

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:40 a.m. on February 13, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Subcommittee report on:

Department of Education (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairman Kerr reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2002 with exceptions as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Subcommittee Chairman Kerr reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2003 with exceptions as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Barone presented the Minority Report to the Department of Education Subcommittee report to the Committee.

Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to add the consideration of additional funding for BSAPP to the list of items that will be considered in the Omnibus Bill as a priority before other items. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to amend the subcommittee report in the bullet regarding review of the School District Capital Outlay State Aid Program, and change the use of the term "abuse" to "expansion" in evaluating the program. Committee discussion continued.

Senator Downey suggested that maybe the wording should be that the Subcommittee is concerned that program expansions may be occurring. She noted that she is the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Education Committee and will take this concern back to that committee.

Senator Adkins moved a substitute motion, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the subcommittee report to say that the subcommittee has received reports which they have been unable to verify given high limitations which may indicate that program expansions may have occurred. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Department of Education for the FY 2002 and FY 2003 budgets as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote. Senator Barone, Senator Downey and Senator Feleciano asked to be recorded as voting "No" on the subcommittee report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2002.