

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 1:10 p.m. on April 4, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey - excused  
Senator Tim Huelskamp - excused

Committee staff present:

Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Campbell, Senior Deputy Attorney General

Others attending: See attached list

**Bill Introductions**

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to introduce a bill concerning social welfare; enacting the senior pharmacy plus act (1rs2312). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to introduce a bill concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas employees retirement system; death and disability (1rs2268). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2982--Tobacco product manufacturers making required escrow payments and being participating manufacturers**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

John Campbell, Senior Deputy Attorney General, testified in support of **HB 2982** (Attachment 1). He explained that **HB 2982** would make the escrow requirement nearly self-executing by prohibiting licensed distributors from applying tax stamps to the products of Non Participating Manufacturers (NPM) who have not complied with Kansas law. The Attorney General's Office would maintain a list of those brands which are part of the Master Settlement Agreement, or which are sold by NPMs who are complying with the law. All the distributors would have to do is check the list.

Written testimony was submitted by Ron Hein, Hein Law Firm, Chartered, in support of **HB 2982** (Attachment 2).

Committee questions and discussion followed. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2982**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to recommend **HB 2982** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Bill Introduction**

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill concerning school district budgeting (1rs2411). Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2002.