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MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Kerr at 11:00 a.m. on February 14, 2000 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Downey, who was excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, KLRD
Rae Anne Davis, KS Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, KS Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Asst. Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Ronda Miller, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Information regarding the Governmental Ethics Commission Fee Fund as requested during the February 11 meeting, specifically the historical trend of balances in FY 97 and estimated receipts through FY 2004, was distributed to members. ([Attachment 1](#))

The Chairman pointed out that Senator Downey's signature was not on the subcommittee reports that were being reviewed because she was away from the Capitol. She had indicated to the Chairman that she had prepared a minority report for the subcommittee report which she opposed.

Senator Lawrence reviewed the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Legislature** ([Attachment 2](#)) In response to an inquiry regarding the remodeling of Room 143-N in the Statehouse, Jeffrey Russell, Director, Legislative Administrative Services, stated that \$500,000 would cover the costs associated with remodeling and converting the room into a modern hearing room and the architectural plans, furniture, and relocation of the current Senators' offices into new space. Mr. Russell told members that the purpose of the ceremonial room (which is part of the Secretary of State's old space in the Statehouse) will be for dignitaries to have press conferences and is not included in the \$500,000 estimate.

In response to a question, staff indicated that the effect of not appropriating \$200,000 for redistricting (item 2) could delay the timetable that's been established, and that could have an impact on whether the information is available for the Legislature in the 2002 Session. Senator Salisbury inquired whether there would be any funds available in the legislative budget to acquire the software for this project. A member of the Research Department noted that the largest single factor providing flexibility in the budget is the length of the session and stated that the budget assumes a 90 day session. A long session would affect resources available for purposes like this.

Senator Lawrence reviewed the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Kansas Legislative Research Department**. ([Attachment 3](#)) Senator Petty inquired where computer related expenses for the agency appear in the budget. Staff indicated that there are three computer related staff positions within the agency, but the software and capital needs are reflected in the Legislature's budget.

The FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Legislative Division of Post Audit** was presented by Senator Lawrence. ([Attachment 4](#)) In answer to a question regarding computer related expenses, staff indicated that the agency has one computer staff position and capital and software needs are reflected in the Legislature's budget.

The subcommittee report for FY 2001 for the office of the **Revisor of Statutes** was reviewed by Senator Lawrence. ([Attachment 5](#)) In response to the same question regarding computer related expenses, a

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representative of the Revisors' staff stated that the agency has 2 full time computer positions and part of the costs associated with capital and software are reflected in the Legislature's budget as well as in the Revisor of Statutes' budget.

Senator Lawrence presented the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Legislative Coordinating Council**. (Attachment 6) There were no questions.

It was moved by Senator Morris and seconded by Senator Lawrence that the FY 2001 subcommittee reports for the Legislative agencies (Legislature, Kansas Legislative Research Department, Legislative Division of Post Audit, Revisor of Statutes, and the Legislative Coordinating Council) be adopted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Lawrence presented the FY 2001 subcommittee reports on the **Governor** (Attachment 7) and on the **Lieutenant Governor**. (Attachment 8) There was some discussion regarding where the salary monies for the Lieutenant Governor are reflected. It was noted that the Lt. Governor's salary is budgeted for in the Department of Commerce but \$10,000 and an FTE position is reflected in the Secretary of State's budget in the event the Lt. Governor should stop serving as a Cabinet officer. Other positions which are funded in the budget of the Lieutenant Governor are an administrative assistant, a secretary/receptionist and an unclassified temporary position. A motion to adopt the FY 2001 subcommittee reports on the Governor and Lieutenant Governor was offered by Senator Lawrence and seconded by Senator Ranson. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Secretary of State** was presented by Senator Lawrence. (Attachment 9) In response to a question regarding the request for census personnel, it was noted that the Secretary of State provides the census numbers for the person who does the redistricting, and the subcommittee believed that the agency could find money within their budget for these positions. In response to a concern, staff indicated that most of the 33.8% decrease in the agency's budget is because of the cancellation of the presidential primary in the current year.

Senator Lawrence reviewed the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Attorney General**. (Attachment 10) She read a memo from Donald Pitts, the Assistant Attorney General on the Attorney General's staff who monitors the water litigation case, stating that the Attorney General's office would comply with the subcommittee's recommendation to ensure a high quality of water as much as they can. In answer to a question, a representative from the Attorney General's office stated that water quality is not a specific issue in the Arkansas River compact, but there is a possibility that a River Master will monitor compliance with the Supreme Court's final order in the future.

The FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **State Treasurer** was presented by Senator Lawrence. (Attachment 11) Chairman Kerr read the minority report on behalf of Senator Downey. (Attachment 11-4) There was a question about whether the transfer of local sales tax in the Department of Revenue was based on estimates or actual receipts. Staff reviewed the demand transfers to the County-City Revenue Sharing Fund and to the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund, and it was noted that the cumulative reduction of the Governor's recommendation and the growth that would have occurred totals \$17.5 million.

Senator Lawrence reviewed the FY 2001 subcommittee report of the **Insurance Department**. (Attachment 12) In response to a question regarding the subcommittee recommendation to add monies for the imaging system, Janet Chubb, a representative of the Secretary of State's office, told members that this notary project is an additional project and is not part of the other two systems previously requested. The money would pay for hardware and software for the program.

It was moved by Senator Lawrence and seconded by Senator Morris that the subcommittee reports for the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Insurance Department and the State Treasurer be adopted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Lawrence presented the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Health Care Stabilization Fund**. (Attachment 13) In answer to questions, Bob Hayes, Executive Director of the Health Care Stabilization

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Fund, stated that the ending balance in the HCSB was \$203 million in FY 98, \$201 million in FY 99 and is actuarially projected to be \$187.2 million for each of the next three fiscal years. He stated that receipts last year were \$9.9 million and \$11.5 million is anticipated this fiscal year. He told members that the expenditure estimate of \$30 million is based on actuarial projections, but the agency believes actual payments will be less. In answer to the Chairman, Mr. Hayes stated that the fund is invested through the Pooled Money Investment Board. The Chairman noted that the Committee might want to review legislative policy on the investment of this money.

Senator Lawrence offered a motion to adopt the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The motion was seconded by Senator Salisbury and carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Senator Gilstrap and seconded by Senator Jordan that the minutes of the February 10 meeting be approved. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman announced that the regularly scheduled meeting time for Ways and Means on Thursday, February 17 would be reserved for subcommittees. He adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be February 15, 2000.