

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on February 14, 2005, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Sawyer- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department  
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department  
Reagan Cussimano, Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, Legislative Research Department  
Robert Waller, Legislative Research Department  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant  
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Kansas Parole Board
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on State Fire Marshal
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee Report on Sentencing Commission
- Attachment 4 Budget Committee Report on Adjutant General, Highway Patrol, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Emergency Medical Services Board

Representative Powell moved to introduce legislation to combine the Animal Health Department with the Department of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

**HB 2395** was referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Parole Board for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Flower. Motion carried.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Parole Board for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Motion carried.

Responding to a question from the Committee, the Budget Committee noted that the \$25,010 deletion in Item No. 2 is not related to funding for the 27<sup>th</sup> paycheck.

Representative Pilcher-Cook, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the State Fire Marshal for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Motion carried.

Representative Pilcher-Cook, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the State Fire Marshal for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Motion carried.

The Committee stated an intent to review vehicle purchases in the near future and arrive at a global position

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on this issue relating to all budgets.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Sentencing Commission for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Flower. Motion carried.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, moved for a substitute motion and presented a minority report on the Sentencing Commission for FY 2005. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion failed.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Sentencing Commission for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Flower. Division requested. Motion carried.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, moved for a substitute motion and presented a minority report on the Sentencing Commission for FY 2006. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Division requested. Motion failed on a 6-15 vote.

The Committee noted a concern with the reduction of funding for **SB 123**. The Budget Committee indicated that **SB 123** programs are continuing to be monitored and evaluated and will continue to share data with the full Committee.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Adjutant General for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

With reference to the proviso in Item No. 3 of the Adjutant Generals FY 2005 report, the Committee requested a list of private employers who are providing additional payments to reservists who are called to active duty. The Committee requested that this issue be addressed again in full Committee between now and Omnibus. Robert Waller, Legislative Research Department, indicated that the \$250,000 funding in Item No. 3, is to fund a program which would provide a one-time payment of \$1,000 to personnel who are active mobilized. There is also another program, under discussion, which would address the difference, between their current job salary and active mobilized salary, up to \$1,000 per month, not to exceed a total salary of \$1,000. The Committee noted that approximately \$5.5 million of homeland security funding for various programs was received by the Adjutant General's office in FY 2005.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Adjutant General for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

The Committee noted that the \$250,000 funding, pertaining to Item No. 3 of the FY 2005 budget, for the reservist's pay, is only included in the Governor's recommendations for the FY 2005 budget and not included in the Governor's recommendation for the FY 2006 budget.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Highway Patrol for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Highway Patrol for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Pilcher-Cook.

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Representative Light moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the Highway Patrol for FY 2006 by deleting Item No. 4 from the Budget Committee recommendations to restore the 7.5 percent salary increase for troopers. The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee noted that FY 2006 is the final year of a three-year plan to increase highway patrol trooper salaries.

Representative Sharp renewed the motion for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for the FY 2006 Highway Patrol budget as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Pilcher-Cook. Motion carried.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Pilcher-Cook. Motion carried.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Motion carried.

Responding to a question concerning Item No. 6, the Budget Committee noted that this increase for Bureau of Investigation field agents would bring their salaries in line with highway patrol troopers. It was noted that the Homeland Security Committee has approved approximately \$1 million homeland security funding for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for FY 2006 to be used for fingerprinting equipment and database work.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Emergency Medical Service Board (EMS) for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Motion carried.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Emergency Medical Service Board (EMS) for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Pilcher-Cook. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next Committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 15, 2005.

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Melvin Neufeld, Chair