

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:45 a.m. on March 12, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator David Adkins- excused
Senator Nick Jordan- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
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
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Vanhouse, 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:

Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairman Jackson reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 with adjustment and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments.

Chairman Morris welcomed Senator Lana Oleen to the committee. Senator Oleen explained that Ft. Riley has 50 burial sites. They have closed roads and turned them into grave sites in order to be able to inter people. Currently they have two to three burials per week and only fifty spots. Senator Oleen noted that the message they send is very important and she appreciated the subcommittee's deliberation on it. She is concerned that it not appear that any money is withholding of any of the dollars that have been committed that are included the Governor's budget relative to how that looks to the federal government at this time.

Senator Helgerson moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend the subcommittee report on the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs to remove any language referring to the deletion of \$200,000 and the full committee will review this at Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Helgerson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs in FY 2004 and FY 2005 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Department of Administration (Attachment 2)

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Senator Christine Downey reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Administration concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with observations.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Administration to propose an interim study regarding Item No. 3, FY 2005, concerning insurance being taken out of the Educational Building Fund. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to amend the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Administration to add language directing the publication of a paper copy of the State Telephone book, but that fees may be charged for them. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to amend the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Administration to allow a hard copy of their health care screening results, if desired. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Administration in FY 2004 and FY 2005 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Human Rights Commission (Attachment 3)

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

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Human Rights Commission in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Department of Human Resources (Attachment 4)

Subcommittee Chairman Bunten reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Human Resources 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 Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris called the committee's attention to discussion of:

SB 459--Unified aging budget for state agencies

Senator Downey mentioned that it may be a good idea to look at doing the same thing with the Homeland Security funds that are coming into the state as is proposed in **SB 459** and what is done with children's fund tracking.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to recommend **SB 459** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2004.