

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:10 a.m. on April 5, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey - excused
Senator Nick Jordan - excused
Senator Jean Schodorf - excused

Committee staff present:

Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bobbi Mariani, Director, Division of Personnel Services, Department of Administration

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Introduction

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to introduce a bill concerning the state board of tax appeals; membership (1rs2423). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris welcomed Bobbi Mariani, Director, Division of Personnel Services, Department of Administration, who gave a briefing regarding State Employee Bonuses (Attachment 1). Ms. Mariani explained that they feel bonuses are necessary to maintain some very critical government operations, but they would not want a bonus program to be sustained at the expense of having to furlough or lay off an employee. She also noted that bonuses are an integral part of an employee's direct compensation in today's economy and are normally in the private industry. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Morris thanked Ms. Mariani for the briefing.

The current status of the following information was provided by the Kansas Legislative Research Department:

- Senate Adjustments to Governor's Recommendation - Reflects Senate Committee Adjustments for FY 2002 and FY 2003 (Attachment 2)
- Ways and Means Committee Recommendations, FY 2003 Budget Adjustments - in millions (Attachment 3)
- Transfers Affecting State General Fund As Recommended by Senate Committee (Attachment 4)
- State General Fund Profile Reflecting Senate Committee Amendments on **SB 457** and **SB 640** - in millions (Attachment 5)
- Senate Items for Omnibus Consideration - Reflects Senate Committee Action (Attachment 6)
- One-Time Moneys Utilized in **SB 457** and **SB 640** (Attachment 7)

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2002.