

Approved: May 12, 2008
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jay Emler at 10:35 A.M. on March 12, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Ruth Teichman - excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Kimbra Caywood McCarthy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cody Gorges, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Goodwin, to conceptually introduce a bill concerning Division of Vehicles modernization surcharge. Motion carried on a voice vote. Jim Conant, Kansas Department of Revenue, requested introduction of the bill.

Senator McGinn moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill concerning the Kansas funeral picketing act. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2008 and FY 2009 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee reports on:

Postsecondary Education Systemwide (Attachment 1)

University of Kansas

Kansas State University

Kansas State University - School of Veterinary Medicine

Kansas State University - ESARP

Wichita State University

Kansas Board of Regents

University of Kansas Medical Center

Emporia State University

Fort Hays State University

Pittsburg State University

Subcommittee Chairman Steve Morris reported that the subcommittee on Higher Education concurs with the Governor in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2009.

While under discussion regarding Wichita State University, Chairman Umbarger recognized Senator Schodorf

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who presented information about the National Center for Aviation Training, Competition for Jobs (Attachment 2). She mentioned that the aviation community came to Capitol recently and there is concern regarding competition coming from other states and countries. Senator Schodorf noted that they want aviation jobs to stay here in Kansas and they are very pleased with NIAR. It was felt that Kansas needs to step up now as a state and realize the seriousness of the matter in order to fund the technology campus. Three contracts are coming up and this will happen before the Omnibus Session. Senator Schodorf asked that the Committee consider \$5 million in the Mega bill at this time.

Senator Mc Ginn also expressed concerned regarding the ripple impact of losing aviation jobs. She noted that aviation is south central Kansas and information distributed to the Committee shows the aviation business in Kansas (Attachment 3). Senator McGinn was concerned that changes are being made in aviation from a competitive local market to a global market. Other countries want the jobs that are in the states and Kansas is currently the aviation area of the world. Senator McGinn mentioned that this contract at Boeing was the second largest contract lost in the history of aviation in Kansas, and it is a statewide concern. It is different from anything in the past.

Senator Betts expressed concern that Kansas needs to think reality for a minute and look at the \$1.3 billion of budget in Kansas is related to the aviation industry. As for the \$5 million, it is tough, but it would be a good investment. The needs and the offers are real all over the country and the \$5 million would be a great investment in Kansas.

The Chairman recognized Andy Schlepp, Sedgwick County, explained that the infrastructure is currently here in Kansas. He noted that the concern is that Kansas needs to sell to the aviation industry why they should remain or continue to invest in Kansas and there is advantage in making that decision today. Committee discussion followed.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator McGinn, to amend the subcommittee budget report on Postsecondary Education Systemwide to add \$5 million for Item No. 12 in FY 2009. Motion failed on a voice vote.

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to amend the subcommittee budget report on Fort Hays State University to add \$300,000 to review at Omnibus the request for the creation of a Professional Science Masters program. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Taddiken moved to amend the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Board of Regents to remove Item No. 6 and concerning the funding for the new Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) Teacher Scholarship because it appears to be a new program. Following discussion, Senator Taddiken withdrew his motion. There was no second to the motion.

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on Higher Education for the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Kansas State University - Veterinary Medical Center, Kansas State University - Extension, Wichita State University, Kansas Board of Regents, University of Kansas Medical Center, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Pittsburg State University and Regents Systemwide in FY 2008 and FY 2009 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Capital Improvements (Attachment 4)

Subcommittee Chairman Dwayne Umbarger reported that the subcommittee on Capital Improvements concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation.

Senator Umbarger moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to restore the bonding authority for the expansion of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Kansas and consider at Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kelly moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee on Capital Improvements

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SRS Hospitals (Attachment 5)

Parsons State Hospital

Kansas Neurological Institute

Rainbow Mental Health Facility

Osawatomie State Hospital

Larned State Hospital

Senator Dwayne Umbarger reported that the subcommittee on Parsons State Hospital, Kansas Neurological Institute, Rainbow Mental Health Facility, Osawatomie State Hospital and Larned State Hospital concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation.

Senator Goodwin moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on Parsons State Hospital, Kansas Neurological Institute, Rainbow Mental Health Facility, Osawatomie State Hospital and Larned State Hospital in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for March 13, 2008.