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# MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rochelle Chronister at 2:40 p.m. on January 10, 1994 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. George Teagarden, excused  
Rep. Melvin Minor, excused

Committee staff present: Debra Duncan, Legislative Research Department  
Timothy Colton, Legislative Research Department  
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department  
Pat Mah, Legislative Research Department  
Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department  
Diane Duffy, Legislative Research Department  
Laura Howard, Legislative Research Department  
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department  
Kathy Porter, Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department  
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department  
Scott Rothe, Legislative Research Department  
Paul West, Legislative Research Department  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Jerry Cole, Committee Secretary  
Sharon Schwartz, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: NONE

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Chronister opened the meeting by welcoming members and staff. She welcomed and introduced two new members of the committee, Rep. Barbara Allen replacing Rep. Wanda Fuller, and Rep. Richard Reinhardt who was replacing Rep. Gary Blumenthal.

Chairman Chronister then gave a brief outline of the committee's goals for state government budget reform. (See Attachment 1). The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 1993.

## BUDGET REFORM GOALS

1. Create measurable outcomes and encourage long term planning.
2. Reduce the number of full time state employees and increase pay for those remaining.
3. Increase privatization of service delivery
4. Increase customer (citizen) satisfaction with services delivered.

### Initial Areas to be Examined

#### A. *Social and Rehabilitation Services*

1. Reduce welfare roles
  - a. everyone who can work does
  - b. no one under 18 who is unmarried receives an AFDC check who is not living with parent or guardian
  - c. Welfare limited to 2 years unless permanent mental or physical impairment
  - d. During 2 years intensive vocational training.
    - Day care & medical card continue for time after work begins - sliding scale help.
2. Examine pay differential between income maintenance and social workers.
3. Continue examination of KanWork program
4. Consensus agreement between SRS/Budget & Legislative Research on caseloads.
5. Pre-admission screening of nursing homes - does it work?
6. MH/MR Hospitals - Examine possibility of making all 6 hospitals dual diagnosis

#### B. *Juvenile Offenders - Costs*

##### Corrections and SRS Combined

1. Juvenile offenders must learn there are consequence for their action, i.e. - if you break parole something happens besides being put back on parole to break it again.
2. Parents must take responsibility for their children's actions - financially or in other ways
3. Truancy - first indication of a potential offender.
  - Send parents to school with children for several days?
4. Create boot camps for juveniles in some of our minimum security prison sites - Stockton, Winfield, El Dorado, etc. - Costs
5. Examine placing Youth Centers under Corrections
6. Youth centers at Topeka and/or Atchison only for major felony offenders

### **C. *Corrections***

1. Examine parole jumper statistics/crimes and see what solution to problem besides simply more parole officers
2. Can save money by combining probation/parole services? Recommend bill for Judiciary?
3. Can reduce or eliminate Parole Board/Sentencing Guidelines Commission?
4. Mothball minimum security facilities?

### **D. *Revenue***

1. Drivers' licenses by mail (customer service & money saving)
2. Regional tax collection - do we get our money's worth

### **E. *Health & Environment***

1. Operation Immunize - outcomes compared to cost
2. Fee Structure - areas paying for regulation
3. Should a bill be introduced stating agency can not exceed federal requirements for regulation without specific state legislative approval?

### **F. *Water Agencies***

1. Examine priority system for project selection and make any recommendations needed.

### **G. *Wildlife & Parks***

1. Flooding
  - a. New limited fees to replace/repair flooded areas
  - b. Use of EDIF monies
2. Federal Audit

### **H. *Administration***

1. Reinventing Government
  - a. DISC
  - b. Inventory/Asset management - especially vehicles

### **I. *Aging***

1. Reinventing Government - Phase I

- a. Single point of entry - toll free phone
- b. Team approach for all elderly citizens
- c. Reduce nursing home reliance

#### **J. Regents**

- 1. Examine Regents/W.U. proposal - measurable outcomes!
  - a. What do taxpayers gain?
  - b. What do students gain?
  - c. More senior professors teaching fresh/sophomore classes?
  - d. Research emphasis?
  - e. Single Board of Governance for all higher ed?
  - f. Qualified admissions
  - g. Reduction in time for students to finish?
  - h. Reduction in drop-out rate
  - i. Reduction in number of closed classes?
- 2. KUMC
  - a. Family practice residents - increase benefits/number

#### **K. Education K-12**

- 1. Judge's opinion
  - a. low enrollment weighting
- 2. Special education
- 3. Need for specialized area people in department?

#### **L. Transportation**

- 1. Excess property - where and how much
  - a. Should property for road building be bought more than 3 years before needed?
  - b. Is removal of property from tax roles (loss of revenue) justified by potential to increase land prices?
  - c. Reduce number of employees as first phase of highway plan (engineering) comes to an end.
  - d. Customer satisfaction - disrupt towns/traffic flow as little as possible when financially feasible, i.e. - leave one side of road/bridge open when working on other side.

**M. EMS Board**

1. Customer satisfaction low

- \* Please be sure that the policy committee chair & ranking minority member have been notified when sub-committees are meeting on agencies they have a specific area of interest - i.e.

Insurance and Financial Institution Committee - Insurance Department

Energy & Natural Resources Committee - Environment in H & E

Joint Committee on Computers & Technology - DISC in Administration

**This is not an exhaustive list of suggestions - Simply round one.**