

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on January 11, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michelle Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Umbarger mentioned that he is looking forward to working with the committee and staff. He introduced the Senate Ways and Means Committee office staff: Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman; Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary and Sue Coleman-Munoz, Office Secretary.

J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, was recognized by the Chairman and Mr. Scott introduced the agency's Fiscal Staff. Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Fiscal Assignments—FY 2005 were distributed (Attachment 1).

The Chairman recognized Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes, who explained that he and Jill Wolters will be staffing the committee from the Revisor's Office.

Chairman Umbarger mentioned that the Vice-Chairman of the committee is Senator Jay Emler and the Ranking Minority Member is Senator Jim Barone. The Chairman further explained that his office is open to all committee members and that he wishes an open dialogue with members of the committee. He requested a fair and balanced dialogue with each member on the committee and to respect each other's opinions.

Senator Barone noted that the committee can know and appreciate the staff, as with any other committee, in that they are friendly, aware of confidential issues, can be trusted and they hold a wealth of knowledge. Chairman Umbarger agreed with the comments made by Senator Barone.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2005.