

Approved: April 23, 1993  
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson August Bogina at 11:00 a.m. on April 5, 1993 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department  
Scott Rothe, Legislative Research Department  
Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Assistant  
Ronda Miller, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Ron Thornburg, Assistant Secretary of State

Others attending: See attached list

**HB 2529 -- VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, DELETING CENTRALIZED VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE REQUIREMENT**

Ron Thornburg appeared before the Committee and told members that **SB 2529** would eliminate the mandate requiring the establishment of a centralized statewide voter registration database. He stated that the cost of creating the database is \$107,500 and asked that the Committee either fund the project or eliminate the mandate to create the program. In answer to questions, he said that the information is available in computer form from all counties but Wabaunsee, but not from a single database.

Senator Brady moved, Senator Vancrum seconded, that **HB 2529** be recommended favorable for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

**HB 2522 -- STATE MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTION, DEFINITION OF CATCHMENT AREAS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Staff reviewed the provisions of **HB 2522** as outlined in the supplemental note. In answer to a question, staff stated that the Secretary could redefine the boundaries of the catchment areas to adjust to population needs, but the boundaries would be definite. It was also noted that all counties served by a single community health center would move as a block.

Senator Kerr moved and Senator Vancrum seconded that **HB 2522** be recommended favorable for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

**HB 2517 -- EMPLOYEE USE FUNDS**

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes, reviewed the bill and explained what constitutes an employee use fund (see supplemental note on **HB 2517**). Chairman Bogina read testimony submitted by Secretary Stotts, Department of Corrections, in support of the bill (Attachment 1). Secretary Seltsam, Department of Administration, told members that the use of profits from employee vending machines is not currently sanctioned by law.

It was moved by Senator Kerr and seconded by Senator Petty that **HB 2517** be recommended favorable for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, Room 123-S Statehouse, at 11:00 a.m. on April 5, 1993.

### H 2493 -- STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Norman Furse explained that **HB 2493** would change current law regarding nonemergency situations and would allow in-house projects under \$250,000. It was moved by Senator Vancrum and seconded by Senator Kerr that **HB 2493** be amended by reinserting new section 2 (that was deleted by the House). The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved and Senator Vancrum seconded that **HB 2493** as amended be recommended favorable for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

### SB 13 -- MEDICAL LABORATORY AND PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Chairman briefly reviewed some of the testimony which was heard on **SB 13** on January 25, 1993. He reminded members that more slots rather than scholarships were requested for the physicians' assistants program at Wichita State University. John Peterson, Kansas Society of Medical Technology, stated that there is a need for scholarships for medical technologists and for medical laboratory technicians, and reminded members that a representative from the Department of Health and Environment had suggested including cytotechnologists without increasing the amount of money or the number of scholarships.

Senator Vancrum expressed his opinion that it is better to pay a direct stipend for working in an underserved area rather than providing medical scholarships.

It was moved by Senator Moran and seconded by Senator Morris that **SB 13** be amended by deleting physicians' assistants from the bill. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Moran moved, Senator Morris seconded, that **SB 13** be further amended by technical amendments and that the bill be recommended favorable for passage as amended. There was some concern regarding the fiscal note of the bill. The motion to recommended favorable as amended failed on a roll call vote.

### SB 377 -- STATE CONTRACTS WITH TRAVEL AGENCIES PROHIBITED; TRAVEL SERVICE PROVIDER DISCOUNTS

The Chairman noted that the hearing for **SB 377** was held on March 29, 1993. There was some discussion about whether travel costs could be controlled through an "in-house" agency and whether this "in-house" agency provided better oversight.

It was moved by Senator Salisbury and seconded by Senator Lawrence that **SB 377** be recommended favorable for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

### SB 320 -- PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN ANNUAL SALARIES OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES

The Chairman reminded members that a motion by Senator Rock was pending from the April 1, 1993 meeting to recommend **SB 320** favorable for passage. In answer to a question, it was stated that the average percentage increase shall be equal to the percentage certified by the Secretary of Administration and not subject to additional funds. The motion by Senator Rock, seconded by Senator Lawrence, carried on a roll call vote.

### SB 418 -- PROHIBITING COURT TRUSTEES FROM CHARGING A FEE IN AFDC CHILD SUPPORT CASES

It was moved by Senator Vancrum and seconded by Senator petty that **SB 418** be recommended favorable for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:10 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 1993.



GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: SENATE WAYS AND MEANS

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Testimony by Secretary of Stotts  
Kansas Department of Corrections  
on HB 2517

House Appropriations Committee  
March 10, 1993

House Bill No. 2517 would authorize state agencies to establish an employee use fund to finance programs benefiting employees. The primary sources of revenue to the fund would be profits from vending machines, coffee funds, and other similar functions; gifts; and employee fund raising activities, such as garage sales. For the Department of Corrections, only profits from employee use vending machines will be placed in employee use funds. Other vending machine profits will continue to be deposited in inmate benefits funds. Because vending machine profits are currently being deposited in inmate benefit funds, passage of House Bill No. 2517, at least how it would impact the Department of Corrections, would not have any impact on the State General Fund.

These funds would finance such programs and activities as stress and weight control workshops; cessation of smoking clinics; promotion of good health practices; acquisition of weight training equipment for use by employees; and other employee-related activities. This fund will be similar to the inmate benefit fund currently maintained by the correctional facilities which is used to finance equipment acquisitions and programs which directly benefit the inmate population.

The Lansing Correctional Facility currently maintains an Employee Use Fund. This fund was established before it was determined that this type of fund could not be established under current law. Passage of House Bill No. 2517 would allow the facility to continue the fund.

SWAM  
April 5, 1993  
Attachment 1