

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 February 5, 2001, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All Present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Others attending: See attached guest list

Bill Introduction

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to introduce a bill (1rs0800) concerning children: children in need of care definitions. Motion carried.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 86 - Late fees for failure to obtain park permits

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Clint Riley, Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks who spoke in favor of **SB 86** (Attachment 1). Mr. Riley mentioned that by increasing the late payment fee to \$15.00, the department hopes that the fee serves as a more effective deterrent and park users would obtain the required park permits without being cited for a violation. The Chairman thanked Mr. Riley for his presentation before the Committee.

Committee questions and discussion followed. There being no further conferees to appear before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 86**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 96 - The director of information technology and director of capital improvements for the department of corrections are unclassified employees

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Tim Madden, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Corrections, who presented the prepared testimony from Secretary Charles E. Simmons and spoke in favor of **SB 96** (Attachment 2). Mr. Madden explained that **SB 96** enhances the Department's ability to be competitive in recruiting and retaining qualified personnel for the positions proposed to be in the unclassified service. The Chairman thanked Mr. Madden for his presentation before the Committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Committee discussion and questions followed regarding the salaries and classified or unclassified status of Information Technology positions within other State agencies.

There being no further conferees to appear before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 96**.

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

SB 86 - Late fees for failure to obtain park permits

Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to pass SB 86 as favorable. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

SB 96 - The director of information technology and director of capital improvements for the department of corrections are unclassified employees

Committee questions and discussion followed. Senator Barone requested more information regarding the Department of Correction's information technology positions and what the other State agencies are doing. Chairman Morris directed Staff to query into what the other agencies are doing. Chairman Morris suggested having the Department of Administration come and visit with the committee to provide additional information.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2001.