

Approved: May 20, 2002 (by letter)

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:40 a.m. on March 6, 2002 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
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efir, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jerry Sloan, Budget and Fiscal Officer, Office of Judicial Administration
Mike Taylor for Robert Lancaster, Pension Manager, City of Wichita

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 637--Appropriations for FY 2002 for operating expenses for the judicial branch

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill (Attachment 1).

Jerry Sloan, Budget and Fiscal Office, Office of Judicial Administration, testified in support of **SB 637** (Attachment 2). Mr. Sloan explained that it was crucial to take prompt action to get the recommended funding to the Judicial Branch as soon as possible, and noted that without additional funding, furlough days would be needed.

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 637**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to amend SB 637 effective upon publication in the Kansas Register. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend SB 637 favorably for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Roger Donlon and Charles Hagemeister, both Medal of Honor recipients, who were present for the committee meeting due to their interest in the issue of the provision of Veterans Services by the State through the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs. A service flag was presented to Chairman Morris.

Subcommittee reports on:

Commission on Veterans Affairs (including the Kansas Soldiers' Home and the Kansas Veterans' Home) (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairman Jackson reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2002.

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Subcommittee Chairman Jackson reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2003 with notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend the subcommittee report in Item Number 7 to transfer \$30,000.00 from the Coordinated Public Transportation Assistance Fund in the Department of Transportation to the Commission on Veteran's Affairs. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Commission on Veterans Affairs (including the Kansas Soldiers' Home and the Kansas Veterans Home) for the FY 2002 and FY 2003 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Department of Human Resources (Attachment 4)

Subcommittee Chairman Huelskamp reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2002.

Subcommittee Chairman Huelskamp reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2003 with adjustments and comments as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Huelskamp, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Department of Human Resources for the FY 2002 and FY 2003 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2622--Contribution rates for local police and fire pension plans

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Mike Taylor, City of Wichita, testified on behalf of Robert L. Lancaster, Pension Manager, City of Wichita, in support of **HB 2622** (Attachment 5). It was noted in Mr. Lancaster's testimony that the City of Wichita and the Police and Fire Retirement System of Wichita recognize the necessity for adequate funding measures to insure the availability of pension benefits to the more than 1,000 active police and fire employees and 800 retirees and beneficiaries.

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2622**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend **HB 2622** favorably for passage and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2002.