

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 11:10 a.m. on April 27, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Dave Kerr - excused

Committee staff present:

Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes Office
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Kim A. Wilcox, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Regents
Charles "Chip" Wheelen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine
Senator Lana Oleen (written testimony)

Others attending: See attached guest list

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to review of the minutes of the meetings of March 8, March 12, March 13, March 20, and March 21, 2001. Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to approve the minutes of the meetings as listed above. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2014--Professional service scholarships, osteopaths, optometrists, nurses, teachers, national guard officers

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Dr. Kim Wilcox, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Regents, who spoke in support of **HB 2014** (Attachment 1). Dr. Wilcox noted in his testimony that many of the changes recommended by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee are intended to streamline the administration of the scholarship programs by making them consistent with one another and generally update certain scholarship statute provisions.

Chairman Morris welcomed Charles "Chip" Wheelen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine. Mr. Wheelen stressed that this bill is the product of a great deal of work and collaboration over several years' time and urged support of **HB 2014** (Attachment 2).

Written testimony was received by Senator Lana Oleen in support of **HB 2014** (Attachment 3).

Committee questions and discussion followed each conferee's testimony and the Chairman thanked them for their appearance before the committee.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to pass **HB 2014** as favorable. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2001.