

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on March 7, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Adkins - excused
Senator Paul Feleciano, Jr. - excused
Senator Jean Schodorf - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nicoletta Buonasera, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2003 and FY 2004 were distributed to the committee.

Subcommittee reports on:

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairman Bunten reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustment for FY 2003.

Subcommittee Chairman Bunten reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustments and comments for FY 2004.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to amend the subcommittee report in FY 2004, page 5, Item 3, last line, regarding establishing a task force to study the future of Cedar Bluff Reservoir and presenting its findings, to delete the word "after" and replace with the word "before" January 12, 2004. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

State Conversation Commission (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairman Bunten reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2003.

Subcommittee Chairman Bunten reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with notations for FY 2004.

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the State Conversation Commission for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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Kansas Water Office (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairman Buntun reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2003.

Subcommittee Chairman Buntun reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with recommendations and notations for FY 2004.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to amend the subcommittee report in FY 2004 regarding Item number 6, and replace it with the language in Item number 3 from the FY 2004 Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks subcommittee budget report. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Buntun moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Water Office for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Department of Agriculture (Attachment 4)

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2003.

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustment and notations for FY 2004.

The subcommittee added letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, Adrian Polansky, regarding his vision for agriculture and rural Kansas and the Kansas Department of Agriculture Role in Preventing Biological and Agriculture Threats in the two categories of plant and animal which is included in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Department of Agriculture for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Animal Health Department (Attachment 5)

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2003.

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with notations for FY 2004.

Subcommittee Chairman Morris explained that there is an amendment requested by the Animal Health Department with earlier evaluation of their budget and there is concern that it will be very difficult with current resources for the Department next year and the Department is requesting allowing up to a 50 percent increase in fees. Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Buntun, to introduce a bill to discuss fees in regard to the Animal Health Department. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Animal Health Department for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas State Fair (Attachment 6)

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2003.

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with notations for FY 2004.

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Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas State Fair for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to approve the minutes of the February 3, February 3 (meeting at the rail), February 5, February 6, February 10, February 11, February 12, February 13, February 14, February 17, February 19, 2003 meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2003.