

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on March 22, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator David Adkins- 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 Van House, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes  
Bruce Kinsey, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Allen, Manager, Pawnee Watershed District, Jetmore, Kansas

Others attending:

See Attached List.

**Bill Introduction**

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to introduce a Senate Concurrent Resolution to amend Section 3c, of Article 15, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, relating to lotteries (3rs1708). Motion carried on a voice vote.

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

**SB 515--Financing for comprehensive transportation program**

Staff distributed copies of the Highlights of the Alternative Transportation Proposal Prepared for Briefings (Attachment 1). Bruce Kinsey, Revisor of Statutes Office, explained the bill. Committee discussion followed regarding a House amendment. Chairman Morris recognized Senator Downey who explained a proposed amendment (Attachment 2).

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, the clean Republican Comprehensive Transportation Plan into **Senate Substitute for SB 515** without amendments. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to recommend **Senate Substitute for SB 515** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2582--Creating the horsethief reservoir benefit district**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Ron Allen, Manager, Pawnee Watershed District in Jetmore, Kansas, who spoke in support of **HB 2582** (Attachment 3). Mr. Allen explained that **HB 2582** would establish a special benefit district—made up of four counties surrounding the Reservoir—to manage, and partially fund, the recreation component of the project. He explained that four counties chose to participate in the project: Ford, Finney,

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Gray and Hodgeman Counties, along with Dodge City and Garden City. Mr. Allen urged timely passage of the bill.

There being no further conferees to appear before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2582**.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p .m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2004.