

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 May 1, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Dave Kerr - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nicoletta Buonasera, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections (written testimony)
Shannon Jones, Executive Director, Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK)
Laura Howard, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
(written testimony)
Josie Torrez, Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living (written testimony)
Mike Oxford, Executive Director and SILCK Board Member (written testimony)
Shari Coatney, Director, Southeast Kansas Independent Living (written testimony)

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Introductions

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to introduce a technical bill concerning the department of commerce and housing; relating to changing the name of such agency; relating to other changes required by 2002 ERO 30 (3rs1052). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Bunten moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to approve the minutes of the March 10, March 11, March 12, March 13, March 14, March 17, March 18, March 19, March 20, March 21, March 24, March 25, March 27, March 28, April 2 (at the rail), April 2, April 3, April 3 (with Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits), and April 4, 2003 meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Staff explained a letter from Joe Fritton, Deputy Director, Kansas Department of Administration, regarding adding buildings selected by the Adjutant General's Department to the statewide "umbrella" insurance policy (Attachment 1). Committee discussion followed. *The Committee agreed by consensus that the Chairman would write a letter to the Department of Administration regarding the possibility that the Department will put the state armories under the statewide umbrella insurance policy and to research any refund due on the current insurance policy, if the armories go under the state blanket insurance.*

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2461--Conveyance of property by department of corrections to city of Hutchinson

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Written testimony was submitted by Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections, in support of **HB 2461** (Attachment 2).

There being no conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2461**.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Bunten, to recommend **HB 2461** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2423--Department of health and environment, center for health and environmental statistics, fee funding

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

There were no conferees to come before the committee. The Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2423**.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend **HB 2423** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2067--Establishing the statewide independent living council

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Shannon Jones, Executive Director, Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK), testified in support of **HB 2067** (Attachment 3). Ms. Jones explained that the bill would define and clarify in state statute what the SILCK is federally authorized to do.

Laura Howard, Deputy Secretary, Division of Health Care Policy, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, submitted written testimony in support of **HB 2067** (Attachment 4).

Josie Torrez, representing the Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living (KACIL), submitted written testimony in support of **HB 2067** (Attachment 5).

Mike Oxford, Executive Director and SILCK board member, submitted written testimony in support of **HB 2067** (Attachment 6).

Shari Coatney, Director, Southeast Kansas Independent Living, submitted written testimony in support of **HB 2067** (Attachment 7).

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2067**.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to recommend **HB 2067** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Staff distributed copies of the explainer regarding the 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Attachment 8).

Chairman Morris thanked the Committee and the subcommittees for all the good work this session. Chairman Morris and the Committee expressed a thank you to Staff for all of their good work and time spent working with the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2003.