

Approved: January 24, 2006
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:45 A.M. on January 10, 2006 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Chief of Staff
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed all the members of the committee to the 2006 legislature, introduced his staff and introduced Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, who will also be staffing the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

The following sets of minutes from the Senate Ways and Means Committee meetings that were held during the Special Legislative Session were distributed to the Committee for review:

- June 20, 2005
- June 21, 2005
- June 22, 2005 (a.m.)
- June 22, 2005 (p.m.)
- June 23, 2005
- June 25, 2005
- June 27, 2005 (a.m.)
- June 27, 2005 (p.m.)
- June 28, 2005

The Chairman noted that the Committee would approve the minutes at the January 19, 2006, meeting and to notify the committee secretary if there are revisions.

The Chairman recognized Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes, who distributed a memorandum regarding select bills remaining in the Committee and provided information on the status of each of the bills (Attachment 1).

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Wysong, that the following bills be not passed:

SB 20--KPERs, calculation and certification of employer rates of contribution

SB 21--Payment to KPERs claimants on canceled warrants

SB 22--KPERs, affiliation date for certain employers to provide death benefits for employees

SB 95--KPERs, retirement benefit options for spouse of member in certain circumstances

SB 99--Retirement plan for certain employees of state board of regents and certain educational institutions thereunder

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:30 A.M. on January 10, 2006 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

SB 279--Death and disability benefits for certain employees of educational institutions under management of state board of regents

SB 286--Compensation and salaries for state officers and employees, increases, semimonthly payroll periods, appropriations for FY 2006

SB 291--KPERs, increased employer contributions for death and disability benefit plan

SB 293--Shawnee Indian mission state historic property, sale of a portion to city of Fairway, proceeds for site redevelopment;

and retain the following bills:

SB 189--Increasing KPERs lump-sum death benefit to \$5,000

SB 236--KPERs, postretirement benefit adjustment of 3% for retirants who retired prior to July 1, 2004

SB 237--Retirant dividend payment to certain KPERs retirants

Motion carried.

Chairman Umbarger referred the following bills to the KPERs Issues Subcommittee:

SB 189--Increasing KPERs lump-sum death benefit to \$5,000

SB 236--KPERs, postretirement benefit adjustment of 3% for retirants who retired prior to July 1, 2004

SB 237--Retirant dividend payment to certain KPERs retirants

The Chairman acknowledged J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, who presented an overview of the Reports of the Joint Committee on the Legislative Budget committee to the 2006 Kansas Legislature (Attachment 2). The study topics were the State General Fund, Utilization of State Juvenile Justice Correctional Facilities, State Park Financing and Operations, Mental Health Issues that Impact State Mental Health Facilities and the Impact on Prison Capacity, Base Realignment and Closure Commission-Kansas Army Ammunition Plant, Structure of the State Board of Tax Appeals, Nursing Facility Reimbursement, Funding for Technical Colleges, and Veterans' Benefits and Services.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2006.