

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on January 24, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs)
Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, Legislative Division of Post Audit

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Introductions

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Taddiken, to introduce a bill relating to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; providing for the funding thereof (3rs0446). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to approve the minutes of January 11 and January 12, 2005, as amended with two technical corrections to the minutes of January 12. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman welcomed Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs), who presented an overview and legislative issues regarding KPERs (Attachment 1). Mr. Deck's overview included the following items:

- KPERs Overview (membership, benefits and service, and investments)
- Death and Disability Program (benefits, funding, KPERs recommendations and Joint Committee on Pensions and Investments recommendations)
- Retirement Funding (background, funding progress and current status, and contribution increases)
- Alternative Retirement Plan Design

Mr. Deck Committee questions and discussion followed. Senator Wysong requested a copy of KPERs investment policy plan. Mr. Deck responded that he would get copies of their Conference of Annual Reports, which would be the first item he would provide for all the committee members.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, Legislative Division of Post Audit, who presented a briefing on Audit-Related Issues for the Senate Ways and Means Committee (Attachment 2). Ms. Hinton addressed performance audits of interest to the committee with key findings and audit-related issues since the last session and audits issued during the last three years.

Ms. Hinton provided copies of the following information:

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- Legislative Division of Post Audit, Summary of Performance Audit Reports, Calendar Years 2002 - 2004 (Attachment 3)
- Legislative Post Audit Summary of Performance Audits Currently Underway or Approved, January 18, 2005 (Attachment 4)

Committee questions and discussion followed. Senator Barone asked about the tax amnesty that was given a couple of years ago and how that figured in the audit. Senator Morris mentioned that it is a subject that should be pursued. It was noted by the committee that the Subcommittee on the Department of Revenue would be the entity to take a look at the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2005.