

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:35 a.m. on February 21, 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
Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator James Bamett

Others attending: See attached guest list

Bill Introductions

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to introduce a bill (1rs1096) concerning school district finance; revising the definition of enrollment. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to introduce a bill (1rs1040) concerning crimes, criminal procedure and punishment; relating to domestic violence; assessment of certain fees. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Subcommittee budget reports on:

Board of Regents (Attachment 1)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee report.

Regarding Item Number 4, Senator Downey mentioned that the Legislative Educational Planning Committee recommended that the National Board Certification Program and the Future Teacher Academy offered by the Jones Institute at Emporia State University remain where they are, but be funded as two separate line items in the Budget of the State Board of Regents in order to give them greater flexibility. Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to identify the National Board Certification Program and the Future Teacher Academy offered by the Jones Institute specifically for Omnibus to try to keep these two programs in Emporia State University, but put them as separate line items in the Regent's Budget. Motion carried by a voice vote. Senator Downey noted that these are nationally known programs and they have statewide impact.

Regents Systemwide (Attachment 2)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

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Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins asked if the Committee might consider revising the recommendation on Page 3, Item Number 2, last paragraph, of the report to have the Legislative Budget Committee analyze the elements which have led to the current level of funding and determine what the adequate base level of funding should be and rather than the LEPC. Senator Adkins noted that given the charge of what is being asked, the Legislative Budget Committee may be in a better position to actually address that particular task. Committee discussion followed.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to amend the subcommittee report in Item Number 2 to replace LEPC with the Legislative Budget Committee wherever it appears in that section. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris welcomed Senator Jim Barnett to speak regarding the issue of adult basic education (Attachment 3). Senator Barnett noted that in Emporia, they have issues where there are large numbers of Hispanics or non-English speaking individuals which is also an issue across the state. Local governments lack funding to adequately educate them to become proficient in English. He noted that with \$126,000 more dollars the local government could match that three to one and come up with more significant funds for adult basic education. Senator Barnett asked if this could be considered as the session goes along, if funds could be identified and serve a useful and needed purpose in the state.

University of Kansas (Attachment 4)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

University of Kansas Medical Center (Attachment 5)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Kansas State University (Attachment 6)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Kansas State University School of Veterinary Medicine (Attachment 7)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

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Kansas State University - Extension (Attachment 8)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Wichita State University (Attachment 9)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Emporia State University (Attachment 10)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Fort Hays State University (Attachment 11)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Pittsburg State University (Attachment 12)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustments and observations as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend the subcommittee report to consider adult basic education and include it as an Omnibus item. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to accept the Subcommittee budget report for the Board of Regents, Regents Systemwide and the Regent Schools as amended. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Bill Introduction

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill (1rs1058) concerning the City of Wichita which allows a rolling amortization for local police or fire plans to give greater flexibility regarding retirement. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2001.