

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:40 a.m. on February 20, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Adkins - excused
Senator Christine Downey - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Duane Goossen, Director, Division of the Budget
Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Pam Scott, Executive Director, Kansas Funeral Directors Association

Others attending: See attached list

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2003 and FY 2004 were distributed to the committee.

Subcommittee report on:

Kansas Guardianship Program (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairman Jackson reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2003.

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Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY 2003 and FY 2004. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 175--State general fund, consensus revenue estimate, April 2003

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Duane Goossen, Director, Division of the Budget, explained that the administration is in support of **SB 175**. Director Goossen asked to change the date from April 18 to April 22 to allow maximum processing in regard to opening the State income tax returns. (No written testimony was submitted.)

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 175**. Committee questions and discussion followed.

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Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend **SB 175**, line 31, to change the date from April 18 to April 22. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to recommend **SB 175** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 213--Medicaid recipients to report prearranged burial agreements to secretary of social and rehabilitation services

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, Integrated Service Delivery, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, testified in support of **SB 213** (Attachment 2). Ms. Shively mentioned that the bill would help the Department's Estate Recovery Program by increasing recoveries from the estates of deceased medical assistance recipients (Medicaid).

Pam Scott, Executive Director, Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, Inc., testified that their association does not oppose the intent of the **SB 213**, but feel that the wrong statutes are used to achieve the objectives sought in the bill (Attachment 3). Committee questions and discussion followed.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 213**.

Committee questions and discussion followed. Chairman Morris asked Ms. Scott to discuss with the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in regard to the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2003.