

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:30 a.m. on January 15, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present.

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Trevor Steinert, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Chapman, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Duane A. Goossen, Director, Division of the Budget

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Stephen Morris welcomed all to the meeting and mentioned that there will be a few changes in the subcommittee assignments. The subcommittee assignments will be ready as soon as possible.

Chairman Morris introduced Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, who introduced Staff. Copies of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Assignments - FY 2003 were distributed (Attachment 1).

Chairman Morris welcomed Duane A. Goossen, Director, Division of the Budget, who presented an Overview of the FY 2003 Budget (Attachment 2). Director Goossen mentioned that the two most significant impacts on the budget are as follows:

1. State General Fund (SGF) Revenue Drop and
2. Increasing Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and Department on Aging Caseloads.

Senator Feleciano requested information from the Division of the Budget regarding itemized adjustments to the Regents budget. Senator Barone requested details from the Division of the Budget regarding the Medicaid cost savings mentioned on page four of the Overview. Regarding page five of the Overview, Senator Barone also requested information expended annually treating all of the transfers as expenses and treating property tax buy-down the same way every year as in the years 1999 to 2000. Chairman Morris thanked Director Goossen for his presentation before the Committee.

Chairman Morris explained the Kerr/Morris Budget Proposal (Attachment 3) with additional explanation and comments regarding the Kerr/Morris Budget Proposal made by Senator Dave Kerr. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to introduce three bills regarding the Kerr/Morris Proposal concerning:

1. retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System and systems thereunder; unfunded obligations for certain benefits (1rs1557),

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2. making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 (1rs1532),
and

3. concerning state finance; maximum expenditures and demand transfers from the state
general fund (1rs1562). The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to introduce a resolution requested by the Department on Aging encouraging decreased dependence on public moneys to finance long-term care and education concerning long-term care insurance (1rs1536). The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to introduce a bill requested by the Department of Corrections concerning the director of accounts and reports; authorizing the processing and payment of certain claims from the Secretary of Corrections (1rs1515). The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2002.