

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on March 15, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Nicoletta Buonasera, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy Vanhouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2004 and FY 2005 were available to the committee.

**Subcommittee budget reports on:**

**Capital Improvements (Attachment 1)**

Copies of the Senate Capital Improvements, Adjustments to the Governor's Recommendation, were reported by Subcommittee Chairman Morris, distributed to the committee and discussion followed (Attachment 2).

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to amend the subcommittee report regarding the State Historical Society, FY 2005, Item No. 1, to correct the last sentence to eliminate the word "Omnibus" and insert the wording "next session". Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to recommend the dorm renovation for the School for the Deaf, Item No. 1, in FY 2005, for an interim study to look at the necessity for both the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind to remain open, or to consider consolidation into one school and earmark, but not expend, the funds for the dorm renovation at this time until a study is completed by September 30, 2004, and funds to be released by the State Finance Council.

Senator Adkins moved a substitute motion, with a second by Senator Jackson, to remove the funding for the dorm renovation for the School for the Deaf, Item No. 1, in FY 2005, and direct staff to research, by Omnibus, the full summation of capacity that exists with the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend SB 537 with a balloon amendment

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regarding a land transfer with the University of Kansas Medical Center with the University of Kansas Endowment Fund (Attachment 3). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on Capital Improvements in FY 2004, FY 2005 and FY 2006 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Discussion on:

**SB 537--Appropriations for FY2004, FY2005 and FY2006 for capital improvements for various state agencies**

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend **SB 537** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**Subcommittee reports on:**

**Kansas Corporation Commission (Attachment 4)  
Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board**

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Corporation Commission concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments.

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Corporation Commission in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the subcommittee on the Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with an adjustment.

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2004.