

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:35 A.M. on March 11, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Mike Heim, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Kimbra Caywood McCarthy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cody Gorges, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative L. Candy Ruff
Wayne Bollig, Director, Veterans Services, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs
Ken Stodgill, Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars
Mary Ann Keating, Executive Director, Topeka Association for Retarded Children, Inc. (TARC)
Joe Waters, Director of Facilities, Board of County Commissioners, Johnson County
Eric Stafford, Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Inc.

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Taddiken moved, with a second by Senator Goodwin, to introduce a conceptual bill concerning the Republican River and Arkansas River, disposition of litigation moneys. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2008 and FY 2009 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee reports on:

Kansas Corporation Commission (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Corporation Commission concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments.

Senator McGinn moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Corporation Commission in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board

Subcommittee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn reported that the subcommittee on the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustment and notation.

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Senator McGinn moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Insurance Commissioner, Kansas Insurance Department (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Insurance Commissioner, Kansas Insurance Department, concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Insurance Commissioner, Kansas Insurance Department, in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 with notation and concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2009 with adjustments.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Wysong, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Guardianship Program (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairwoman Jean Schodorf reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Guardianship Program concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Guardianship Program in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

SB 626--An act establishing the veterans enhanced service delivery program

Scott Wells, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, briefed the committee on the bill (Attachment 4).

Representative L. Candy Ruff testified in support of **SB 626** (Attachment 5). Representative Ruff mentioned that **HB 2923** unanimously passed the House and is similar except for amendments that addressed the Post Audit provisions.

Wayne Bollig, Director, Veterans Services, Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, spoke as a proponent on **SB 626** (Attachment 6). An important component of the bill would be the Enhanced Service Delivery Program outlined in the bill.

Ken Stodgill, Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars, testified in support of **SB 626** (Attachment 7). Mr. Stodgill mentioned that as a service organization, they are very interested in the bill and support it.

The Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 626**.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

SB 650--Secretary of social and rehabilitation services to convey certain properties at Kansas neurological institute to Topeka association for retarded citizens, inc.; approval of deed by attorney general

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Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Mary Ann Keating, Executive Director, Topeka Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., testified in support of **SB 650** (Attachment 8). Ms. Keating explained that they have visited with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and the state architect and they all have agreed to TARC's request retarding an additional 9.34 acres of land to build a Senior Center. They hope that there is a favorable response to their request for additional land from the state.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 650**.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to recommend SB 650 favorable for passage and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman turned the committee's attention to discussion of:

SB 485—Counties; alternative building construction procurement contracts; bidding changes

Eric Stafford, Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Inc., (Attachment 9) and Joe Waters, Director of Facilities, Board of County Commissioners, Johnson County (Attachment 10) provided detailed explanations regarding changes on the bill.

The Chairman requested that the Revisor draft a substitute bill due to all the changes. Senator Steineger moved, with a second by Senator Wysong, to adopt the Johnson County amendments and draft a substitute bill for consideration. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2008.