

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:35 a.m. on January 9, 2001, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Fiscal Staff of the Kansas Legislative Research Department:

Alan Conroy	Audrey Nogle
Robert Chapman	Carolyn Rampey
Rae Anne Davis	Leah Robinson
Julian Efird	Tom Severn
Debra Hollon	Kathie Sparks
Amy Kramer	Robert Waller
Stuart Little	Paul West
Amory Lovin	

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes

Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman

Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached guest list

The meeting opened with Chairman Morris congratulating all committee members present for being on Ways and Means and noted that a vast majority of time is spent in what is needing to be dealt with in the subcommittees. The Chairman mentioned that he felt that this is a great learning experience and that all remain on a steep learning curve.

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD), introduced the Fiscal Staff at the request of Chairman Morris and gave a brief history of each analyst including educational experience, length of time with KLRD and staff assignments. Copies of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Assignments–FY 2002 were distributed to the Committee (Attachment 1). Mr. Conroy mentioned that the Fiscal Staff stands ready to help and hopefully provide information in a timely and appropriate manner. Mr. Conroy mentioned that KLRD Staff members Debra Hollon and Amory Lovin are assigned to the Ways and Means Committee. Chairman Morris noted that the research staff does an exceptional job and he looks forward to working with them. The Chairman introduced Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman, and Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary. Chairman Morris mentioned that Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes and Mike Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, will staff the committee. They are referred to almost daily and he is very happy to be working with them.

Chairman Morris noted some housekeeping items. The subcommittee assignments are not ready to go yet but the information will probably be released sometime the following week. There will be approximately 30 subcommittees. The Chairman mentioned that one change is that in the past there was a full SRS subcommittee, a Mental Health subcommittee and a Mental Retardation subcommittee and that this year those subcommittees will be folded into one large SRS subcommittee.

In regard to the Committee working bills, Chairman Morris explained that he does not anticipate change in operation of this committee very much from when Senator Kerr was Chair.

The Chairman noted the following information regarding the Committee:

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- When the Committee votes on a subcommittee report, it will be done by voice vote.
- When the Committee works the whole bill, the big budget bill and all other bills, it will be a recorded roll call vote.
- All the other bills passed out of Committee will be recorded roll call votes.
- When members need to be absent for whatever reason, please call Mary or Deb that you will not be able to attend the meeting which would be very helpful.
- Due to the Committee time being short, please try to be on-time so the meetings can begin on-time.
- The Committee does have an hour and a half committee meeting this year which will help a lot, but may run over into the noon hour a number of times.
- Workload will be significant and all will serve on a number of subcommittees.

Chairman Morris welcomed Charles E. Simmons, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections, who gave an overview of the Department of Corrections, including inmate population, capacity issues and implementation of 2000 **SB 323** ([Attachment 2](#)). Senator Feleciano asked Secretary Simmons about the impact on prison population that was projected when 2000 **SB 323** was being debated compared to the actual impact based on numbers collected since the effective date of 2000 **SB 323**. Secretary Simmons noted that the Sentencing Commission projections provided to the Legislature during the 2000 session indicating that 800 prison beds would be freed up were based on the total impact on prison population, not on the total number of inmates impacted. Secretary Simmons noted as an example that it would take three conditional violators who are placed at an institution for 120 days to free up one prison bed for a year. Chairman Morris asked if Barbara S. Tombs, Kansas Sentencing Commission, would respond to the question. Ms. Tombs stated that the projected impact of 2000 **SB 323** on the prison population she submitted to the 2000 Legislature compared to the actual population was off by 48 inmates or 0.57 percent as of December 31, 2000. Information was distributed from the Kansas Sentencing Commission regarding Jail Time as a Condition of Probation and Jail Time Imposed for Condition Probation Violators ([Attachment 3](#)). Detailed Committee questions and discussion followed. Some discussion was in regard to the overall assessment on the management of KDOC because of 2000 **SB 323**, judging 2000 **SB 323** as a public safety issue. Chairman Morris thanked Secretary Simmons for his presentation before the Committee.

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes, presented a memorandum in regard to Appropriation Bill Items ([Attachment 4](#)). Mr. Furse explained applicable Kansas Constitutional provisions, items which may be included in appropriation bills, what appropriation bills may not include and bill drafting standards. In closing, Mr. Furse noted that he would be happy to visit with members of the Committee in regard to the memorandum.

An orientation session was scheduled for the new members on the Committee for Friday, January 12, 2001, Room 123-S upon adjournment of the Senate.

Copies of "The Governor's Budget, State of Kansas, Report Volume 1, Fiscal Year 2002" was distributed to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 10, 2001.