

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on March 3, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, 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.

Bill Introductions

Senator Helgerson moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (3rs2052). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to introduce a bill concerning schools and school districts; relating to school finance; providing revenue therefor (3rs2035). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to approve the minutes of the January 22, January 27, January 28, January 29, February 2, February 3, February 4, February 5, February 9 and February 10, 2004, meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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:

Legislative Coordinating Council (Attachment 1)

Legislature

Legislative Research Department

Revisor of Statutes

Legislative Division of Post Audit

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Insurance Department

Secretary of State

Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors

Attorney General

State Treasurer

Legislative Coordinating Council

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Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the Legislative Coordinating Council concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with an adjustment.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Legislative Coordinating Council in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Legislature

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the Legislature concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Legislature in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Legislative Research Department

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Legislative Research Department concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 with notation and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with an adjustment.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Legislative Research Department in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Revisor of Statutes

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the Revisor of Statutes concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with an adjustment.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on Revisor of Statutes in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Legislative Post Audit

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on Legislative Post Audit concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with an adjustment.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on Legislative Post Audit in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Governor's Department

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the Governor's Department concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with an adjustment.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Governor's Department in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Lieutenant Governor

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the Lieutenant Governor concurs with

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the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with an adjustment.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Lieutenant Governor in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

State Insurance Department

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the State Insurance Department concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the State Insurance Department in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Secretary of State

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the Secretary of State concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments and notations.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Secretary of State in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Health Care Stabilization Fund

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the Health Care Stabilization Fund concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Health Care Stabilization Fund in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Attorney General

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the Attorney General concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 with exceptions and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with exceptions.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Attorney General in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

State Treasurer

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the subcommittee on the State Treasurer concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Helgerson, to amend the subcommittee report on the State Treasurer to add a \$30.00 fee on unclaimed property for claims above \$200.00. Motion carried on a voice vote. Senator Bunten requested to be recorded as voting "No" on the motion.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to amend the subcommittee budget report on the State Treasurer to make it consistent with **SB 442** recently passed by the Senate, eliminate the \$30.00 fee, eliminate the \$500,000.00 interest transfer and reinstate the fee of a \$0.28 charge per check. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the State Treasurer in FY 2004 and FY 2005 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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

SB 320--Allowing grandparents to serve as foster parents

Chairman Morris suggested a balloon amendment that he had prepared for consideration by the committee regarding **SB 320** that grandparent shall not be eligible to participate in the grandparents as foster parents program if the parent or parents of the grandchild reside with the grandparents. Committee discussion followed.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the balloon amendment (Attachment 2) and recommend **SB 320** favorable for passage as amended.

Senator Jackson moved a substitute motion, with a second by Senator Bunten, to table the Adkins motion and recommend **SB 320** for further study in an interim committee. Motion failed on a show of hands.

A vote was taken on the Adkins motion to adopt the balloon amendment and recommend **SB 320** favorable for passage as amended. The Adkins motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2004.