30,825.

- 2. Recommend legislation to amend the law relating to the Attorney General's Antitrust Special Revenue Fund. K.S.A. 75-715 *et seq.* provides that 10 percent of any money recovered from the Attorney General's prosecution of activities relating to violations of federal and state antitrust laws be credited to the Antitrust Special Revenue Fund and be used to support agency antitrust operations. Expenditures from the Fund are estimated to be \$115,369 in FY 1991.

Because of settlement reached in the Wyoming Tight Sands Antitrust Cases more than \$1.25 million has been credited to the Antitrust Special Revenue Fund in FY 1991. Because receipts to the Fund far exceed estimated expenditures, the Subcommittee recommends that the law be changed to require that a transfer be made to the State General Fund at the end of each fiscal year of balances in the Antitrust Special Revenue Fund that are in excess of the approved expenditure limitation on the Fund for the next fiscal year. If such legislation were to be enacted, it is estimated that \$825,743 would be credited to the State General Fund at the end of FY 1991, leaving a balance in the Antitrust Special Revenue Fund at the beginning of FY 1992 of \$152,718, which is the Fund's approved FY 1992 expenditure limitation.



 Representative George Dean
 Subcommittee Chair




 Representative Wanda Fuller



 Representative Dave Heinemann



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 Representative Larry Turnquist

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Agency: Attorney General

Bill No. 2044

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Analyst: Rampey

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<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Agency Req. FY 92</u>	<u>Gov. Rec. FY 92*</u>	<u>Subcommittee Adjustments</u>
All Funds:			
State Operations	\$ 3,885,988	\$ 3,594,943	\$ --
Aid to Local Units	990,000	1,490,000	--
Other Assistance	3,177,645	2,452,520	--
TOTAL	\$ 8,053,633	\$ 7,537,463	\$ --
State General Fund:			
State Operations	\$ 3,212,537	\$ 2,944,054	\$ --
FTE Positions	71.3	70.3	--

* Excludes amounts reserved for employee compensation.

Agency Request/Governor's Recommendation

FY 1992. Expenditures for FY 1992 are estimated to be \$8,053,633, of which \$3,212,537 is from the State General Fund. The request includes \$500,000 from the State General Fund for water rights litigation. One new position is requested, an Office Assistant I at a salary of \$12,792, plus benefits, paid from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

For FY 1992 the Governor recommends expenditures of \$7,537,463, of which \$2,944,054 would be from the State General Fund. The Governor does not approve the addition of a new position. In addition to reducing salaries by \$175,007, the Governor further reduces the agency's request by \$116,038, primarily in the areas of travel, computer services, expenditures for court costs, and capital outlay. The Governor concurs with the agency's estimate of \$500,000 for water litigation in FY 1992.

House Subcommittee Recommendations

The Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations, with the following exceptions:

1. Place a \$50,000 expenditure limitation on the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Kansas Highway Patrol Special Asset Forfeiture Fund. (The Governor has recommended a "no limit" expenditure limitation.) The agency estimates that revenues to the Fund will total \$50,000 in FY 1992.

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2. Recommend legislation to amend the law relating to the Attorney General's Antitrust Special Revenue Fund. K.S.A. 75-715 *et seq.* provides that 10 percent of any money recovered from the Attorney General's prosecution of activities relating to violations of federal and state antitrust laws be credited to the Antitrust Special Revenue Fund and be used to support agency antitrust operations. Expenditures from the Fund are estimated to be \$152,718 in FY 1992.

Because of settlement reached in the Wyoming Tight Sands Antitrust Cases, it is expected that \$270,000 will be credited to the Antitrust Special Revenue Fund in FY 1992. Because receipts to the Fund are expected to exceed estimated expenditures, the Subcommittee recommends that the law be changed to require that a transfer be made to the State General Fund at the end of each fiscal year of balances in the Antitrust Special Revenue Fund that are in excess of the approved expenditure limitation on the Fund for the next fiscal year.

3. Amend the law regarding the issuance of bonds by municipalities to authorize the Attorney General to charge a fee to cover the cost of reviewing and approving municipal bond issues. K.S.A. 1990 Supp. 10-108 charges the Attorney General with certain responsibilities to ensure that municipal bond sales conform to applicable statutes and are in proper order. These responsibilities are carried out as part of regular agency operations. It is the Subcommittee's opinion that the cost of reviewing and approving municipal bond sales should be paid for by the municipalities and that the Attorney General should be authorized to charge a fee to recover expenses.
4. The Subcommittee calls attention to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Program, which is funded approximately 90 percent from the State General Fund and the remainder from the Court Cost Fund. Revenues to the Court Cost Fund are moneys from assessments against entities that are successfully prosecuted by the Attorney General and payments made by agencies or other entities as their share of the cost of litigation to which they are party. Receipts to the Fund were \$16,477 in FY 1987, \$53,826 in FY 1988, \$78,017 in FY 1989, \$24,900 in FY 1990, and \$16,718 to date in FY 1991. The Subcommittee questions the utility of the Consumer Protection Program, for which expenditures are budgeted at \$478,371 in FY 1991 and \$479,699 in FY 1992, given the meager amount of money it has recovered in consumer protection litigation.
5. The Subcommittee expresses its disapproval that the Attorney General has on his staff the position of "Public Information Officer II." The Subcommittee calls attention to the fact that other statewide elected officials, namely the State Treasurer and the Insurance Commissioner, do not appear to have a position whose sole purpose and designation is public relations.

George R Dean

Representative George Dean
Subcommittee Chair

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