

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on March 14, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michelle Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, 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
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Debra Prideaux, Executive Director, Alumni and Governmental Affairs, Fort Hays State University

Others attending:

See attached list.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2005 and FY 2006 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee budget reports on:

Capital Improvements (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairman Dwayne Umbarger reported on the subcommittee budget report for the Capital Improvements Subcommittee for FY 2005 and FY 2006. Copies of the Status of the State Building Funds, Senate Committee Action, as of March 11, 2005, prepared by Staff, were distributed to the committee (Attachment 2).

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on Capital Improvements in FY 2005 and FY 2006. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Judicial Council

Judicial Branch (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Judicial Council concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with adjustments and recommendations.

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Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Judicial Branch concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2005 with observation and concurs with the Governor's FY 2006 recommendations with exceptions and observations.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Judicial Council and the Judicial Branch in FY 2005 and FY 2006. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

HB 2347--Fort Hays state university conveyance of certain real estate to city of Hays

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Debra Prideaux, Executive Director, Alumni and Governmental Relations, Fort Hays State University, spoke in support of **HB 2347** (Attachment 4). Ms. Prideaux explained that Fort Hays State University respectfully requests authorization to sell and convey a certain tract of real estate located in Ellis County, Kansas, to the city of Hays, Kansas.

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2347**.

Following committee discussion, Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Steineger, to amend the language of SB 266 into HB 2347, and report HB 2347 favorable for passage as amended and have the effective date be the Kansas Register. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman called the Committee's attention to discussion of the following bills:

HB 2183--Fort Hays state university, memorial union renovation capital improvement project

Debra Prideaux, Executive Director, Alumni and Governmental Relations, Fort Hays State University, presented information regarding **HB 2183** (Attachment 5). Ms. Prideaux explained that Fort Hays State University respectfully requests authorization to amend its Capital Improvement request for FY 2005 to include a \$7.2 million project cost and \$6.5 million bonding authority for the Memorial Union Renovation Project.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to report HB 2183 favorable for passage (as was amended by the subcommittee). Motion carried on a roll call vote.

SB 286--Compensation and salaries for state officers and employees, increases, semimonthly payroll periods, appropriations for FY 2006

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented information regarding FY 2006 2.5 Percent Salary and Wage Increase (in millions), regarding the State General Fund, All Other Funds and the Total (Attachment 6). Mr. Conroy also distributed copies of the House Committee Recommendation Modified Biweekly Pay Period Plan (Attachment 7). The Committee came to a consensus to take no action on the 27th Payroll until the House bill comes to the Senate.

Senator Umbarger moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend SB 286 in FY 2006 for a 1.25 percent increase and then move the increase up to 2.5 percent in FY 2007. Motion failed on a voice vote.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to amend SB 286 and go with the Governor's recommendation of 2.5 percent payroll increase for the full year funding in FY 2006.

Senator Wysong moved a substitute motion to amend SB 286 that the Legislators not be included in the 2.5

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percent payroll increase. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

The Chairman called the Committee's attention back on the motion offered by Senator Barone, with a second by Senator Kelly, and that motion carried.

SB 275--Secretary of state fees for certain publications

Senator Steineger moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to report SB 275 favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of the same day, March 14, 2005.