

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 19, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members present.

Committee staff present: Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Introductions

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to introduce a bill concerning state educational institutions under the control and supervision of the State Board of Regents (5rs0336). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to introduce a bill relating to state educational institutions; concerning the conversion of positions in the classified service to positions in the unclassified service (5rs0346). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger explained that the minutes for the meetings of January 11 and January 12, 2005, were presented for review and scheduled for approval on January 24, 2005. If there are any additions or revisions to the minutes, notification should be given to his office.

Copies of a memorandum dated July 2, 2001, from Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes, were distributed to the committee in regard to Appropriations Bill Drafting Standards (Attachment 1).

Chairman Umbarger recognized J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, who provided a briefing on the Reports of the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget to the 2005 Kansas Legislature (Attachment 2). The topics addressed in the interim committee were:

- Billing and Payment Practices of EDS as the Medicaid Fiscal Agent
- Coordination and Communication of State Budget Information Higher Education Block Grant Funding
- Impact on Kansas of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 Long-Term Care Funding Issues
- Regents Southwest Kansas Access Project
- State General Fund
- Use of State Building Funds to Pay Insurance for State Buildings
- Utilization and Viability of the Schools for the Blind and Deaf

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:30 A.M. on January 19, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

The Reports of the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget to the 2005 Kansas Legislature will be continued on Friday, January 21, 2005, because the committee was invited to attend a Legislator Health Policy Orientation sponsored by the Kansas Legislative Research Department and the Kansas Health Institute being presented in Room 313-S from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2005.