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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Kerr at 11:00 a.m. on February 9, 2000 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Ranson, who was excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, KLRD  
Rae Anne Davis, KS Legislative Research Department  
Debra Hollon, KS Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Corrigan, Asst. Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman  
Ronda Miller, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Lawrence moved that bill draft 9rs 2246 be introduced as requested by Senator Bleeker. The motion was seconded by Senator Petty and carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman welcomed the Leadership Hutchinson Class to the day's meeting.

Written testimony from the Fraternal Order of Police in opposition to **SB 387** was distributed to members. (Attachment 1)

The subcommittee report on the **Department of Agriculture** for FY 2001 was reviewed by Senator Morris. (Attachment 2) There was some discussion regarding the establishment of a new agricultural remediation reimbursement program (item 2). During discussion of the impact of 1993 legislation which caps the number of FTE positions due to retirements (item 3), a representative from the Department of Agriculture stated that 7 or 8 positions have been lost due to retirements and not restored over the last couple of years. Chairman Kerr noted that the subcommittee studying 1993 HB 2211 expects to make modifications of current law.

Senator Morris reviewed the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Animal Health Department**. (Attachment 3) It was noted that the subcommittee's recommendation to provide 1 FTE position can be established in the appropriations bill.

The FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Kansas Water Office** was presented by Senator Downey. (Attachment 4) In her review of item 4, she requested that staff add "potential pollutants" to the list of concerns. The Committee concurred that this constitutes a technical amendment.

In answer to a concern regarding the transfer of monies from the Water Marketing Fund to the SGF (item 2), it was noted that the agency has built up that fund to "smooth" the impact of any federally imposed increases in the water rate.

Senator Downey reviewed the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **State Conservation Commission**. (Attachment 5) It was reported that the agency heads have been straightforward in communicating their concern about the costs of the projects associated with water protection programs, especially in FY 2002 and beyond, to the subcommittee.

The FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Kansas State Fair** was reviewed by Senator Morris. (Attachment 6) Members discussed whether budget constraints within the Department of Corrections would keep inmate crews from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility from working at the fair grounds. It

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was noted by Senator Morris that the State Fair pays for guards.

The FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Kansas Wheat Commission** was reviewed by Senator Morris. (Attachment 7) There was Committee discussion regarding performance measures for the market share projects (item 4). Members discussed the history of the projects, and it was noted that this is the first year for most of them. It was moved by Senator Morris and seconded by Senator Salmans that item 4 of the subcommittee report on the Kansas Wheat Commission be amended by requesting that a report of the results of the market share projects be made to the 2001 Legislature. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Kerr reviewed the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Department of Wildlife and Parks**. He told members that there is a prohibition against allowing AmeriCorps personnel to perform work that the state has performed. He asked that the subcommittee on the Department of Corrections reexamine the Governor's recommendation to reduce FTE positions from the state's correctional facilities' inmate work detail because of the potential negative impact on the condition of the state parks.

Senator Downey moved, Senator Petty seconded that item 2 of the subcommittee report be amended by restoring the \$275,000 EDIF to the Local Government Outdoor Recreation Program. She distributed copies of information regarding the Local Government Outdoor Recreation Program (Attachment 9) and commended the program, saying that it is a 1:1 match with local dollars and receives in-kind contributions from communities to create long term recreation programs. There was discussion of other possible funding sources as well as historical funding levels of the program. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Senator Petty distributed copies of an explanation of the fee funds which she suggested could be evaluated by subcommittees. (Attachment 10)

It was moved by Senator Morris and seconded by Senator Salmans that the subcommittee reports on the Department of Agriculture, the Animal Health Department, the State Conservation Commission, the Kansas State Fair, the Department of Wildlife and Parks, the Kansas Water Office as technically amended, and the Kansas Wheat Commission as amended be adopted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will be February 10, 2000.