

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE KANSAS 2000 COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kenny Wilk at 1:45 p.m. on March 16, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:      Representative Tim Carmody - excused  
                                                                 Representative Susan Wagle - excused

Committee staff present:              Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department  
                                                                 Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
                                                                 Janet Mosser, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:              See attached list.

Chairperson Wilk resumed discussion on the motion by Representative Sloan to report the substitute for **SB 40** favorable for passage. Representative Sloan moved the motion. The Chair ruled that it appeared the motion carried. Division was requested. A show of hands indicated seven in favor and six against. A second show of hands was requested and indicated seven in favor and seven against. The Chair voted in favor of the motion to break the tie. The motion carried with a vote of eight to seven.

Chairperson Wilk directed the committee's attention to **SB 138 - State employees; disciplinary actions**. Representative Kirk provided the committee with a summary of the contents of **HB 3018** (Attachment 1). Representative Kirk moved to amend SB 138 by including the provisions of HB 3018. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. Discussion followed. Representative Kirk withdrew the motion. The second was withdrawn by Representative Horst.

Representative Kirk moved to amend SB 138 by substituting a new bill to include SB 138 and adding language in HB 3018 with the adjustment of including correctional officers in severance pay provisions which were omitted from HB 3018 in error. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. Discussion followed. Representative Gregory suggested that an ongoing lay off policy be developed at some time in the future. The motion carried.

Representative Barnes moved to further amend SB 138 by including the provisions of HB 2839. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Discussion followed. Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department, reviewed the contents of HB 2839. Jack Hawn, Deputy Executive Secretary, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs), was recognized and assisted in answering questions. The motion carried.

Representative Kirk made a conceptional motion to further amend SB 138 by including provisions of HB 3029 in the substitute bill with additional language concerning federal income tax compliance as recommended by Jack Hawn, Deputy Executive Secretary, KPERs. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

Chairperson Wilk wanted to also extract the portion of **HB 2808** dealing with the death benefit given to a 501(c)(3) entity and amend that into **SB 138**. Discussion followed on the need for more precise language. It was decided to hold up on this proposal.

Representative Alldritt moved to further amend SB 138 by increasing the death benefit from \$4,000 to \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Discussion followed. Jack Hawn, Deputy Executive Secretary, KPERs, was recognized and assisted in answering questions. The Chair ruled that it appeared the motion failed. Division was requested. A show of hands indicated six in favor and seven against. The motion failed.

Chairperson Wilk provided a handout on retirement for corrections KPERs employees (Attachment 2).

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Chairperson Wilk moved to further amend **SB 138** by including language so all Group A and Group B employees can retire under the 85-point rule. Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department, briefed the committee on the history of the issue. The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

Representative Kirk moved to report House substitute for **SB 138** as amended favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. The motion carried.

Chairperson Wilk adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2000.