

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mike Burgess, Chair, at 3:30 p.m. on February 7, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird, Legislative Research
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research
Katherine McBride, Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Linda Herrick, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Monte Coffman, Executive Director, Windsor Place, Coffeyville, Ks

Others attending:

(see attached list)

Chair Burgess asked if there were any bills to be introduced. Representative Howell would like to see a bill drafted pertaining to replacement of state vehicles after they have reached 100,000 miles. He feels this is not an appropriate measure and perhaps replacement should be based on vehicle inspection. Representative Howell made the motion that a bill be drafted specifying state vehicle replacement should be based on inspection or condition of the car. Representative DeGraaf seconded the motion, and the committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Chair Burgess also requested a pricing flexibility bill be drafted. This would allow citizens who file state forms (licensure, taxes, etc.) electronically to receive a price break as opposed to persons filing in the paper version. Chair Burgess made the motion, and it was seconded by Representative Fund. Chair Burgess asked for discussion. Representative Loganbill asked for something to be added to the bill that would apply to senior citizens and others that do not have access to computers to not be penalized because they could not file electronically. Chair Burgess noted that his intention is to bring back the bill that passed the House last year that had minimal fees for paper forms. He added that this should be discussed when the bill is heard. After this discussion, the committee voted unanimously to approve the motion to draft a bill for pricing flexibility for electronic vs. paper filed state forms.

Chair Burgess then introduced Monte Coffman, Executive Director, Windsor Place, a long-term care organization. Mr. Coffman's presentation was on HCBS Telehealth (telemedicine). (Attachment 1) Telemedicine is an exchange of medical information from one point to another through the use of technology. Chair Burgess thanked Mr. Coffman for his presentation.

In regard to topics discussed by the committee and possibly drafted into bills, prioritized budgeting will be handled by the Appropriations Committee, and we will follow its progress. There was nothing to report on enterprise efficiencies per Representative Howell. The sale of state assets, looking at portions of properties to sell, is not yet in bill form. Number of appraisals to sell property will be a topic for next year.

The last day to introduce bills is February 9. The last committee meeting will be February 21.

The chair asked if there was any other business, and there was none.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.