

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Adkins at 4:15 p.m. on March 29, 2000 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Allen - excused  
Representative Shultz - excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Paul West, 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:

Chairman Adkins opened the meeting to consideration of **SB 391**.

**SB 391 - State buildings and facilities, capital improvements, building code interpretations and variances**

Representative Kline, Public Safety Budget Committee, explained that this bill was requested by the Division of Architecture. The state has no state building code. This bill would authorize the Secretary of Administration and the Director of Architectural Services to make decisions which code on a particular project should be in effect except for matters relating to fire safety. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kline made a motion, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to pass SB 391 out favorably. Motion carried.

**Bill Introductions**

Representative Neufeld made a motion, seconded by Representative Hermes, to introduce two bills: one concerning natural gas authorizing certain refunds and reimbursements and the second concerning hepatitis B immunizations. Motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Representative McKechnie who mentioned that he had copies distributed of the Performance Audit Report, Reviewing the Implementation of the Mental Health Reform Act issued by the Legislative Division of Post Audit in March 2000 (Attachment 1). Representative McKechnie brought to the Committee's attention that there are some disturbing issues in the audit and hopes that the Committee can turn its attention to this at some time in the future. The Chairman mentioned that it is the Chair's intention after consulting with the ranking minority member and the vice chairman to appoint a subcommittee to review this further and bring back to the full committee any recommendations or actions.

The Chairman recognized Representative Kline who mentioned that there is another bill he would like to have discussed with the Committee. The Joint Committee on State Building Construction had recommended a funding mechanism to bring the National Guard Armories up-to-date, **SB 592**, that the Senate has passed. The Chairman mentioned that he may seek additional information from the Adjutant General.

The Chairman referred **SB 660** to the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee chaired by Representative Pottorff which authorizes over \$40 million in bonds for renovation and improvements to the State Capitol for recommendations to the full Committee.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Chairman Adkins mentioned that it is his intent, based on the information distributed earlier on the Prevention Initiative, to begin the process of putting into legislation some of those ideas with the idea that they may provide a framework for further distribution of the Children's Initiative Funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2000.