

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on January 29, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All Present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Department on Aging  
Shelby Smith, The Shelby Smith Group, Public Affairs Consultants  
Laura Howard, Assistant Secretary, Health Care Policy, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Others attending: See attached list

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

**SB 387 – State finance, state general fund ending balance requirement, maximum amount of expenditures and demand transfers**

Senator Huelskamp moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend SB 387 to require that if the required ending balance is not met when the Legislature adjourns sine die, members of the Legislature would be notified in writing by the Director of the Kansas Legislative Research Department. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Huelskamp moved, with a second by Senator Barone, a conceptual amendment regarding SB 387 to take a dollar amount equal to the 7.5 percent or the 5.5 percent and that either that percent or that dollar amount would be the ending balance requirement for the next fiscal year, whichever is greater. Motion failed on a voice vote.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to recommend SB 387 favorably for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SCR 1614 – Encouraging decreased dependence on public moneys to finance long-term care**

Staff briefed the Committee on the resolution.

Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Department on Aging, spoke in favor of **SCR 1614 (Attachment 1)**. Secretary Hubbell mentioned in her testimony that this resolution was drafted in response to the directive from the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA) begin a campaign to educate and make Kansans aware of the cost of long-term care, and to encourage them to consider the purchase of long-term care insurance at an age when it is affordable.

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Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Secretary Hubbell for her appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SCR 1614**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend SCR 1614 on page 1, line 25, to add the word “once” before the words “were fatal” and recommend SCR 1614 favorably for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SCR 1613 – Joint rules subject matter of appropriation bills**

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes, explained the resolution (Attachment 2).

Shelby Smith, The Shelby Smith Group, Public Affairs Consultants, spoke in favor of **SCR 1613** (Attachment 3). Mr. Smith explained that provisos in appropriations bills should be restricted to the mechanics of appropriations, for example authorizations for the transfer of money from one fund to another, increases or decreases in expenditure limitations, authorizations for certain state officials to draw warrants, or reappropriation of unencumbered balances in certain funds, etc. He mentioned that simply, the constitutional mandate – one subject in a bill – must be respected. Mr. Smith also distributed copies of Separation of Powers II (Attachment 4).

Committee questions and discussion followed. Chairman Morris thanked Mr. Smith for his appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees to appear before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SCR 1613**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to recommend SCR 1613 favorably for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris welcomed Laura Howard, Assistant Secretary, Health Care Policy, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Ms. Howard addressed requests for additional information arising from Consensus Caseload Estimates (Attachment 5). A copy of a chart titled, “Medicaid Expenditures by Service Category” was distributed (Attachment 6).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2002.