

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Adkins at 9:10 a.m. on March 15, 2000 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Dean - excused  
Representative Peterson - excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department\  
Tom Severn, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Julian Effird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rae Ann Davis, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Dave Stallings, Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

**General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on:**

**State Treasurer**

Representative Pottorff presented the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the State Treasurer FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 1)

Representative Pottorff made a motion, seconded by Representative Stone, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the State Treasurer. Motion carried.

**Attorney General**

Representative Shriver presented the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Attorney General FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 2)

Representative Shriver made a motion, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Attorney General.

Representative McKechnie made a motion, seconded by Representative Weber, on page 4, item number 1, to delete the \$200,000 dollars and transfer them to the State General Fund, as the Governor has done throughout the budget this year of taking excess funds and transferring them over to help fill up that hole in the State General Fund towards the end of the year. Committee questions and discussion followed. Representative McKechnie closed. Motion carried.

Chairman Adkins expressed a concern about item two. He mentioned specific statutory requirements for the Children's Initiative Funds require that the programs funded be best practices and research proven. The DARE program, while an excellent community policing tool, has not proven itself to be effective drug resistance prevention program. Children, whether they have attended this program or not, have not shown any degree of inoculation against drug abuse by the time they reach the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Therefore,

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Representative Adkins mentioned that this money can be better spent on the programs that work. The DARE program has great popular public support, but Chairman Adkins mentioned that he does not believe it is a program that merits State expenditures when the budgets are very tight.

The Chairman ruled and called to the Committee's attention that the question arose on the renewed motion by Representative Shriver, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee Report for the Attorney General as amended. Motion carried.

### **Insurance Department**

Representative Pottorff presented the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Insurance Department FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 3)

Representative Pottorff made a motion, seconded by Representative Stone, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Insurance Department. Committee questions and discussion followed. Motion carried.

### **Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting)**

Representative Shriver presented the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting) FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 4)

Representative Shriver made a motion, seconded by Representative Stone, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting). Committee questions and detailed discussion followed regarding Public Broadcasting, item number 2. Motion carried.

### **Governmental Ethics Commission**

Representative Stone presented the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Governmental Ethics Commission FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 5)

Representative Stone made a motion, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Governmental Ethics Commission. Committee questions and discussion followed. Motion carried.

### **Department of Human Resources**

Representative Reardon presented the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Department of Human Resources FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 6)

Representative Reardon made a motion, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Department of Human Resources. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Representative Ballard made a motion, seconded by Representative Reinhardt, to restore the \$22,000 for the Neighborhood Youth Employment Act and put it back to the \$100,000 funding level and take the \$50,000 cut. Committee questions and discussion followed. Motion carried.

The Chairman ruled and called to the Committee's attention that the question arose on the renewed motion by Representative Reardon, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Department of Human Resources as amended. Motion carried.

### **Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs (including the Soldier's and Veteran's Homes)**

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Representative Reardon presented the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs (including the Soldier's and Veteran's Homes) FY 2001 budget. (Attachment 7)

Representative Reardon made a motion, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs (including the Soldier's and Veteran's Homes). Committee questions and discussion followed. Motion carried. Representative Shriver requested to be recorded as voting "No".

### **Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS)**

Representative Stone presented the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendations on the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) FY 2001 budget. Representative Stone noted that there is a Minority Report on Page 10. (Attachment 8)

Representative Stone made a motion, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee budget report recommendations regarding the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS).

Representative Spangler made a motion, seconded by Representative McKechnie, regarding a situation in KPERS involving a Kansas Highway Patrolman who began service in the early 1970's with the Kansas Highway Patrol. He mentioned that Representative Carol Dawson had worked on this situation in the past. Representative Spangler mentioned that Kansas Highway Patrol Officer Charles Kohler was excluded from Tier 2 election under KPERS in the 1989 due to his service at the time in Quantico, Virginia, and was not notified at the time he was an officer on the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. He was then assigned with the Kansas Racing Commission and is now back with the Highway Patrol. Representative Spangler noted that what happened was this officer was not given his election notice on Tier 2 and that it is important in terms of fairness to provide this for a civil servant and highway patrolman. Motion carried.

Representative Reardon presented the Minority Report for the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation on the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS). Representative Reardon mentioned that he is in agreement with the Budget Committee's recommendations of 1, 2, 4 and 5, but does not agree with item 3. Representative Reardon mentioned that he is opposed to both of the Governor's recommendations regarding KPERS participating employers and adjusting their statutorily required contributions for retirement benefits and for insurance payments for death and long-term disability benefits (Minority Report is found on page 10 of the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report in attachment number 8).

The Chairman ruled and called to the Committee's attention that the question arose on the renewed motion by Representative Stone, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) as amended. Motion carried.

Representative Reardon made a substitute motion, seconded by Representative McKechnie, to adopt the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee Minority Report with the rejection of the Governor's recommendation on the moratorium, just as the Budget Committee recommended that the Budget Committee recommended rejection of the Governor's recommendation on the retirement freeze. Detailed Committee questions and discussion followed. Motion failed. Representatives Feuerborn, McKechnie, Nichols, Reardon, Shriver and Spangler requested to be recorded as voting "Yes".

### **Bill Introductions**

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Representative Adkins made a motion, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to introduce a bill by Representative Ray regarding consumer protection; prohibiting certain acts, particularly instances in which consumer transactions are effectuated without specific written authorization. Motion carried.

Representative Farmer made a motion, seconded by Representative Neufeld, to introduce a bill that would direct the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services who shall enter into contracts with non-participating mental health centers who have not contracted in affiliate with the participating community mental health center. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2000.