

Approved: June 30, 2005 (see 5/20/05)
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:05 A.M. on May 20, 2005, at the rail on the 3rd floor outside the Senate Chamber of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Steve Morris- excused

Committee staff present:
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Gordon Self, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others attending:
various

Chairman Umbarger called the committee's attention to discussion of:

Senate Substitute for HB 2518--Death benefits for beneficiaries of certain Kansas national guard members; appropriations therefor (Attachment 1)

Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office, explained the possible tax implications of federal and state taxes regarding the death benefit proposed in the bill. The Committee discussed the proposed substitute bill. Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to insert language in Senate Substitute for HB 2518 similar to KPERS to insure that the death benefit is not taxed at the state level. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to recommend Senate Substitute for HB 2518 favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote. (Attachment 2)

Senator Barone asked the committee to review a draft bill concerning the Kansas National Guard, providing for reimbursement of premium costs of certain death benefits for members in federal service; prescribing certain duties and functions for the Adjutant General; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the Adjutant General. No action was taken.

Copies of the following sets of minutes were distributed to the committee members:

March 11, March 30, April 27 and April 28

If there are any changes or additions, the Committee is to call the Kansas Legislative Research Department prior to May 31, 2005. If there are no requests for changes by that date, the minutes listed above will stand approved as of May 31, 2005.

Note: The minutes of April 21-22, 2005 (Omnibus session) and May 20, 2005 were distributed for review and approval on June 22, 2005, the first day of the 2005 Special Legislative Session and approval day was set for June 30, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. This was the last meeting for Senate Ways and Means for the 2005

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:30 A.M. on May 20, 2005, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Legislative Session.