

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:30 a.m. on January 29, 2001, 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
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association
Joyce Volmut, Executive Director, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved
Stephen S. Richards, Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue

Others attending: See attached guest list

Chairman Morris referred the following bills to subcommittees:

SB 12 – Referred to KPERS Issues Subcommittee
SB 85 – Referred to Judicial Branch Subcommittee
SB 100 – Referred to Health & Environment/Human Resources Subcommittee
SB 110 – Referred to Fee Boards Subcommittee
SB 135 – Referred to Department of Education Subcommittee

The Chairman mentioned that there will be no Ways and Means Committee meeting on February 6, 2001, which is being reserved for subcommittees.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 65 – Dental student loans

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association, who spoke in support of **SB 65** (Attachment 1). Mr. Robertson explained that **SB 65** creates a dental service loan program, patterned largely after the existing osteopathic medical service scholarship program. He noted that the bill creates a loan program for dental students that pays up to 70 percent of the cost of attendance at any accredited dental school and explained details. Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Mr. Robertson for appearing before the Committee.

Chairman Morris welcomed Joyce Volmut, Executive Director, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, who spoke in support of **SB 65** (Attachment 2). Ms. Volmut testified about areas in the state where dentis shortages exist. She noted that these scholarships should be directed toward underserved areas and populations even if the underserved populations are in urban areas. Ms. Volmut also mentioned that there is a need to develop dental training sites within the state. Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Ms. Volmut for appearing before the Committee.

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There being no further conferees to appear before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 65**.

Chairman Morris welcomed Stephen S. Richards, Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue, who gave an overview of the Department including budget issues, status of tax processing and motor fuel tax refunds (Attachment 3). Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Secretary Richards for his appearance before the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2001.

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