

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 11:20 a.m. on March 28, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Adkins - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
William Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Roger Werholtz, Deputy Secretary of Facilities Management, Department of Corrections  
Sheriff John Foster, Johnson County Sheriff's Office  
Elizabeth Gillespie, Shawnee County Corrections Director (written)

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to approve the minutes of the February 14, February 15, February 18 and February 19, 2002 committee meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SB 653--Cost of maintenance of certain prisoners**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill and distributed information regarding Existing Jail Reimbursement Rates, March 2002 (Attachment 1).

Roger Werholtz, Deputy Secretary, Facilities Management, Department of Corrections, testified in favor of **SB 653** on behalf of Charles Simmons, Secretary, Department of Corrections (Attachment 2). Mr. Werholtz explained that **SB 653** implements a Ways and Means subcommittee recommendation to reduce state obligations for reimbursement of county jails for housing Kansas Department of Corrections condition violators prior to their return to prison.

Sheriff John Foster, representing the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, testified in opposition to **SB 653** (Attachment 3). Sheriff Foster mentioned that he opposes capping an artificial cost on a per diem basis for prisoners that they hold and also opposes furnishing five (5) days free to the state for state parole violators that have been placed in their jails.

Written testimony was submitted by Elizabeth Gillespie, Director, Shawnee County Department of Corrections on **SB 653** (Attachment 4).

Committee questions and discussion followed. Chairman Morris thanked the conferees for appearing before the Committee. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 653**.

Chairman Morris turned the Committee's attention to discussion of:

**SB 603--Drug coverage**

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Chairman Morris asked that Senator Kerr, Chairman of the ad hoc Subcommittee on Pharmacy Costs, give a report on their recommendations (Attachment 5). Senator Kerr mentioned that those interested in pharmacy aspects of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services' (SRS) budget were asked to enter into a discussion in an effort to identify areas where savings could be found in the FY 2003 budget and areas where savings could be expected in the future. Those participating in the discussion included representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, Kansas pharmacists, Kansas Medical Society, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and interested Senators and staff. Committee questions and discussion followed. Chairman Morris mentioned that he appreciated all the work done by Senator Kerr and the ad hoc Subcommittee on Pharmacy Costs. The Chairman noted that the discussion on **SB 603** would continue the following day, March 29, 2002.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2002.