

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on February 7, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Paul Feleciano, Jr. - excused
Senator Larry Salmans - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, 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:

Colonel Don Brownlee, Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Introduction

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to introduce a bill concerning criminal procedure; relating to the Kansas parole board (3rs0456). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill concerning the state general fund; relating to estimates of revenues (3rs0611). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a Senate concurrent resolution, a proposition to amend section 8 of article 2 or the constitution of the State of Kansas, relating to the duration of sessions of the Legislature (3rs0001). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Bunten, to approve the minutes of the January 22, January 24, January 27, January 28, January 29, January 30 and January 31, 2003 meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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

Subcommittee reports on:

Legislature (Attachment 1)

Senator Adkins mentioned that in crafting the budget, the Governor decided to not have the Legislative Agencies nor the Judiciary go through the regular adjustment process but that last year's budget would merely be inserted into this year's budget as a placeholder; therefore, any enhancements such as longevity or pay increases were not included in these agencies and it was up to the subcommittee to determine whether or not those adjustments would be required and that is where it is shown throughout the legislative agencies those adjustments being made to inform those agencies' employees to be treated as if they were working for any other state agency.

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustments for FY 2004.

Senator Buntten moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to remove Item Number 3 from the subcommittee report in FY 2004 for the Legislature regarding the 1.5 percent salary increase for all Legislative staff agencies so they be treated similarly with the Executive Branch employees, and to flag this item for review at Omnibus or place it in a separate bill to treat it as a systemwide issue Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Legislature for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Legislative Coordinating Council (Attachment 2)

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustments for FY 2004.

Senator Buntten moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to remove Item Number 2 from the subcommittee report in FY 2004 for the Legislative Coordinating Council regarding the 1.5 percent salary increase for all Legislative staff agencies so they be treated similarly with the Executive Branch employees, and to flag this item for review at Omnibus or place it in a separate bill to treat it as a systemwide issue Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Legislative Coordinating Council for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Legislative Research Department (Attachment 3)

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustments for FY 2004.

Senator Buntten moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to remove Item Number 3 from the subcommittee report in FY 2004 for the Kansas Legislative Research Department regarding the 1.5 percent salary increase for all Legislative staff agencies so they be treated similarly with the Executive Branch employees, and to flag this item for review at Omnibus or place it in a separate bill to treat it as a systemwide issue Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Legislative Research Department for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Legislative Division of Post Audit (Attachment 4)

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustments for FY 2004.

Chairman Morris explained the 2002 proviso in regard to shrinkage savings and OOE.

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Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to remove the 2002 proviso in regard to shrinkage savings and OOE as no one knew the significance of what was going to happen with the allotments. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to remove Item Number 3 from the subcommittee report in FY 2004 for the Legislative Division of Post Audit regarding the 1.5 percent salary increase for all Legislative staff agencies so they be treated similarly with the Executive Branch employees, and to flag this item for review at Omnibus or place it in a separate bill to treat it as a systemwide issue Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Legislative Division of Post Audit for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Revisor of Statutes (Attachment 5)

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustments for FY 2004.

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to remove Item Number 2 from the subcommittee report in FY 2004 for the Revisor of Statutes regarding the 1.5 percent salary increase for all Legislative staff agencies so they be treated similarly with the Executive Branch employees, and to flag this item for review at Omnibus or place it in a separate bill to treat it as a systemwide issue Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Revisor of Statutes for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Governor's Department (Attachment 6)

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with an observation for FY 2004.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Governor's Department for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Lieutenant Governor (Attachment 7)

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2004.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Lieutenant Governor for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Secretary of State (Attachment 8)

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

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Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with notations for FY 2004.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Secretary of State for the FY 2003 and FY 2004. Motion carried on a voice vote.

State Treasurer (Attachment 9)

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins explained that the State Treasurer's subcommittee report was complicated in trying to get to a totally fee-funded operation in one year.

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with comments and observations for FY 2004.

Committee questions and discussion followed regarding Item Number 5 and the proposed supplanting State General Fund dollars with fees on Unclaimed Property Claims in the FY 2004 subcommittee budget report. Chairman Morris mentioned that it may not be possible to completely fee fund the State Treasurer agency. He suggested that the Division of the Budget and the State Treasurer's Office meet at some point during the session to discuss it. Chairman Morris mentioned that the subcommittee budget report will be held until a later date and that the subcommittee continue to work on it.

Kansas Insurance Department (Attachment 10)

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustments and observations for FY 2004.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, in FY 2003, Item Number 1, to eliminate the words in the last sentence, "before the end of FY 2005." which removes the date. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Insurance Department for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Health Care Stabilization Fund (Attachment 11)

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

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustments and notations for FY 2004.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Health Care Stabilization Fund for the FY 2003 and FY 2004. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Downey, a conceptual resolution on behalf of the hard work of state employees because how hard it has been to go through two years of much pressure and cutting with tough decisions and still maintaining their high quality work in providing services. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris welcomed Colonel Don Brownlee, Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol, who presented an overview of the Kansas Highway Patrol. Colonel Brownlee distributed copies of the Kansas Highway Patrol Budget Information (Attachment 12) and Kansas is the "Crossroads of our Nation" (Attachment 13).

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He explained that the Kansas Highway Patrol supports the Governor's recommendation on funding their agency, specifically, the recommendation to transfer funding from the State General Fund to the State Highway Fund for the Kansas Highway Patrol. Colonel Brownlee mentioned that Kansas ranks 4th nationally in the number of road miles and the Kansas Highway Patrol ranks 38th in size of State Law Enforcement Agencies. Committee questions and discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2003.