

Approved: April 19, 2007
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 March 14, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were 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
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Candace Shively, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Conference
Representative Pat George

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to introduce a conceptual bill regarding KPERs and COLA. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis report for FY 2007 and FY 2008 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee reports on:

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Attorney General

Secretary of State

Insurance Commissioner

State Treasurer

Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chair Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee report on the Office of the Governor concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Subcommittee Chair Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee report on the Lieutenant Governor concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Subcommittee Chair Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee report on the Attorney General concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustments and observations.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Subcommittee Chair Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee report on the Secretary of State concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 with adjustment.

Subcommittee Chair Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee report on the Insurance Department concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation.

Subcommittee Chair Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee report on the State Treasurer concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustments and notation.

Subcommittee Chair Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee report on the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget reports on the Office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Insurance Commissioner, State Treasurer and the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors in FY 2007 and in FY 2008.

Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chair Dwayne Umbarger reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 with adjustments and notations.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, a technical amendment on the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services subcommittee budget report in FY 2008, Item 19, page 13, to change the word "needed" to read "needing". Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Taddiken, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in FY 2007 and as amended in FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Candace Shively, Deputy Secretary, Integrated Service Delivery, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, who presented an update on the Child Support Enforcement (CSE), the Kansas Payment Center and Federal and State Legislation (Attachment 3).

The Chairman recognized Representative Pat George who gave a briefing on the Recommended State Employee Pay Plan for FY 2008 by the House Select Committee on State Employee Pay (Attachment 4). Representative George provided details in his written testimony. Committee questions and discussion followed.

The Chairman acknowledged Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Conference, who presented a briefing on Child Support Issues (Attachment 5). Mr. Johnson addressed Child Support Staffing and Computers; Kansas Payment Center (KPC); and, Collection Tools. In closing, Mr. Johnson noted that the Kansas Catholic Conference supports an interim study on the staffing needs, KPC and collection tools for child support in Kansas.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2007.