

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Kerr at 11:00 a.m. on March 9, 2000 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, KLRD
Rae Anne Davis, KS Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, KS Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Asst. Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Ronda Miller, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

It was moved by Senator Feleciano and seconded by Senator Lawrence that the minutes of the March 6th meeting be approved. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Salisbury moved, Senator Lawrence seconded, that bill draft 9rs 2369 be introduced. The motion carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Senator Ranson and seconded by Senator Salisbury that bill draft 9rs 2415 be introduced at the request of Senator Ranson. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Ranson reviewed the FY 2001 subcommittee report on **the Ombudsman of Corrections** (Attachment 1). In response to a question, she stated that she believes the fewer number of inmate claims in the claims bill is attributable to the work of this agency.

The FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Kansas Bureau of Investigation** was presented by Senator Lawrence (Attachment 2). In answer to a concern about the Governor's recommendation for the use of Federal Forfeiture Funds (item 3), a representative from the Division of the Budget stated that the Governor's Office did not view the shift of monies from FY 2000 to FY 2001 as "supplanting" normal operating expenses because the total amount was not changed. In answer to a question regarding the recommendation for the Wyandotte County KBI Laboratory, Senator Ranson said that by adding \$60,000, the original local monies can be used for the intended laboratory purpose.

Senator Ranson moved, Senator Lawrence seconded, that the KBI subcommittee report be amended by including a proviso that would allow the agency to use \$94,498.00 of ABC monies for operating expenses. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Ranson reviewed the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Adjutant General** (Attachment 3) and the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Parole Board** (Attachment 4). In answer to a question, Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department, stated that the Parole Board is operating with 4 FTE positions and one of the members whose term expired in 1999 is serving at the Governor's request. Senator Ranson inquired whether the Board could operate in that manner without changing the statute.

Senator Morris presented the FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Kansas Highway Patrol** (Attachment 5), the **State Fire Marshal** (Attachment 6).

The FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Sentencing Commission** was presented by Senator Ranson (Attachment 7). Chairman Kerr stated that the status of the Criminal Justice Information System may need to be looked at prior to the end of the 2000 legislative session. Senator Salmans stated that the Joint Committee on Information Technology has been looking at this issue.

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The Committee discussed at length the effect of the Governor's recommendation for salaries and wages in Item 4. Ms. Barbara Tombs, Executive Director of the Sentencing Commission stated that all of the employees within this agency are unclassified. Three of them are special project positions (also called grant specialists) and the others are researchers. It was noted that it was the subcommittee's intent to restore 1 FTE position (the researcher) and delete the unclassified temporary position. A chart showing the agency's employees and the federal and state dollars that make up their compensation was distributed to members (Attachment 8). Senator Ranson moved, Senator Downey seconded, that item 4 of the subcommittee report be amended to reflect that the FTE position of the researcher be retained and the unclassified temporary position be deleted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

In answer to a concern, Senator Ranson indicated that the subcommittee had spoken to the Director of the Budget on three different budgets, and he is aware that there needs to be better understanding of the use of federal monies.

The FY 2001 subcommittee report on the **Emergency Medical Services Board** was presented by Senator Ranson (Attachment 9). Senator Salisbury inquired about the recommended shift of monies from the SGF, and it was stated that those monies would work as a "loan" until the agency could generate fees to pay back the difference between \$31,000 and the recommended SGF appropriation of \$36,546 (item 2).

It was moved by Senator Ranson and seconded by Senator Morris that the FY 2001 subcommittee reports on the Ombudsman of Corrections, the Adjutant General, the Parole Board, the Highway Patrol, the State Fire Marshal, and the Emergency Medical Services Board be adopted , and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Sentencing Commission as amended be adopted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman stated that the balance of the public safety agency subcommittee reports would be reviewed the following day. He adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be March 10, 2000.