

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 2002, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Spangler, Excused
Representative McCreary, Excused

Committee staff present: Amy Kramer, Legislative Research
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
Julian Efir, Legislative Research
Deb Hollon, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Peterson, Chairperson of the Tax, Judicial, and Transportation Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Revenue for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Peterson, Chairperson of the Tax, Judicial, and Transportation Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Revenue for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with the noted adjustments (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Hermes. Motion carried.

The past due revenue and tax collections are on schedule in that \$49 million has been collected by the Department of Revenue as of mid-February. The high rate of compliance was accredited to the efforts of the Department, the improved tracking ability, and negotiated settlements. Demanded shrinkage of the Division of Motor Vehicles has led to seven or eight positions being held open for every 100 FTE positions. Legislative Research Department was asked to find the actual numbers for shrinkage, turnover, and retirement for the past ten years. Also questioned was the amount of sick leave that is used per state employee versus that of federal employees.

Representative Pottorff, Chairperson of the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Department of Commerce and Housing for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chairperson of the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Department of Commerce and Housing for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with notations (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

In response to questions regarding the Department of Commerce and Housing's lack of supporting documentation for proposed 5 percent budget cuts in certain programs and areas, representatives of the Department explained that they were incrementally adopting the new budgeting procedures and would be carefully analyzing each program. Benchmarks would be set with successes and failures noted during this developmental phase. Details would appear in their annual report. Also discussed was whether the Department of Commerce should be funded out of the state general fund and what should it actually fund.

Representative Stone, a member of the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for Kansas, Inc., for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2).

Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Stone, a member of the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for Kansas, Inc., for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver, a member of the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver, a member of the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with notations (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the option of restructuring Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation, Kansas, Inc., and the Department of Commerce and Housing as a public policy issue. Chairman Wilk instructed staff to contact those involved requesting such a review by first adjournment. Also to be included in such a review are, Representatives Mason and Mayans. The timing of the Lt. Governor leaving and a new president of K-Tec makes this a most appropriate time for such a review.

Representative Pottorff, Chairperson of the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee reports on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Governmental Ethics Commission for FY 2002 and FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 and FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Staff distributed copies of the programs and a comparison of the Legislatively approved funding for FY 2002 and the Governor's Recommendations for FY 2002 for the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (Attachment 3).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2002.

CONTINUATION SHEET