

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson David Adkins at 10:40 a.m. on March 14, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Stephen Morris - Excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Marc Johnson, Dean of Agriculture, Kansas State University
Amy Button Renz, President, Kansas State University Alumni Association
Dick Carter, Jr., Director for External Relations, Kansas Board of Regents (written)

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2900--Kansas state university, authorizing sale and conveyance of certain real estate in Riley county

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Dr. Marc A. Johnson, Dean of the Kansas State College of Agriculture, testified in support of **HB 2900** (Attachment 1). Dr. Johnson mentioned that the purpose of the sale is to gain resources to finance major renovations and improvements of livestock research facilities owned and operated by the University. He further explained that proceeds of the sale of this property will be used to relocate the Kansas Artificial Breeding Service Unit operation and renovate livestock research facilities located north of Manhattan and the campus.

Written testimony was submitted by Dick Carter, Jr., Director for External Relations, Kansas Board of Regents, in support of **HB 2900** and **HB 2901** (Attachment 2).

The Vice-Chairman thanked Dr. Johnson for his appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2900**.

HB 2901--Kansas state university, authorizing exchange of certain real estate in Riley county with the Kansas state university foundation

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Amy Button Renz, President, Kansas State Alumni Association, testified in support of **HB 2901** (Attachment 3). Ms. Renz explained that the University is seeking authority through this legislation to exchange the property contained in the footprint of the Alumni Center with land owned by the Kansas State University Foundation.

Written testimony was submitted by Dick Carter, Jr., Director for External Relations, Kansas Board of Regents, in support of **HB 2900** and **HB 2901** (See attachment 2).

CONTINUATION SHEET

The Vice-Chairman thanked Ms. Renz for her appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2901**.

Subcommittee report on:

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (Attachment 4)

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2002 with adjustments as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2003 with adjustments as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to delete the additional funding of \$1,000,000.00 listed in Item Number 1, FY 2002 and delete the additional funding of \$1,250,000.00 listed in Item Number 1, FY 2003, and review both issues at Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the FY 2002 and FY 2003 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Bill Introduction

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to introduce a bill concerning higher education act. Motion carried on a voice vote (1rs2319). Senator Jackson requested to be recorded as voting "No" on the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2002.