

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carolyn McGinn at 1:30 p.m. on March 21, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

Senators Emler and Umbarger were excused.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Dorothy Hughes, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Brea Short, Intern, Senator McGinn's Office
Jan Lunn, Committee Assistant
Josh Lewis, Chief of Staff

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Teichman introduced a bill relating to agreements for renewable energy generation facilities (#rs1086). Senator Kelly seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote.

SB 147-- Funds related to interstate water litigation and SB 89--Local health departments: funding reduction

Senator McGinn noted that **SB 147** had been heard in the Senate Agriculture Committee, and subsequently, it was referred to Senate Ways and Means. In addition, **SB 89** had been heard on March 17 in the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Senator McGinn clarified that **SB 147** concerns how water litigation monies recovered by Kansas from Nebraska and Colorado through disputes under the Arkansas River Compact and the Republican River Compact are deposited in the State Treasury and how the moneys may be spent on various projects.

Senator Vratil moved to amend **HB 2133** by adding the contents of **SB 147** and **SB 89**, as they currently exist, and to pass out **S Sub for HB 2133** favorably as amended. Senator Teichman seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

S Sub for SB 234-- Appropriations for FY 2011 through FY 2016 for various agencies

Alan Conroy, Director of the Legislative Research Department, reported that upon further review of **S Sub SB 234** the positive ending balance as originally reported to the Chair of Senate Ways and Means Committee was inaccurate and in fact, a negative balance existed.

Senator Vratil, having voted on the prevailing side, moved to reconsider the previous action taken on **S Sub for SB 234**. Senator Kelly seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote.

Senator Vratil moved to capture the remaining Kansas Health Policy Authority Pre-ambulatory Health Plan savings of \$3.25 million and to use the Child Care Development Fund, from the Children's Development Initiative Fund, to gain additional savings of \$750,000. In addition, Senator Vratil moved to amend provisions into **S Sub SB 234** that extend the Senate's version of the 7.5 percent pay cut for statewide elected officials, legislators, judges and justices in compliance with Kansas' statutory requirements on salary reductions. Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

During discussion, Senator Vratil clarified the savings resulting from the extension of the 7.5 percent pay cut were \$4.2 million. The pay cut extension will continue through FY 2012. These additional savings will result in a \$4.4 million positive ending balance.

Senator Vratil's motion, as seconded by Senator Kelly passed on a voice vote.

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Senator Vrail moved to add language prohibiting the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services from expending appropriated funds other than the manner in which they were intended by legislative action. Senator Teichman seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote.

Senator Vratil moved to recommend **S Sub SB 234**, as further amended, favorable for passage. Senator Kelly seconded the motion, which carried on a roll call vote.

Senator McGinn thanked committee members for attending and announced the confirmation hearing for Robert Siedlecki to the position of Secretary, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

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