

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:30 a.m. on March 25, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy Van House, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joe Fritton, Deputy Director, Division of Facilities Management, Kansas Department of Administration  
Ken Christensen, Kansas/Missouri Chapter of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials  
Howard Fricke, Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Buntten moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to approve the minutes of the February 7, February 20, February 21, February 24, February 25 and February 27, 2003 meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman called the committee's attention to discussion of:

**HB 2014—Retirement annuities for members of legislature for past service**

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to reconsider the committee's action taken on **HB 2014**. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the language contained in **SB 47** into **HB 2014**. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend **HB 2014** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris called the committee's attention to discussion of:

**SB 244—Disposition of body of indigent decedent**

The Chairman explained that the counties and the funeral directors had come to agreement regarding **SB 244**.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to amend **SB 244** by substituting a new bill to be designated as "**Substitute for SB 244**." (Attachment 1) Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to recommend **Substitute for SB 244** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

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**HB 2367–Inspection procedures for state capital improvement projects**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Joe Fritton, Deputy Director, Division of Facilities Management, spoke in support of **HB 2367** (Attachment 2). Mr. Fritton explained that the proposed legislation provides flexibility in the inspection of state building projects and allows the State to use the most cost effective method of code reviews and inspections. He noted that the legislation does not force the use of local jurisdictions but provides a flexibility that does not currently exist.

Ken Christensen, Mid-American Representative, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, testified in opposition to **HB 2367** (Attachment 3). Mr. Christensen expressed various concerns with the bill in his written testimony.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2367**.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to recommend **HB 2367** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2369–State employee suggestion program bonus award procedures**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Howard Fricke, Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration, spoke regarding **HB 2369** (Attachment 4). Secretary Fricke explained a proposed amendment that allows for a timelier award to employees and provides an additional incentive for state employees to participate in the program. He noted that this is a worthwhile and beneficial program under normal circumstances, it is even more important today, given the fiscal situation facing the State of Kansas.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2369**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to amend **HB 2369** with a balloon amendment (Attachment 5) and include that an employee shall not be required to repay any such advance payment received under this section. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend **HB 2369** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris turned the committee's attention to discussion of:

**SB 262--Transfer the Division of Accounts and Reports to the State Treasurer's Office**

Committee discussion and questions followed.

Senator Buntin moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to recommend a floor amendment authorizing a fee per check for administrative services provided by the State Treasurer, to raise fees with bank charges and for the Chairman to write a letter to the Governor regarding the Legislature is trying to comply with the Governor's budget proposal for funding the State Treasurer's Office and for clarification. Motion carried regarding the Proviso on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris turned the committee's attention to discussion of:

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**SB 257—Authority for the animal health department to increase certain fees**

Debra Duncan, Animal Health Department, explained a list of proposed fees as requested by the committee (Attachment 6).

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Bunten, to amend SB 257 with the proposed amendment at 25 percent fee increase plus a surcharge of \$1.00 per head on adult dogs or cats. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to recommend SB 257 favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris turned the committee's attention to discussion of:

**SB 49—State employee fiscal bonus program**

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to recommend SB 49 favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris turned the committee's attention to discussion of:

**SB 50—State employee voluntary leave purchase program**

Senator Bunten suggested that action not be taken on **SB 50** at this time and that additional study continue regarding the bill.

**Bill Introduction**

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to introduce a bill concerning medical assistance, concerning the repayment thereof; creating and imposing a lien on real property of certain recipients of medical assistance, making certain transfers of property voidable (3rs0988). Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2003.