

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:40 a.m. on January 31, 2001, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Janet Schalansky, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Others attending: See attached guest list

Chairman Morris welcomed Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, who presented an overview of the Agency (Attachment 1). Secretary Schalansky showed a video titled, "Faces of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services". In closing, Secretary Schalansky explained the following from her presentation:

- Highlights for FY 2002, Key Policy Initiatives
- Highlights for FY 2002, Key Budget Investments
- Emerging Issues

Committee questions and discussion followed regarding the waiting lists, waivers, Medicaid concerning Foster Care children and Ticket to Work individuals, prescription drugs and Medicare on what the Federal Government will do and case management to aid in controlling the costs. Chairman Morris mentioned to Secretary Schalansky that the week prior the Committee had a hearing on the Claims Bill, **SB 57**. The Chairman asked Secretary Schalansky her perspective regarding the claim against SRS in the amount of \$32,000 that is listed in the bill. Secretary Schalansky explained the situation and mentioned that she felt that SRS did appropriately what they were supposed to do. She mentioned that SRS does not support the claim against them. Chairman Morris thanked Secretary Schalansky for her good overview and presentation before the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2001.