

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:30 a.m. on January 25, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Jerry Farley, President, Washburn University
Dr. Kim Wilcox, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Regents (Written Testimony)

Others attending: See attached guest list

Chairman Morris mentioned that there will be hearings on **SB 8** and **SB 12**.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

SB 8 – Washburn university, operating grants, determinations

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill

Chairman Morris welcomed Dr. Jerry Farley, President, Washburn University, who spoke in support of **SB 8** (Attachment 1). Dr. Farley mentioned that he was appearing before the Committee to endorse the concepts embodied in **SB 8** and to urge favorable action, with potential amendments (found in written testimony) on the legislation. Committee questions and discussion followed. Dr. Farley noted in his testimony that Washburn University and the Kansas Board of Regents ask permission to work with the Committee's revisors to amend **SB 8** to include language to which all parties agree that will accomplish the goal. The Chairman thanked Dr. Farley for appearing before the Committee.

Written testimony was received from Dr. Kim Wilcox, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Regents, in support of **SB 8** (Attachment 2).

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

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

SB 12 – Taxation, subtraction from federal adjusted gross income of Washburn university employees retirement benefits

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill

Chairman Morris welcomed Dr. Jerry Farley, President, Washburn University, who spoke in support of **SB 12** (Attachment 3). Dr. Farley mentioned that he was present to discuss exempting from state income tax the TIAA-CREF annuity benefits received by Washburn University retirees. He noted that the proposal is embodied in **SB 12** which has been endorsed by the Kansas Board of Regents and the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Dr. Farley for appearing before the Committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Written testimony was received from Dr. Kim Wilcox, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Regents, and is included in Attachment 2 under **SB 8** which also addresses **SB 12** as listed above.

The Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 12**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2001.