

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:35 a.m. on March 26, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Adkins - Excused  
Senator Christine Downey - Excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rae Anne Davis, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Hein, Legislative Counsel, National Kidney Foundation of Kansas and Western Missouri  
Dr. Scott Solcher, Nephrologist, Lawrence  
Bob Whitlock, Executive Director, Missouri Kidney Program  
Randy Williams, CEO, National Kidney Foundation of Kansas and Western Missouri  
Marlin Rein, University of Kansas  
Tracy Diel, Acting Director, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission

Others attending: See attached guest list

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2059--Renal assistance program**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed the following conferees who spoke in support of **HB 2059**:

Ron Hein, Legislative Counsel, National Kidney Foundation of Kansas and Western Missouri (Attachment 1).

Dr. Scott Solcher, Nephrologist, Lawrence (Attachment 2).

Bob Whitlock, Executive Director, Missouri Kidney Program (Attachment 3).

Randy Williams, CEO, National Kidney Foundation of Kansas and Western Missouri (Attachment 4).

Marlin Rein, on behalf of the University of Kansas (Attachment 5). Mr. Rein mentioned several concerns that the University had:

- They believe there should be authority to contract for administration of the program if that appears to be the most efficient approach.;
- They remain concerned as to whether the University is the appropriate agency to administer the program.; and
- The bill is basically void of any legislative guidance as to the scope of services to be provided.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Additional information was distributed:

- Did you know .... regarding kidney disease (Attachment 6)
- Kansas Dialysis Patients' County of Residence (Attachment 7)
- National Kidney Foundation of Kansas and Western Missouri, Board of Directors List of Officers and Board Members, Fiscal Year 2000-2001 (Attachment 8)
- Kansas Kidney Program, Projected Budget by Level of Services Provided (Attachment 9)

Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked the conferees for appearing before the Committee. There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2059**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

### **SB 337--Kansas racing and gaming commission, salary of commissioners**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Tracy Diel, Acting Director, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission, who spoke in favor of **SB 337** (Attachment 10).

Committee questions and discussion followed. Chairman Morris thanked Mr. Diel for his appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 337**.

### **Bill Introduction**

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to introduce a bill (1rs1235) concerning the Kansas life and health insurance guaranty association. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2001.