

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES ON SENATE WAYS AND MEANS
AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chairman Kenny Wilk of the House Appropriations Committee and Chairman Steve Morris of Senate Ways and Means Committee who each gave a welcome and comments at 9:05 a.m. on March 5, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey - excused

Committee staff present:

Representatives of the Kansas Legislative Research Department
Representatives of the Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Various Office Staff

Conferees appearing before the committee:

U. S. Senator Pat Roberts
Dr. Michael Welch, Vice Chancellor of Research, University of Kansas Medical Center
Dr. William Neaves, President and CEO of The Stowers Institute

Others attending: various

The following information was distributed to the Committees:

U. S. Senator Pat Roberts spoke regarding the importance of research, high technology and higher education in Kansas (Attachment 1).

Dr. Michael Welch spoke regarding the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute, Inc. and the Business Plan Executive Summary. Copies of this information are on file with the Kansas Legislative Research Department. Dr. Welch provided a copy of information regarding his role as Vice Chancellor for Research, KUMC (Attachment 2).

Dr. William Neaves spoke regarding his experience at a state-funded medical school in Texas, his reasons for coming to The Stowers Institute in Kansas City and the benefits that can come from using state funds to strengthen biomedical science at public research institutions in Kansas and Missouri (Attachment 3).

Committee questions and discussion followed and the conferees were thanked for their appearance before the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting for the Committee on Senate Ways and Means Committee was scheduled for March 5, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. later that day.