

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on January 18, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members present.

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Reginald "Reggie" Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents
Dr. James Roberts, Vice Provost for Research and President, University of Kansas Center for Research
Carol Pangborn, Account Executive, and Tripp Fulton, Presenter, Electronic Data Systems

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Umbarger mentioned that following the January 19th committee meeting members were invited to attend the Legislator Health Policy Orientation sponsored by the Kansas Legislative Research Department and the Kansas Health Institute, to be held in Room 313-S, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Attachment 1).

Copies of a schedule for the Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee as an aid in scheduling subcommittee meetings (Attachment 2).

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

SB 8--Research foundation capital improvement projects; limitation on amount

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Reginald "Reggie" Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3). Mr. Robinson explained that the bill would eliminate the \$1 million Research Foundation capital improvement project cap. He noted that the bill was considered and endorsed by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee in November 2004. Mr. Robinson expressed concern of the Board of Regents that the existence of the limitation could impair the ability of universities to respond to federal research opportunities. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Dr. James Roberts, Vice Provost for Research and President, University of Kansas Center for Research, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 4). Dr. Roberts addressed the issue of timing as to why this bill is just now being introduced, which was in regard to a question asked by Senator Morris earlier in the meeting. He explained that up until about the last two to three years the University of Kansas Center for Research has not been actively engaged in building, but recently they have become more aggressive in terms of supporting the research mission of the university. This has been done both in terms of money that the foundation itself has as well as applying for federal grants to build or remodel research facilities. Additional committee questions and discussion followed.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 8**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:30 A.M. on January 18, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Carol Pangborn, Account Executive, Electronic Data Systems (EDS), the fiscal agent for the State of Kansas, who presented a briefing of EDS, the Medicaid Fiscal Agent for the State of Kansas (Attachment 5). In order to view the system and the EDS presentation, all present in the meeting were asked to comply with HIPPA regulations and signed the EDS Privacy and Security Agreement for the Kansas MMIS. Ms. Pangborn introduced those attending the meeting from EDS. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Ms. Pangborn turned the presentation over to Tripp Fulton, Customer Service Manager, EDS. Mr. Fulton provided statistical information in his presentation which is detailed in the written testimony that was provided. He addressed the interChange MMIS Advantages; MMIS comparison to the Mainframe MMIS; interChange MMIS Web Technology; interChange MMIS - KMAP policy; their provider communication and customer service. Committee questions and discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2005.