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Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:35 A.M. on February 7, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Chief of Staff
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Duane Goossen, Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration
Representative Tom Sloan (written)
Edward P. Cross, Executive Vice President, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association
Erick Nordling, Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association (written)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a Senate Concurrent Resolution urging the study of the design and implementation of an electronic motor vehicle financial security verification system (5rs2011). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the State General Fund (SGF) Receipts, July through January, FY 2006, were distributed by the Kansas Legislative Research Department (Attachment 1).

Chairman Umbarger welcomed the following conferees regarding an overview and update of the Department of Administration Elimination of the Motor Pool:

Julian Efird, Principal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, (Attachment 2). Mr. Efird explained the history of the elimination of the Motor Pool, sale of cars and the vehicle moratorium.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Duane Goossen, Director of the Division of the Budget and Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration, provided information and spoke regarding the Governor's State Vehicle Policy (Attachment 3). Mr. Goossen distributed the following information:

- State Vehicle Operational Expenses (Attachment 4).
- Letter addressed to The Honorable Dwayne Umbarger, Chairperson of Senate Ways and Means Committee and The Honorable Melvin Neufeld, Chairperson of House Appropriations Committee, regarding the Kansas Department of Administration's Motor Vehicle's Compliance Report (Attachment 5).

Mr. Goossen explained that the basic fleet was reduced from 4,279 vehicles to 3,602 by February 2004 and is expected to be further reduced by the end of FY 2007. He also gave information in attachment number three regarding vehicle purchases (amounts do not include the Kansas Highway Patrol or the universities). Committee questions and discussion followed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:35 A.M. on February 7, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

SB 433--Oil and gas research, KUERC oil and gas research fund, funding

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Written testimony was submitted by Representative Tom Sloan (Attachment 6).

The Chairman welcomed Edward P. Cross, Executive Vice President, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, who testified in opposition to **SB 433** (Attachment 7). Mr. Cross explained that they oppose the structure of the bill. He proposed changing the structure of the research fund oversight to include industry representatives as a better solution. Mr. Cross suggested a 3-year sunset clause be amended into the bill so that the program stays focused and a performance evaluation can be made to determine the value of the research and development efforts.

Written testimony was submitted by Erick Nordling, Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association, Hugoton (Attachment 8).

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 433**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 8, 2006.