

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 9:05 a.m. on February 16, 2001 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Campbell

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research  
Rae Anne Davis, Legislative Research  
Paul West, Legislative Research  
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Stone moved for the introduction of legislation which would provide authorization for the Kansas Police and Fire retirement system members to purchase credit service. Motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chairperson of the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Secretary of State for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 with the notation of commendation regarding Secretary Thornburgh being elected President of the National Association of Secretaries of State (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Secretary of State for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with notations (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Stone presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Health Care Stabilization Board of Governors for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Stone presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Health Care Stabilization Board of Governors for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted exception (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Insurance Department for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 with the noted comments and exceptions (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Insurance Department for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted comments and exceptions (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Treasurer for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 with the noted adjustments (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver.

Representative Neufeld moved to amend the Committee report to recommend adding to the Governor's budget for FY 2001: \$29,451 for Unclaimed Property; \$24,017 for Municipal Bonds; and \$12,018 for the Pooled Money Investment Board for a total of \$65,486 in order to reduce the shrinkage in those budgets. The motion was seconded by Representative Toplikar. Motion carried 11 to 9.

Representative Pottorff moved for adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations on the Governor's recommendations on the budget for the State Treasurer for FY 2001 with the noted adjustments, as amended (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Treasurer for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted adjustments (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver.

Legislative Research distributed copies of the Governor's Recommended Salaries and Wages Shrinkage FY 2001 and FY 2002 (Attachment 4).

Representative Neufeld moved to conceptually amend the Committee report by adding to the Governor's budget for FY 2002: \$25,069 for Municipal Bonds; \$33,157 for Unclaimed Property; and \$12,550 for the Pooled Money Investment Board in order to reduce the shrinkage in those budgets. The motion was seconded by Representative Toplikar. The motion failed.

Representative Neufeld moved to amend the Committee report to recommend the House Appropriations Committee revisit the issue of shrinkage and the development of a state-wide policy prior to Omnibus. Motion was seconded by Representative Toplikar. Motion carried.

The Committee requested copies be provided of actual FY 2000 turnover rates of state agencies.

Representative Pottorff moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Treasurer for FY 2002 with the noted adjustments as amended (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department on Aging for FY 2001 and moved for the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 5). Motion was seconded by Representative Bethell.

Representative Neufeld made a motion authorizing staff to make technical changes in the FY 2001 Budget Committee report on the Department on Aging as required. Motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department on Aging for FY 2001 as amended (Attachment 5). Motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

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Representative Ballard presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department on Aging for FY 2002 and moved for adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted exceptions and comments (Attachment 5). Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld.

Representative Neufeld moved to authorize staff to make technical changes in the FY 2002 Budget Committee report on the Department on Aging as required. Motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Hermes moved to change 2001 to 2002 on Page 3, Item 7, Line 6 in the FY 2002 Budget Committee report on the Department on Aging. Motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

It was noted in Item 4 of the above mentioned report that when the Department on Aging combined the Senior Care Act, Income Eligible, Case Management, Environmental Modification, and Custom Care into one program, the combined program was cut by \$200,000: \$100,000 from Environmental Modification and \$100,000 from Custom Care.

Representative Henry moved that the Committee revisit this issue during the Omnibus session. Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. Motion carried.

During Committee discussion regarding Recommendation 9 of the Budget Committee report on the Department on Aging, it was pointed out that when the 85 percent occupancy rate (Medicaid) was set, nursing homes usually had an occupancy rate of 96 percent. The average occupancy rate is now 85-86 percent and it is necessary to change the formula to 10 points below the average occupancy rate in order to be paid by Medicaid. Many beds have been decertified since this formula was established in 1985. Currently there are 11,200 Medicaid beds and 9,000 beds considered private pay.

Representative Ballard moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department on Aging for FY 2002 with the noted exceptions and comments as amended (Attachment 5). Motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell moved for the introduction of legislation concerning the conflict of interest in CCDO's Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved to introduce legislation which would sunset the school finance formula in 2003, and establish a joint committee of House and Senate members to study the formula and make their recommendations. Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Representative McCreary moved to introduce legislation regarding the exemption of pensions for disabled veterans. Motion was seconded by Representative Spangler. Motion carried.

Representative McCreary moved to introduce legislation which would exempt 100 percent disabled veterans from paying ad valorem taxes on their property. Motion was seconded by Representative Spangler. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilk adjourned the Committee at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2001.

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