

MINUTES OF THE SENATE KPERS SELECT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 1:30 p.m. on March 18, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator King, excused
Senator Masterson, excused.

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Linda Reed, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Glenn Deck – Executive Director of KPERS (Kansas Public Employees Retirement System)
Jane Carter – Kansas Organization of State Employees
Brian Thompson – President of Public Employees Association of Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman directed the floor to Senator Vratil. Senator Vratil indicated that in the meeting of March 15, 2011, he suggested that in the bill what is commonly known as the Reservation of Rights Provision be included. The Senator stated that he still feels that the provision should receive future consideration, but it is now more appropriate to leave it out of **SB 49** and in turn, ask the Study Commission to look at it as one issue that they may consider in their recommendation.

Senator Vratil made the motion to remove the Reservation of Rights Provision language from **SB 49**.
The motion was seconded by Senator Kelly.

Ms. Jane Carter, Chairwoman for the Coalition for Keeping the Kansas Promise, presented testimony with Limited Opposition to **SB 49** (Attachment 1). Ms. Carter stated with the removal of the language regarding the Reservation of Rights Provision, the Coalition was now in favor of the bill.

The Chairman stated that he wanted to assure that the Study Commission would include members who would be well represented if this legislation is passed.

Brian Thomspson, President of Public Employees Association of Kansas presented testimony as a Neutral Opponent (Attachment 2).

Discussion was opened on **SB 49--Increased employee and employer contribution rates and benefit formula multiplier.**

The Chairman indicated that the agenda for today would look at the recommendations of the base bill of **SB 49**, proposed amendments and take action so that this bill can be passed out to the floor of the senate.

Mr. Julian Efird, from the Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented to the Committee the DRAFT Proposed Amendments to Substitute for **SB 49** Summary of Key Provisions – March 16, 2011. (Attachment 3) Mr. Efird explained to the Committee the Statutory Employer Contribution Cap Increases, Employee Contribution Rate Increases, Elect and Increase Benefit Formula Multiplier and KPERS Study Commission. Mr Efird stated that with the action of the motion earlier today, the Reservation of Rights Provision was removed from the draft.

Mr. Glenn Deck, Executive Director of KPERS provided to the Committee information previously requested by Senator Kelly regarding the Effect of Increased Contributions and the Effect of Increasing Multiplier. (Attachment 4). The Projected Fiscal Impact Substitute for **SB 49** Proposed by Senate Select Committee on KPERS' was also presented by Mr. Deck. (Attachment 5)

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the KPERS Select Committee at 1:30 p.m. on March 18, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

Senator Hensley pledged to the coalition presented here that the minority party's appointments to the Commission would consist of three of the four coming from school, non-school and local groups. Senator Longbine agreed with the input from Senator Hensley regarding representation of the Commission. Senator Morris stated that this legislation is designed for all of us to work with our State Employees.

Senator Vratil moved to approve amendments as listed in the documents.

Senator Kelly second the motion.

Senator Vratil moved that the committee recommend the **SB 49** documents be included in Senate Sub for **HB 2194** as amended favorably for passage.

Senator Teichman seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.