

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE KANSAS 2000 SELECT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kenny Wilk at 1:30 p.m. on February 8, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Susan Wagle - excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Mosser, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Judge John White, Iola
Judge Larry McClain, Olatha
Bobbi Mariani, Division of Personnel Services, Dept. of Administration
Jerry Sloan, Office of Judicial Administration
Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Wilk brought to the committee's attention a letter received from John Cleland of the Security Benefit Group regarding his testimony last week on **HB 2718** in which he points out that the Security Benefit Group offers a defined benefit plan in addition to a defined contribution plan (Attachment 1).

Members of the Judicial Branch gave a presentation on the Judicial Branch Nonjudicial Salary Initiative. Judge John White, Iola, summarized the problem, plan, and solution (Attachment 2) (Attachment 3). Judge Larry McClain, Olatha, and Jerry Sloan, Office of Judicial Administration, explained how the initiative would be funded (Attachment 4). Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration, reviewed **HB 2856** which is the current bill that would raise the docket fees and thus fund the initiative.

Bobbi Mariani, Division of Personnel Services, Dept. of Administration, was recognized and explained that she was appearing at the request of the Judicial Branch to give the views of the Department of Administration on the pay plan proposed by the Judicial Branch. She indicated that the Department of Administration believes the Judicial Branch has developed a plan that is appropriate for their employees to address their problem; they see no major flaws in the proposed plan; and statewide human resources systems can accommodate the plan with little difficulty. The Department of Administration feels that the proposal can benefit the Executive Branch and the rest of state employees because it can be used as a test case for an alternative pay plan for state employees.

Questions and discussion followed the presentation.

Chairperson Wilk adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2000