

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 11:45 a.m. on April 5, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jean Schodorf - Excused

Committee staff present:

Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rae Ann Davis, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Robert Nugent, Revisor of Statutes Office
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Doug Wood, Chairman of the Board, Commissioners of Johnson County
Patrick Reavey, City Attorney, DeSoto, Kansas, representing Mayor Steve Prudden and the City of DeSoto
Marge Morse, Executive Director, DeSoto Chamber of Commerce and DeSoto Economic Development Council
Tom Stutz, representing the Commander of the Army, Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant
Milt Bland, Assistant Plant Manager, Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant, for Gala Frazier, Plant Manager for Alienate Techsystems, Inc., operating contractor of the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant
Jon Stewart, Overland Park Chamber, written testimony
Jerry Cook, President, Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau, written testimony
Robert and Clare Baum, Woodland Hills, California, written testimony
Michael Cain, Law Student, University of Kansas, written testimony
Ed Peterson, Mayor, City of Fairway
Pat Ireland, Johnson County citizen
Ken Davis, Mayor, City of Countryside
Greg Wilson, Johnson County citizen, written testimony
Warren Koeller, Lenexa business owner
Barbara J. Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, Legislative Post Audit
Natalie G. Haag, Chief Legal Counsel, Director of Governmental Affairs, Office of the Governor

Others attending: See attached guest list

Bill Introduction

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to introduce a bill (1rs1264) concerning school district finance, revise local effort by exclusion of federal impact aid, increase state prescribed percentage to 30%. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2573--K DFA; projects of statewide as well as local importance

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed the following conferees:

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Doug Wood, Chairman of the Board, County Commissioners of Johnson County, who spoke in support of **HB 2573** (Attachment 1).

Patrick Reavey, City Attorney for DeSoto Kansas, representing Steve Prudden, Mayor of the City of De Soto, spoke in support of **HB 2573** (Attachment 2).

Marge Morse, Executive Director, DeSoto Chamber of Commerce and DeSoto Economic Development Council, spoke in support of **HB 2573** (Attachment 3).

Tom Stutz, representing the Commander of the Army at Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant, spoke in support of **HB 2573** (Attachment 4).

Milt Bland, Assistant Plant Manager, Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant, on behalf of Gala Frazier, Plant Manager for Alienate Techsystems, Inc., operating contractor of the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant, in support of **HB 2573** (Attachment 5).

Written testimony was received from Jon Stewart, Chairman of the Board, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, in support of **HB 2573** (Attachment 6).

Written testimony was received from Jerry Cook, President, Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau, in support of **HB 2573** (Attachment 7).

Written testimony was received from Robert and Clare Baum, Woodland Hills, California, in support of **HB 2573** (Attachment 8).

Written testimony was received from Michael Cain, Law student, University of Kansas, Lawrence, in support of **HB 2573** (Attachment 9).

Written testimony was received from C. Edward Peterson, Mayor, City of Fairway, neutral conferee regarding **HB 2573** (Attachment 10).

Pat Ireland, Johnson County citizen, spoke in opposition to **HB 2573** (Attachment 11).

Written testimony was received from Ken Davis, Mayor, City of Countryside, in opposition to **HB 2573** (Attachment 12).

Written testimony was received from Greg L. Wilson, Johnson County citizen, in opposition to **HB 2573** (Attachment 13).

Warren P. Koeller, Lenexa business owner, spoke in opposition to **HB 2573** (Attachment 14).

Additional information provided to the Committee as follows:

“Some Thoughts About OZ” - John Anderson, Jr., Attorney and Taxpayer of Johnson County, Kansas (Attachment 15).

Copies of “The OZ Entertainment Company Destination Development Update, Winter 2001” are on file in the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2573**.

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Senator Kerr explained why **HB 2573** is in the Senate Ways and Means Committee. He mentioned that he had expected a vote to be taken in the committee the bill was previously referred to and there was not. Senator Kerr mentioned that he did not want to see the issue die just because there was no vote.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to pass **SB 2573** favorable for passage. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2507--Election for 8% deferred compensation plan for legislative staff agency employees

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, Legislative Post Audit, who spoke as a proponent regarding **HB 2507** (Attachment 16).

Chairman Morris welcomed Natalie G. Haag, Chief Legal Counsel, Director of Governmental Affairs, Office of the Governor, who spoke regarding **HB 2507** and presented a proposed amendment to the bill. (Attachment 17).

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2507**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2566--Retirement annuities for members of the legislature

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

There being no conferees to appear before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2566**.

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

HB 2059--Renal assistance program

Information was distributed to the Committee regarding **HB 2059** from Ron Hein, Legislative Counsel, National Kidney Foundation of Kansas and Western Missouri (Attachment 18).

Committee questions and discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned as 12:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2001.