

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:35 a.m. on February 9, 2001, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jim Barone - excused
Senator Nick Jordan - excused

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:

Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association
Eric L. Sexton, Director of Governmental Relations, Wichita State University
Dick Carter, Jr., Director for External Relations, Kansas Board of Regents (written testimony)

Others attending: See attached guest list

Bill Introductions

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill (1rs0821) concerning the acceptance of certain real property by the State Historical Society (William Allen White). Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 213 - Negotiation by state board of regents for dental seats at university of Nebraska and Creighton university

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association, who spoke in favor of **SB 213**. Mr. Robertson explained that **SB 213** would require the Board of Regents to negotiate with the University of Nebraska and Creighton University in Omaha for dental seats for Kansas students. He mentioned that the KDA believes that acquiring more dental seats at surrounding state dental schools is an imperative "piece of the puzzle" to increasing the supply of dentists in Kansas and better serving the populations of rural areas and Medicaid and indigent patients who currently have reduced access to dental care (Attachment 1).

Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Mr. Robertson for appearing before the Committee and closed the public hearing on **SB 213**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2016 - Wichita state university, revising certain statutory provisions and definitions

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Eric Sexton, Director of Governmental Relations, Wichita State University, who spoke in favor of **HB 2016**. Mr. Sexton mentioned that the bill would revise certain definitions and

statutory provisions applicable to Wichita State University as referenced in his testimony (Attachment 2). The Chairman thanked Mr. Sexton for his appearance before the Committee.

Written testimony was received from Dick Carter, Jr., Director for External Relations, Kansas Board of Regents, who recommend the proposals in **HB 2016** as favorable and are explained in the testimony (Attachment 3).

Committee questions and discussion followed.

There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2016**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to pass **HB 2016** favorably and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris turned the Committee's attention to discussion of **SB 213**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the bill and make it effective as of the Kansas Register. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to pass **SB 213** favorably as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris called the Committee's attention to discussion of:

SB 65 - Dental student loans

Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend **SB 65** on page 3 and remove entire subsection (2). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris requested that staff research the cost of dentists against cost of medical doctors scholarships. Senator Kerr mentioned that he agreed with a comment that Senator Huelskamp had made earlier regarding tying the use of the dental slots to either service in Kansas or re-payment of the costs. Senator Kerr also mentioned that he would like to see a financial penalty being imposed if the student would want to buy-out just as has been done with the loan program costs.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to draft the introduction of a bill regarding tying up Kansas service for the use of dental slots. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2001.