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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson George Teagarden at 8:15 a.m. on April 12, 1991 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Blumenthal, Turnquist, Vancrum and Wisdom (all 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:

Dr. Walter Woods, Dean of Agriculture, KSU

SB 362 - KSU, extension and agricultural research programs, budgeted as separate agency.

Dr. Walter R. Woods, Dean of Agriculture and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, KSU, testified in support of SB 362 (Attachment 1). SB 362 would establish separate agency status for Extension systems and agriculture research programs at Kansas State University. Dr. Woods explained that all activities under the jurisdiction of the dean of agriculture, except resident instruction, would be budgeted as part of the agency. Agriculture resident instruction programs would remain part of the main campus budget.

Representative Hamm moved that SB 362 be recommended favorably for passage. Representative Hochhauser seconded. In response to a question, it was noted that the President of KSU would have ultimate authority over this subagency budget, which is similar to the status of the KSU Veterinary Medical Center. Representative Patrick made a substitute motion to amend SB 362 by adding provisions making the Hospital at the University of Kansas Medical Center a separate agency from the teaching function for budgetary purposes. Representative Helgerson seconded. Several members expressed support for the separation of the Medical Center budget, but preferred to have a separate hearing on that issue before putting it in statute. Representative Patrick requested to amend his motion to make the separate budget at the Medical Center effective in FY93. Following discussion, Representative Patrick withdrew his motion with the consent of the second, Representative Helgerson, so that a separate bill could be introduced dealing with the Medical Center. On Representative Hamm's original motion, the motion carried.

Regarding SB 73 which was referred to the Committee from General Orders on April 5, 1991, Representative Hamm moved that SB 73 be amended as recommended by the House Committee on Agriculture and the bill, as amended, be reported without recommendation. Representative Chronister seconded. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Representative Helgerson moved introduction of a bill which would establish separate budgets for hospital operations and the educational component of the University of Kansas Medical Center. Representative Fuller seconded. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Committee action this session of pulling all computer and software purchases out of the agency budgets, Chairman Teagarden announced that the House Computers, Communication and Technology Committee has reports prepared which the Committee will be considering at the next meeting--to be announced. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

4/12/91

Presentation to the House Committee on Appropriations
Concerning Senate Bill No. 362

Walter R. Woods

I am Walter Woods, dean of agriculture and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service at Kansas State University. It is a pleasure to be here to give my support for Senate Bill 362, which would establish separate agency status for Extension systems and agriculture research programs at Kansas State University.

The recommendation to establish a separate agency status for Cooperative Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station has been endorsed and approved by both the administration of Kansas State University and the Board of Regents. The separate agency budget would have the following characteristics.

All activities under the jurisdiction of the dean of agriculture except resident instruction would be budgeted as part of the agency. Agriculture resident instruction programs would remain part of the main campus budget.

The dean of agriculture, reporting to the provost and the president, would administer the agency and agriculture resident instruction programs. The agency would be named KSU Extension Systems and Agriculture Research Programs. No additional funding would be needed to establish the separate agency; the portion of the university general use budget now supporting AES and CES would be transferred to this account. General use funding would include the line items now associated with AES/CES as well as funding to support indirect costs. General use funding for indirect costs in the area of institutional support and physical plant would be determined using cost analysis procedures developed by the Regents Task Force on Funding. Special procedures have been developed for identifying funds to support indirect costs for libraries and computing.

The justification for recommending a separate agency is as follows. This action would provide recognition of KSU's legal mandate to provide agriculture research and Extension service and would emphasize the importance of that mandate. It would facilitate communication with the Regents, governor and legislature about agriculture research and Extension programs and permit those groups to focus on different needs of the main campus and the AES/CES programs. It would remove the appearance of competition for funding between the main campus academic programs and AES/CES programs and permit a clear separation of costs between the main campus and AES/CES programs.

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Attachment 1

This is not a new idea in that it has been discussed extensively at Kansas State University. Four of the five Kansas State University peer institutions have established subagencies or similar separately budgeted units for agriculture and Extension activities. It would be the goal to have legislative approval this year so that the separately budgeted subagency would become effective July 1, 1992. In general, my opinion is that the agricultural organizations in the state will be supportive of this recommendation. I endorse these actions and believe they will clearly support the mandated functions we have for the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.