

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 12:20 p.m. on March 27, 2001, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Chairman Wilk
Representative Landwehr
Representative Toplikar
Representative Spangler
Representative Pottorff
Representative Kline

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
Rae Anne Davis, Legislative Research
Amy Kramer, Legislative Research
Robert Waller, Legislative Research
Kathy Sparks, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: General Gardner,
Joyce Cussimano, Children's Cabinet
Susan Somers, Board of Accountancy

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Stone moved for the approval of the Minutes of March 13 and 14, 2001, as presented. Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Hearing and Action on HB 2106–Kansas national guard; pay and allowances

Robert Waller, Legislative Research Department, explained the bill which would simplify the pay arrangement for persons serving in the Kansas national guard when they are called upon for emergency or civil duty.

Major General Greg Gardner, Adjutant General, appeared before the Committee and presented testimony in favor of the bill which should reduce the possibility for errors in determining compensation for persons serving in the national guard (Attachment 1).

Vice-Chairman Neufeld declared the hearing closed as there were no opponents appearing.

Representative Stone moved that the bill be passed and because the Committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Hearing on SB 170–Kansas children's cabinet to enter into agreements with not-for-profit entities

Kathy Sparks, Legislative Research Department, explained the bill which would allow the Children's Cabinet to accept donations or grants.

Joyce Cussimano, Kansas Children Cabinet, presented testimony supporting their request for the bill which would allow the Cabinet to negotiate with a not-for-profit foundation to receive, administer and manage funds that are contributed to benefit children (Attachment 2). The Attorney General would review any initial contracts for such contributions or grants, however, the AG would not have the authority to designate how the money is to be spent. Ms. Cussimano explained that this bill would allow flexibility for the donors in determining how their gifts were to be spent.

There were no opponents appearing and Vice-Chairman Neufeld closed the hearing on **SB 170**.

Hearing and Action on SB 110–Board of Accountancy fee

Amy Kramer, Legislative Research Department, explained the bill as a “clean-up” as it would strike language which is no longer applicable to the State Board of Accountancy.

Susan Somers, Executive Director of the Board of Accountancy, presented testimony explaining that the CPA Examination has been privatized and the exam fees are no longer paid to the Board of Accountancy but rather directly to the CPA Examination Services (Attachment 3). A request for this change in language will also be channeled through the Joint Committee on Rules and Regulations.

There were no opponents appearing and Vice-Chairman Neufeld declared the hearing closed on **SB 110**.

Representative Bethell moved to report the bill favorably and because of its noncontroversial nature, place it on the Consent Calendar. Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Staff distributed copies of the bill explanation for 2001 **HB 2557** as amended by the House Committee on Appropriations (Attachment 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2001.