

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jay Emler at 10:30 A.M. on March 4, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Donald Betts- excused

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Duane Goossen, Director, Division of the Budget
Janice Magathan, Deputy Director, Accounts and Reports, Kansas Department of Administration
Duncan Friend, Department of Administration in the Division of Information Systems and Communications
Andy Sanchez, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Public Employees
Kansas Board of Regents (written)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to introduce a bill regarding promulgation of rules and regulations by the Secretary of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services; relating to the prior authorization program (5rs1100). Motion carried on a voice vote. (Attachment 1)

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to introduce a bill authorizing the Kansas State Historical Society to convey certain land at the Shawnee Indian Mission historic site to the City of Fairway, Kansas (5rs1095). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to introduce a conceptual bill regarding the pet animal act. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2005 and FY 2006 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee budget report on:

LEGISLATIVE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS SUBCOMMITTEE (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairman Emler explained that Senator Betts was ill, but he did verbally agree with the subcommittee report and that Senator Betts could let him know, if he does not agree with the report. There is no minority report.

Legislative Coordinating Council

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Legislative Coordinating Council concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 with observation and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with adjustments and observation.

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Legislative Division of Post Audit

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Legislative Division of Post Audit concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 with observation and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with adjustments and observation.

Revisor of Statutes

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Revisor of Statutes concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 with observation and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with adjustments and observation.

Kansas Legislative Research Department

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Legislative Research Department concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 with observation and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with adjustments and observation.

Legislature

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Legislature concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 with observation and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with adjustments and observation.

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler explained in reference to Item No. 5 in FY 2006, the \$380,000 purchase of Tablet computers for every legislator, and 2.4 FTE, that Tablet computers are more versatile than Laptop computers. Committee discussion followed. Regarding Item No. 5, Senator Morris suggested it would be beneficial to have someone come in to talk about the computer issue to aid the Legislative Coordinating Council in making decisions in the future, preferably prior to adjournment.

Senator Steineger mentioned that he had talked with Jeff Russell, Legislative Services, about the cost of buying paper clips and binder clips and the cost per year is approximately \$1,400.00. Senator Steineger moved, with a second by Senator Schmidt, a "paper clip proviso" to stop buying paper clips and binder clips for one year. Senator Steineger mentioned that because there is so much mail and items delivered to the offices, it is important to be mindful of the materials and cost involved. Following committee discussion regarding recycling and individual responsibility, Senator Steineger withdrew his motion upon agreement of Senator Schmidt, the second to the motion. He noted that his point had been made.

Discussion followed regarding Item No. 6 in FY 2006 regarding session committee secretaries and the workload. Following discussion, Senator Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to amend the subcommittee report on the Legislature and add language that the Committee recommends that the Legislative Coordinating Council study the issue of secretarial support for the Legislature, review all committees and look at the way work is done. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Legislative Coordinating Council, Legislative Division of Post Audit, Revisor of Statutes, Legislative Research Department and, as amended, on the Legislature in FY 2005 and FY 2006. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee budget reports on:

Kansas Department of Agriculture

Animal Health Department

Kansas State Fair (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairman Mark Taddiken reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of

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Agriculture concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 with comment and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with comments and adjustments.

Subcommittee Chairman Mark Taddiken reported that the subcommittee on the Animal Health Department concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 with comment and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with adjustments and comments.

Subcommittee Chairman Mark Taddiken reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas State Fair concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 with comments and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with adjustments and comments.

Senator Kelly moved, with a second by Senator Taddiken, to adopt the subcommittee budget reports on the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Department and Kansas State Fair in FY 2005 and FY 2006. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

SB 286--Compensation and salaries for state officers and employees, increases, semimonthly payroll periods, appropriations for FY 2006

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Duane Goossen, State Budget Director, testified on **SB 286** (Attachment 4). Mr. Goossen explained that the Kansas Department of Administration fully supports the portion of the bill that implements a 2.5 percent salary increase for state employees in FY 2006. He noted that funds to finance the increase for all of FY 2006 have been included in the Governor's budget recommendation to the Legislature. Mr. Goossen mentioned that the Kansas Department of Administration opposes the portion of the bill that converts the present bi-weekly pay system to a semi-monthly system, and he advised not moving forward on that part of the bill. Key points opposing a conversion to semi-monthly pay are detailed in Mr. Goossen's written testimony.

Janice Magathan, Deputy Director of Accounts and Reports, Kansas Department of Administration, addressed the conversion implications of Bi-Weekly Pay to Semi-Monthly Pay (refer to the written testimony presented by Duane Goossen, Attachment 4).

Duncan Friend, Project Director for the recent project to upgrade SHARP (State's PeopleSoft Human Resource and Payroll System), provided an overview of the SHARP HR/Payroll System (Attachment 5). Mr. Friend explained the approach to estimating a project to convert to semi-monthly pay, Gantt Chart walkthrough, risks and the impact on plans to upgrade the PeopleSoft software. He addressed the point that if they were to undertake a project to convert the SHARP system to semi-monthly pay, he would recommend against attempting to combine this project with an upgrade of the underlying PeopleSoft software. Mr. Friend noted that the principal reason is the increased level of risk introduced when managing the changes and requirements of a new release of a software package along with a date certain deadline for implementation of semi-monthly pay and provided detailed information in his written testimony.

Andy Sanchez, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Public Employees, testified on **SB 286** and mentioned that this is not about state employees simply having to re-align their finances, they will and it will be problematic for some (Attachment 6). Mr. Sanchez asked that the Committee carefully weigh all the factors to make certain that the employees involved are not being asked to bear more than their share of the burden.

Written testimony was submitted by Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents (Attachment 7).

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on SB 286.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7,2005.