

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:40 a.m. on February 7, 2001, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Adkins - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached guest list

**Bill Introductions**

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to introduce a bill (1rs0461) concerning schools fair funding. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Huelskamp, to introduce a bill (1rs0425) concerning naturopathic physicians; licensing. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to introduce a bill (1rs0613) regarding counties opting into the state employee health plan. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to introduce a bill (1rs 0892) relating to agriculture; ethyl alcohol. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**Subcommittee Budget Reports**

**Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 1)**

Chairman Morris reviewed the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services subcommittee report and concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001 with exceptions and comments as listed in the subcommittee report. Committee questions and discussion followed.

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Regarding Integrated Service Delivery, Item 4, Senator Kerr noted that a lot of things are being delayed for omnibus consideration, and in a year like this one is developing to be, consideration at omnibus very possibly will mean no consideration down the road. He mentioned that the social security advocacy project may be one where the net savings are such, that there may actually be a net loss by not putting the money in now. Chairman Morris mentioned that the subcommittee had talked about that and the Committee may want to do it. Senator Kerr noted that it is probably financially a wise thing to do as well as being good for the people at home.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to add \$200,000 from the State General Fund for the Social Security Advocacy Project as outlined under Integrated Service Delivery, Item 4. Motion carried by a voice vote.

In regard to Health Care Policy, Item 9, Senator Barone requested information about the Medicaid reimbursement rate and asked if staff could provide a simple table showing key services, reimbursement rate by Medicaid and the state and Blue Cross plan. Chairman Morris and staff, explained that we cannot exceed Medicare reimbursement. Staff explained that we may not have access to reimbursement rates for the state and Blue Cross plans but would check.

Committee discussion followed regarding Health Care Policy, Item 3. Senator Schodorf commented regarding traumatic brain injury that the waiting period is two years. She noted that there was nothing in Item 3 that would shorten the waiting list.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to amend the subcommittee report to reflect concern regarding the amount of wait time for services regarding the Head Injury Waiver under Health Care Policy, Item 4. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the subcommittee report for a technical clean up bill for the Permanent Guardianship Program to be introduced by Senate Ways and Means Committee. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Huelskamp moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend the subcommittee report to remove Item 2 under Integrated Service Delivery and recommend that the proviso for the central payment center be addressed during the Omnibus Session. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to accept the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services subcommittee budget report as amended. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2001.