

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:45 a.m. on March 27, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All Present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Lynn Jenkins
Senator Lana Oleen
Joyce Allegrucci, Assistant Secretary, Children and Family Policy, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Karen Sheckman, Executive Director, Florence Crittenton Services
Albert Murray, Commissioner, Juvenile Justice Authority
Sylvia Crawford, Executive Director, The Villages
Bruce Linhos, Children's Alliance, Association of Child Welfare Agencies
Frank Ross, Executive Director, Elm Acres Youth and Family Services, Pittsburg
Gerald Christensen, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee
Katherine Kent, Topeka Resident
Dale Brunton, Director of Accounts and Reports, Department of Administration

Others attending: See attached guest list

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SCR 1610--A concurrent resolution directing that state rates for residential services be reviewed by a joint interim study

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed the following conferees:

Senator Lynn Jenkins spoke in support of **SCR 1610** (Attachment 1).

Senator Lana Oleen spoke in support of **SCR 1610** (Attachment 2).

Joyce Allegrucci, Assistant Secretary, Children and Family Policy, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, spoke in support of **SCR 1610** (Attachment 3).

Albert Murray, Commissioner, Juvenile Justice Authority, spoke in support of **SCR 1610** (Attachment 4).

Karen Sheckman, Executive Director, Florence Crittenton Services of Topeka, Inc., spoke in support of **SCR 1610** (Attachment 5).

Sylvia Crawford, Executive Director, The Villages, Inc., spoke in support of **SCR 1610** (Attachment 6).

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Bruce Linhos, Director, Children's Alliance of Kansas, spoke in support of **SCR 1610** (Attachment 7).

Frank Ross, Executive Director, Elm Acres Youth and Family Services, provided written testimony in support of **SCR 1610** (Attachment 8).

Gerald Christensen, Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee, spoke in support of **SCR 1610**. Mr. Christensen noted that this is a very small step in a long process. (No written testimony was provided.)

Katherine Kent, Topeka resident, spoke in support of **SCR 1610** (Attachment 9). Ms. Kent also provided two newspaper articles regarding Kansas children which are on file with the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

There being no further conferees to appear before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SCR 1610**.

Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to amend SCR 1610 on page 1, lines 34-35, to add Level IV and emergency care. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to pass SCR 1610 favorable as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearings on:

HB 2550—Director of division of purchases; duties

HB 2551—State officers and employees; reimbursement rates for mileage and travel subsistence

HB 2552—State institutions; canteen and key deposit funds

Dale Brunton, Director of Accounts and Reports, Department of Administration, in support of **HB 2550** (Attachment 10), **HB 2551** (Attachment 11) and **HB 2552** (Attachment 12). Mr. Brunton also submitted a proposed amendment to **HB 2552** in regard to a recent development in the implementation of the program requiring agencies to accept credit cards by July 1, 2001 (Attachment 13).

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearings on **HB 2550**, **HB 2551** and **HB 2552**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to pass HB 2550 as favorable. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to pass HB 2551 as favorable. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Senator Huelskamp moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to pass HB 2552 as favorable. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2001.