

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 9:40 a.m. on February 27, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jim Barone - excused
Senator Tim Huelskamp - excused
Senator Dave Kerr - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rae Anne Davis, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Kramer, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Lloyd Stone
Senator James Bamett
Bruce Buchanan, comments by Jeff Burhead
Chris Walker, Editor of the Emporia Gazette, Great-grandson of William Allen White
Karen Smith, Professor, Emporia State University
Dr. Ramon Powers, Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society
Glenn Deck, Executive Secretary, KPERS
Jarold Boettcher, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, KPERS

Others attending: See attached guest list

Subcommittee budget reports on:

Juvenile Justice Authority (Attachment 1)

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001 with adjustment and notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustment and notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility (Attachment 2)

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001 with notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility (Attachment 3)

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001 with notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility ([Attachment 4](#))

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001 with notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility ([Attachment 5](#))

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001 with notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to approve the Subcommittee budget report on Juvenile Justice Authority and the Juvenile Correctional Facilities. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Kansas State Library ([Attachment 6](#))

Senator Jordan reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Senator Jordan reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and notations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to approve the Subcommittee budget report on the State Library. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Kansas State Historical Society ([Attachment 7](#))

Senator Jordan reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Senator Jordan reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to approve the Subcommittee budget report on the Kansas State Historical Society. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Kansas Arts Commission ([Attachment 8](#))

Senator Jordan reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Senator Jordan reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the Subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Arts Commission. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 309 – Acceptance of certain real property by the state historical society

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Representative Lloyd Stone who spoke in support of **SB 309** (Attachment 9). Representative Stone noted that **SB 309** would transfer the ownership of the William Allen White house, located at 927 Exchange Street in Emporia, to the State Historical Society. He mentioned in his testimony that it seems only fitting that the William Allen White home be preserved so that future generations might know of, and remember, this famous Kansan.

Chairman Morris welcomed Senator James Barnett who spoke in support of **SB 309** (Attachment 10). In Senator Barnett's testimony, it was noted that this project has broad support and he asks for approval of this collaborative effort that will benefit Kansans.

Chairman Morris welcomed Jeff Burkhead, Executive Director of the Kansas Press Association, who presented comments for Bruce Buchanan, Harris Enterprises, Inc., Hutchinson, in support of **SB 309** (Attachment 11).

Chairman Morris welcomed Chris Walker, Editor of the Emporia Gazette and Great-grandson of William Allen White. Mr. Walker noted that the City of Emporia is very supportive of this project as is the Emporia Chamber of Commerce. He noted that one of the most requested items is William Allen White's editorial written when his daughter died. (No written testimony was submitted.)

Chairman Morris welcomed Karen Smith, Emporia State Professor, who spoke in support of **SB 309**. Ms. Smith distributed copies of the editorial, Mary White, by William Allen White regarding his daughter's death (Attachment 12) and a list of quotations about William Allen White (Attachment 13). She presented historical information regarding William Allen White. (No written testimony was submitted.)

Chairman Morris welcomed Dr. Ramon Powers, Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society (Attachment 13). Dr. Powers mentioned that he was asked by Senator Barnett to appear before the Committee to comment on two matters as follows:

- the process by which properties become part of the state's historic sites system; and
- the assessment of William Allen White's importance in Kansas history.

Detailed explanation is found in Dr. Powers' testimony.

The Chairman thanked the conferees for appearing before the Committee. There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 309**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 322 – KPERS board of trustees, assignment of certain positions

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Glen Deck, Executive Secretary, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) who spoke in support of **SB 322** (Attachment 14). Mr. Deck explained the background, flexibility proposals and proposed changes of **SB 322**. Mr. Deck noted that the Board believes **SB 322** provides it with the authority it needs to organize and staff the agency to carry out its fiduciary responsibilities.

Chairman Morris welcomed Jarold Boettcher, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, KPERS. Mr. Boettcher noted that KPERS has no existing staff for the specific management of these monies. The process requires them to go through a lengthy process. (No written testimony was submitted.)

The Chairman thanked the conferees for appearing before the Committee. There being no further

conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 322**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 330 – Professional services sunshine act, exemptions

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Glenn Deck, Executive Secretary, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) who spoke in support of **SB 330** (Attachment 15). Mr. Deck explained the background and proposed exception to the Professional Services Sunshine Act in Attachment A listed The Board of Trustees' Existing Statutory Authority and in Attachment B, Statement of Investment Policy, Objectives and Guidelines. Mr. Deck noted that **SB 330** would exempt any contract for professional or consultant services entered into by KPERs from the requirements of the Professional Services Sunshine Act.

Chairman Morris welcomed Jarold Boettcher, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, KPERs. Mr. Boettcher mentioned that from a Trustee's perspective there have been different interpretations of the statutes and all they are really asking for is restoration of the authority they thought they had and exercised for eight years. (No written testimony was submitted.)

The Chairman thanked the conferees for appearing before the Committee. The Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 330**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2001.