

Approved: April 19, 2007
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on February 28, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Roy Jensen, MD, Director, Masonic Cancer Research Institute, KU Medical Center

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Steineger moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill concerning professional corporations; relating to audiologists (7rs1238). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Wysong, to introduce a conceptual bill that would create Johnson county education research triangle authority. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Steineger moved, with a second by Senator Wysong, to introduce a conceptual bill concerning the conveyance of real estate and improvements thereon; relating to the University of Kansas Hospital. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to introduce a bill concerning countywide retailers' sales tax authority for Johnson county (7rs1239). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of a letter from Senator Jim Barnett to Jim Redmon, Executive Director, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, regarding **SB 318**, were distributed to the Committee (Attachment 1). Also copies were distributed of the presentation concerning Evaluating **SB 123**, Preliminary Results and Current Research, by the Vera Institute of Justice (Attachment 2).

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to approve the minutes of the January 24, January 29, January 30, February 5, February 6, and February 9, 2007, meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis report for FY 2007 and FY 2008 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee report on:

Kansas Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting) (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chair Ruth Teichman reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting) concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustments and comments.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting) in FY 2007. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Wysong, to amend the Kansas Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting) subcommittee budget report in FY 2008 by removing the word "not" in Item No. 7, line 5. Following discussion, Senator Teichman withdrew her motion, including agreement by Senator Wysong, the second to the motion.

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the Kansas Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting) subcommittee report in FY 2008 by removing Item No. 7. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting) in FY 2008 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Dr. Roy Jensen, Director, Masonic Cancer Research Institute, University of Kansas Medical Center, who presented a briefing and update on the progress of the University of Kansas Cancer Center (Attachment 4). Dr. Jensen mentioned that 2006 was an extraordinary first year in their ten-year quest to become a National Cancer Institute - designated a Comprehensive Cancer Center. He also provided highlights from his written testimony regarding the year 2006.

Dr. Jensen explained that the many accomplishments made in the year 2006 mean that they are making significant progress toward their goal of applying for the first level of National Cancer Institute designation - Cancer Center - in the year 2009. He noted that this was confirmed by their External Advisory Board (EAB) in mid-February. There will be a more detailed report in March.

In closing, Dr. Jensen emphasized the importance of state support in that it is critical to continuing their momentum toward achieving the NCI designation and to raising the additional funds from the community.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2007.