

Approved: April 20, 2006

Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:35 A.M. on February 16, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michelle Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Chief of Staff
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Earl Lewis, Kansas Water Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to introduce a bill concerning claims against the state; personal injury limitations (5rs2169). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to introduce a bill concerning libraries; tax levies; based on preliminary values (5rs2086). Motion carried on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Senator Emler, with a second by Senator Teichman, to approve the minutes of the meetings of January 17 and January 20, 2006. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2006 and FY 2007 were made available to the Committee.

Subcommittee budget reports on:

Kansas Department of Agriculture (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairman Mark Taddiken reported that the budget subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Agriculture concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2006 and FY 2007 with a comment.

The Committee discussed funding a Horticulture Survey by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the survey, which is done every five years, is to collect information from Kansas horticulture industries and evaluate their impact on the Kansas economy.

Senator Taddiken moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to amend the budget subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Agriculture to add \$67,700 State General Fund in FY 2007 for a Horticulture Survey to be completed by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Taddiken moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the

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Kansas Department of Agriculture as amended in FY 2006 and FY 2007. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Animal Health Department (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairman Mark Taddiken reported that the budget subcommittee on the Animal Health Department concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2006 and FY 2007 with observation.

Senator Taddiken moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Animal Health Department in FY 2006 and FY 2007. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas State Fair (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairman Mark Taddiken reported that the budget subcommittee on the Animal Health Department concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2006 and FY 2007 with recommendations and observations.

Senator Taddiken moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas State Fair in FY 2006 and FY 2007. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

SB 503--Establishing the water supply storage assurance fund

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Earl Lewis of the Kansas Water Office who testified in support of **SB 503 (Attachment 4)**. Mr. Lewis explained that the water supply assurance fund was statutory until 1998 when it was inadvertently abolished. He noted that since then the Kansas Water Office has needed an annual appropriations proviso to expend the funds for the program's regularly occurring expenses under the Water Assurance Act and this legislation would correct the inadvertent statutory deletion of the Water Assurance Fund.

There being no further conferees to appear before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 503**.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to recommend **SB 503** favorable for passage and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2006.