

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:30 a.m. on February 10, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Dave Jackson- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Vanhouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dick Bond, Kansas Children's Campaign Leadership Committee
Jill Docking, Kansas Children's Campaign Leadership Committee
Monica Murnan, Family Resource Center, Pittsburg, Kansas

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Bill Introductions

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to introduce two bills: An act concerning victim identity protection (3rs1837) and an act concerning children and minors; pertaining to death or injury under certain circumstances (3rs1723). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris referred the following bill to the KPERS Issues Subcommittee:

427--Taxation, subtraction from federal adjusted gross income of Washburn university retirement benefits

Kansas Children's Campaign Leadership Committee Briefing

The Chairman welcomed Dick Bond who presented a briefing on the Kansas Children's Campaign Leadership Committee (Attachment 1). Mr. Bond explained their efforts on behalf of children in Kansas as it relates to Smart Start funding. He mentioned that they are asking, along with the Kansas Children's Cabinet and the Governor's recommendation, to increase funding for Smart Start from \$3.2 million to \$10 million in the coming year. Mr. Bond noted that what convinced him that this is the right thing to do is when reading research and statistics about early childhood development, one learns that 90 percent of brain development occurs before the age of three. Smart Start is preparing children for school, for life and healthy families as well.

Mr. Bond turned the briefing over to Jill Docking. Ms. Docking explained that, with the deficit, she is mindful of the Legislature's responsibility as financial stewards for the fiscal health for the State of Kansas. She noted it was her understanding that the tobacco money should be used for enrichment of programs, not in place of State General Funding programs. She felt Smart Start has been incredibly effective in early childhood development in the state. Ms. Docking mentioned research shows that the core and fundamentals of early childhood education is what it is all built on and Smart Start is a program that enriches that.

Mr. Bond introduced, and Chairman Morris welcomed Monica Murnan, Executive Director, Family Resource Center in Pittsburg, Kansas. (No written testimony was submitted.) Ms. Murnan explained that Smart Start

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is an infrastructure, not a program nor a project. It is designed to allow communities to assess their strengths and weaknesses while operating within boundaries of research, best practice and common sense.

Ms. Murnan noted that Smart Start Crawford County took on the root of the problem in early childhood care, education, health, quality, access and afford ability. She mentioned that they realized that there was a lack of infant childcare. At Smart Start Crawford County they instituted a simple salary schedule that rewards early childhood providers for time on the job and increased education. Now they have only a 6 percent turnover rate in that part of their program which is down from the 60 percent center-wide turnover rate previous to instituting a very simple two-page plan. She explained that they began providing preventative health services through their local clinic to uninsured and under-insured children, and it worked. They were able to provide easy access to services with very little money. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Helgerson requested additional documentation regarding the information mentioned in the Smart Start written testimony about early care and education in that for every dollar invested in quality child development services, Kansas saves at least \$7 spent later to battle school failure, crime and unemployment. Senator Helgerson mentioned that he requested the additional documentation due to the many questions that Legislators have regarding the funding that has been used for prevention for children.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2004 and FY 2005 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee budget reports on:

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairman Bunten reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments and notations.

Senator Salmans made a motion to remove Item No.5 from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks subcommittee budget report in FY 2005. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

State Water Office

State Conservation Commission (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairman Bunten reported that the subcommittee on the State Water Office concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 with an adjustment and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments and notations.

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the State Water Office in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Bunten reported that the subcommittee on the State Conservation Commission concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2005 with notation.

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the State Conservation Commission in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Staff distributed copies of the State Water Plan Fund Expenditures (Attachment 3).

Kansas Department of Agriculture

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Animal Health Department
Kansas State Fair (Attachment 4)

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Agriculture concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments and notations.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Agriculture in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the subcommittee on the Animal Health Department concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with notations.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Animal Health Department in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas State Fair concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments and notations.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas State Fair in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2004.