

Approved: May 7, 2008
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on February 25, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Steve Morris - excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Kimbra Caywood McCarthy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Cathy Harding, Executive Director, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved

Others attending:

See attached list.

Copies of additional information that was requested by the committee were distributed from Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections (Attachment 1).

Bill Introductions

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to introduce the Governor's budget bills (the Mega Appropriations bill for FY 2009, Supplemental Appropriations bill for FY 2008 and Capital Improvements bill). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to introduce a conceptual bill concerning affiliation with the Kansas Police and Firemens's Retirement System by the Kansas Lottery for membership of certain law enforcement officers. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to introduce a conceptual bill concerning appropriations for the state board of regents; funding for the Kansas academy for math and science. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Taddiken moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to introduce a conceptual bill regarding ethanol production incentive fund payments. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2008 and FY 2009 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee reports on:

Kansas Department of Commerce (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairman David Wysong reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Commerce concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 with an adjustment and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments and comments.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to amend the subcommittee budget report on the

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Kansas Department of Commerce in FY 2009 to consider Item No. 3, Bioenergy Research Program, at Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to amend the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Commerce in FY 2009 regarding Item No. 2 to add \$21,600 from the federal Wagner-Peyser Fund and consider the previously deleted funds at Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Commerce in FY 2008 and FY 2009 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas, Inc.

Subcommittee Chairman David Wysong reported that the subcommittee on Kansas, Inc. concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments and comments.

Senator Taddiken moved to defer Items No. 2 and 3 in FY 2009 to Omnibus. Following discussion, Senator Taddiken withdrew his motion.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on Kansas, Inc. in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation

Subcommittee Chairman David Wysong reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 with comment and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments and comments.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman welcomed Cathy Harding, Executive Director, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, who presented an informational overview and briefing on Safety Net Clinics ([Attachment 3](#)). Ms. Harding described the role that Kansas safety net clinics currently play in the health care system and provided additional information about the role that they think they could play in health reform. The following four components were highlighted in the written testimony concerning allowing the safety net to more effectively care for underserved Kansans in the future:

- Funding for workforce development
- Technology development/enhancement
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- Funding for capital financing
- Funding to increase the capacity to provide technical and growth assistance

Committee questions and discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 26, 2008.