

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on March 10, 2005, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Weber- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dennis D. Embry, Ph. D., President of PAXIS Institute
Sheila Frahm, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
David Monical, Executive Director of Governmental and University Relations, Washburn University
Doug Kinsinger, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce
Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties
Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners
Craig Weinsug, County Administrator for Douglas County
Mary Ellen Conlee, Wichita Area Technical College

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 House Budget Committee Reports on Capital Improvements
- Attachment 2 Status of the State Building Funds as of March 9, 2005
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee Report on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Capital Improvements FY 2005 and FY 2006
- Attachment 4 Budget Committee Report on Real Estate Commission and Real Estate Appraisal Board
- Attachment 5 Presentation by Dennis Embry, President, PAXIS Institute
- Attachment 6 Testimony on **HB 2502** by Shela Frahm, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
- Attachment 7 Testimony on **HB 2502** by David G. Monical, Washburn University
- Attachment 8 Testimony on **HB 2502** by Doug Kinsinger, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce
- Attachment 9 Testimony on **HB 2502** by Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties
- Attachment 10 Testimony on **HB 2502** by Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County Commissioner
- Attachment 11 Testimony on **HB 2502** by Craig Weinsug, Douglas County Administrator
- Attachment 12 Testimony on **HB 2502** by Mary Ellen Conlee, Wichita Area Technical College
- Attachment 13 Testimony on **HB 2502** by Bernie Hoch, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce
- Attachment 14 Testimony on **HB 2502** by Reginald Robinson, Kansas Board of Regents

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Representative Bethell moved to introduce legislation to move the nurse's registry from the Department of Health and Environment to the Board of Nursing. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved to introduce legislation to create the Healthcare Authority. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwab. Motion carried.

Deb Hollon, Legislative Research Department, presented a report on the House Budget Committee Reports Capital Improvements (all agencies) as recommended in the Budget Committee's reports previously heard (Attachment 1); report on the Status of the State Building Funds (Attachment 2); and the Budget Committee Report on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Capital Improvements FY 2005 and FY 2006 (Attachment 3). Responding to a question from the Committee, Ms. Hollon indicated that the bonding authority recommended by the Governor for the Ellsworth Correctional Facility is \$3.5 million.

Representative Light moved to remove the \$3.5 million bonding authority for the Ellsworth Correctional Facility in the Department of Corrections budget for FY 2006 from the capital improvements report and review at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Cook. Motion carried.

Ms. Hollon stated that two items were omitted from the Capital Improvement Report as presented: (1) \$30,000 from the State General Fund (SGF) for matching grant funds at the Grinter Place State Historic Site; and (2) \$90,000 to repair skylights at the State Historical Society Museum with both items to be reviewed at Omnibus and from the report of the Public Safety Budget Committee on the State Historical Society for FY 2006.

Representative Light moved to amend the Public Safety Budget Committee's recommendation for capital improvements for the Juvenile Justice Authority for FY 2005 and FY 2006 by delaying for review at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Pilcher-Cook. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved to adopt the House Budget Committee Report on Capital Improvements for FY 2005 and FY 2006 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff moved to recommend **HB 2481** favorable for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Real Estate Commission for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Real Estate Commission for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Real Estate Commission for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Real Estate Appraisal Board for FY 2005, FY 2006 and FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005, FY 2006 and FY 2007 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Chair Neufeld recognized Gary Daniels, Acting Secretary of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, who introduced Dennis Embry, President, PAXIS Institute, who gave a presentation on the Implications for Social and Fiscal Policy: Low Cost Strategies to Turn the Tide on Prevention and Treatment

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of Multi-Problem Behavior Affecting Kansas Health, Safety and Human Capital (Attachment 5). The presentation focused on “what works” for adolescents with multiple problem behaviors.

Responding to questions from the Committee, Secretary Daniels indicated that the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is currently working on a pilot program in conjunction with Dr. Embry and his colleagues, to develop some of the tools of their research, to use with children in the foster care system.

The Chair thanked Dr. Embry for his presentation.

Hearing on HB 2502 - Out-district tuition for community colleges and Washburn university continued through 2006-07 academic year.

Deb Hollon, Legislative Research Department, explained that **HB 2502** amends statutes governing out-district tuition for community colleges and Washburn University. Under the Higher Education Coordination Act, out-district tuition rates, charged to counties, was to be reduced annually as the State Operating Grant to those institutions increased. **HB 2502** would extend the collection of out-district tuition and defer the phase-out for one year.

Proponents:

Sheila Frahm, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, presented testimony in support of **HB 2502** (Attachment 6).

The Committee requested information on the number of all scholarships provided by each of the community colleges and whether these recipients are in-state, out-of-state or out-of-country and what funds are used for these scholarships.

David Monical, Executive Director of Governmental and University Relations, Washburn University, presented testimony in support of **HB 2502** (Attachment 7).

Doug Kinsinger, President of the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce, presented testimony in support of **HB 2502** (Attachment 8).

Written testimony from Reginald Robinson, President of the Kansas Board of Regents, in support of **HB 2502**, was distributed to the Committee (Attachment 9).

Opponents:

Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties, presented testimony in opposition of **HB 2502** (Attachment 10).

Dave Unruh, Board of Commissioners, Sedgwick County, presented testimony in opposition of **HB 2502** (Attachment 11).

Craig Weinsug, County Administrator for Douglas County, presented testimony in opposition of **HB 2502** (Attachment 12).

Mary Ellen Conlee, presented testimony, on behalf of the Wichita Area Technical College, in opposition of **HB 2502** (Attachment 13).

Written testimony from Bernie Koch, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, in opposition to **HB 2502** was distributed to the Committee (Attachment 14).

Chair Neufeld closed the hearing on HB 2502.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 2005.

Melvin Neufeld, Chair

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