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MINUTES OF CALENDAR AND PRINTING COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robin Jennison at 2:00 p.m. on March 18, 1997, in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Tom Sawyer - excused

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Rochelle Cox, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Joseph Ledbetter
Diane Gjerstad
Secretary Dean Carlson, Dept. Of Transportation
Representative Jim Morrison

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussion and possible action on **HB 2530** - legislator salary and compensation and limitations on hospitality and **HB 2516** - joint legislative committees on state building construction and computers and telecommunications; membership; review of projects and budget estimates.

HB2530 -Testimony was heard from opponenat Joseph Ledbetter. (Attachment 1) Testimony was heard from proponant Diane Gjerstad. (Attachment 2.) Hearings on **HB2530** were closed.

HB2516 -Testimony from Secretary Dean Carlson was heard. (Attachment 3). Jim Wilson overviewed the amendments to the bill. After dicussion was heard, motion was made by Representative Aldritt to adopt amendments by revisor's office to the bill. Motion was seconded by Representative Shallenburger and passed unanimously. Motion was then made by Representative Shallenburger to introduce a bill to have the Chief Architect appointed by the Governor. Motion was seconded by Representative Reardon and passed unanimously. Motion was made by Representative Wagle to move HB2516 to the House floor. Motion was seconded by Rep. Shallenburger and passed unanimously.

The motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 17, 1997 and March 13, 1997 meetings by Representative Shallenburger. Motion was seconded by Representative Mays and passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled on call of the chairman, 1998.

TESTIMONY MARCH 18, 1997

SUBJECT ; LEGISLATIVE PAY RAISE

OPPOSITION / ABSOLUTE

1. Ammount is outrageous for ammount of days requested/ full time pay and retirement for part time work.
2. Most legislators would be opposed to increase in minimum wage by a quarter and than want a 92% increase !
3. Perks and meals SHOULD be banned already.
4. Teachers in the legislator get their summers off even though they aren't on the job in their school districts eight months, like the other teachers. Their time in legislature counts towards their school retirement by various school boards. Double pay.
5. We the people want our overcharges back on property taxes, before we give you another dime in raises, ALL of it !
6. Since the job pays so bad why don't you pass term limits ? One million taxpayers want to know.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ledbetter / Taxpayer, past candidate for legislature ,96
Topeka , Kansas 66611
232-6946

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**House Calendar and Printing Committee
Testimony on H.B. 2530**

Representative Robin Jennison, chairman

*Submitted by: Diane Gjerstad
former House member 1984-92
98th District, Sedgwick County*

Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee:

I stand before you today as both a citizen of our state and a person who has been privileged to sit in the chambers as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives.

Today you have a bill which is both politically difficult and politically right. Compensation for elected officials has always been troublesome. Elected officials seem unwilling to explain why sufficient compensation is important to the process. Moreover, we, as citizens, demean your motivations and any efforts to increase the wage of public servants.

". . . money is the raw material from which we build our lives, whether we like it or not."
Sarah Ban Breathnach, Simple Abundance

The media will unfortunately give this item coverage greater than it's weight when compared to public schools, the elderly, welfare—the people issues confronting our state.

After all the hand wringing is finished we will still find that the Kansas legislature's compensation ranks fortieth in the nation; no adjustment has been made in over eleven years; and of midwestern states Kansas ranks twelfth of fourteen.

Inadequate compensation for elected officials, at any level, throws a wrench into democracy. Our strength lies in the citizen representation within the House and Senate. The value each unique person brings into the Capitol should not be compromised by lack of adequate compensation.

No increase in eleven years puts the citizen form of government into jeopardy. When making the decision to run for public office, money should not play a prominent role either for or against the decision to run.

Kansas values are found in the strength of our state's diversity. Those same qualities are absolutely necessary in our representative form of government. For example, only recently have mothers of young children served; their perspective is valuable to the process.

While the rewards are great there are also personal and financial penalties. The financial penalty to serve has taken a toll in the decreasing numbers of professionals within legislative ranks. I was very fortunate to have worked for Cessna Aircraft Company, who's corporate citizenship wholly supported my legislative involvement.

The public policy decision of whether to compensate members has been well established. The amount of compensation is simply a budget decision.

The best and brightest should always be participating in our state—politically, economically and religiously. Kansas needs all of us because each of us brings a unique point of view to the table.

This is a difficult bill. Public policy is deeply rewarding. And the money paid will never *and should never* totally replace the family and professional sacrifices. The question remains where do you place the balance? Where shall the fulcrum be placed. . . the answer should not be fortieth in the nation or twelfth in the region.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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**ALL STATES BY TOTAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT
COMPENSATION**

<u>States</u>	<u>Expense Accounts</u>	<u>Staffing</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Salary and Per Diem</u>	<u>Total Compensation</u>
California	240,000		4,800 (Car allowance)	108,736	353,536
New York		57,500		74,677	132,177
Texas*	102,000			20,500	122,500
New Jersey	750	70,000		35,000	105,750
Pennsylvania	22,000			83,621	105,621
Illinois	47,000			58,467	105,467
Hawaii	0	54,000		40,320	94,320
Massachusetts	3,600	25,458		59,500	88,558
Florida	18,000	41,892		27,180	87,072
Wisconsin	6,500			65,431	70,931
Michigan	8,935			59,564	68,499
Nebraska		39,701		21,271	60,972
Maryland	15,507			39,240	54,747
Louisiana			31,500	21,675	53,175
Oregon*	3,500	22,825		24,885	51,210
Virginia	9,000	18,000		22,569	49,569
Alaska	6,000			42,132	48,132
Ohio				42,426	42,426
North Carolina			6,708	33,139	39,847
Missouri	7,200	2,100		29,800	39,100
Deleware	5,500			32,500	38,000
Washington	5,400			32,578	37,978
Oklahoma	350			37,600	37,950
Minnesota	0			35,273	35,273
Alabama	22,800			11,700	34,500

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Nevada	0			33,124	33,124
Tennessee	6,300			26,580	32,880
Indiana	5,800			25,565	31,365
South Carolina	6,500			22,684	29,184
Kentucky*	11,400			17,300	28,700
Mississippi			9,600	18,964	28,564
Iowa	1,500			25,340	26,840
Colorado	0			25,900	25,900
Arkansas	13,416			10,170	23,586
Vermont				22,362	22,362
Connecticut	3,500			16,760	20,260
Georgia	4,800			14,429	19,229
West Virginia				18,900	18,900
Idaho	500			17,910	18,410
Arizona	0			17,880	17,880
Kansas (40th)	5,400			12,420	17,820
Maine	0			11,350	11,350
Montana*	0			10,813	10,813
Rhode Island				10,000	10,000
South Dakota				8,575	8,575
Wyoming				7,585	7,585
Utah				5,760	5,760
North Dakota*				5,485	5,485
New Mexico				3,375	3,375
New Hampshire	0			100	100

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**ALL STATES BY TOTAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT
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AVERAGE				Salary and Per Diem	Total Compensation
				\$28,971	\$48,307

* Denotes State Legislatures that meet only once during a two year period. The Session Pay Per Day has been adjusted to reflect this situation.

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MIDWESTERN STATES BY DIRECT COMPENSATION

<u>States</u>	<u>Total Compensation</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Per Diem Compensation</u>	<u>Session Length (Days)</u>	<u>Session Pay Per Day</u>
Wisconsin	65,431	38,056	27,375	365	179.26
Michigan	59,564	50,629	8,935	365	163.19
Illinois	58,467	45,669	12,798	158	370.05
Ohio	42,426	42,426	0	258	164.44
Oklahoma	37,600	32,000	5,600	160	235.00
Minnesota	35,273	29,657	5,616	117	301.48
Missouri	29,800	25,285	4,515	129	231.01
Colorado	25,900	17,500	8,400	120	215.83
Indiana	25,565	11,600	13,965	133	192.22
Iowa	25,340	18,800	6,540	109	232.48
Nebraska	21,271	12,000	9,271	127	167.49
Kansas (12th)	12,420	5,850	6,570	90	138.00
South Dakota	8,575	4,000	4,575	61	140.57
North Dakota*	5,485	2,160	3,325	95	115.47
AVERAGE	\$32,366	\$23,974	\$8,392	163	\$203.32

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Kansas Department of Transportation

March 18, 1997

To: Representative Robin Jennison, Chairman
House Calendar and Printing Committee

Re: Initial Review of 3/18/97 Balloon Amendments to HB 2516

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments.

Subsection (c) of New Section 1 provides that the cumulative cost shall include "... prorated or other estimated amount of all salary and fringe benefit expenses for any state officers or employees working on the project ..." We believe that many state agencies will have a mechanical difficulty in capturing this information because the state accounting system is not a cost or project accounting system. Many state agencies will not have the ability to record hours spent on a project. In addition to the mechanical difficulty, there is the procedural difficulty of determining when a person's time should be charged to a project. For example, if a person attends a meeting that reviewed some aspect of the project should this time be allocated. Generally staff time and costs would be a small portion of an information technology project.

We also have serious questions about the thrust of this legislation without being able to review the companion bill. As we have an opportunity to study HB 2516 and if we have an opportunity to review the companion bill, we may have additional concerns and questions.



E. Dean Carlson
Secretary of Transportation

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