

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on January 21, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Senator Jay Emler- excused
Senator Jean Schodorf- excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Umbarger welcomed J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, who continued a briefing on the Reports of the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget to the Kansas Legislature (Attachment 1). Mr. Scott referred to page 14 of the report and continued the briefing.

Senator Barone asked if the standing tax committees have had an opportunity to study the issue of declining privilege tax revenues to the State General Fund regarding the interim Legislative Budget Committee recommendation that these committees study this issue during the 2005 Legislative Session. Emphasis was placed on the effect that the growth of Subchapter S corporations in the banking industry may have on the matter. Mr. Scott responded that he will contact the staff of the tax committees to be sure that the item is brought to their attention. In regard to discussion about the Wichita Aviation Research Initiative, Senator Morris gave a suggestion that someone from the aviation industry come to the committee with an update on what is being done at Wichita. Chairman Umbarger requested information regarding comparing actual costs on dollars spent following the elimination of the state motor pool and the current Vehicle Rental Contract. Mr. Scott explained that there has been difficulty regarding miles driven in the state contract to getting information just on the amount of money spent and comparing mileage and cost from the Kansas Department of Administration. Staff will report on findings. Senator Schmidt requested including information regarding the logistics as to what it is doing to the agencies' ability to have transportation.

Mr. Scott presented a staff overview of the State Budget Process and referred to a handout provided by the Kansas Legislative Research Department titled, "Money, Money, Money" dated January 21, 2005 (Attachment 2). The following information was highlighted:

- Budget Terminology
- Major Purpose of Expenditure (Definitions)
- Functions of Government (Definitions)
- State Budget Process
- Players in the Process
- State Agencies
- Role of the Governor
- Governor's Recommendations
- Appropriations
- Committees
- Role of Subcommittees
- Full Committee Consideration of Budgets

CONTINUATION SHEET

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- Full Chamber Consideration
- Conference Committee Process
- Vetoes on Appropriations Bills
- Omnibus Bill
- Omnibus Process
- Consensus Estimating
- Consensus Revenue Estimating
- Ending Balance
- State Finance Process

Mr. Scott provided sample information on the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis, bill explanations for the House and Senate and conference committee (Attachment 3).

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2005.