

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on February 25, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Donald Betts- excused  
Senator Mark Taddiken- excused  
Senator David Wysong- excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes  
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

### **Bill Introductions**

Senator Kelly moved to introduce two bills requested by Senator Roger Reitz, with a second by Senator Teichman, regarding an act concerning counties; relating to the office of county administrator (5rs0570) and an act concerning counties; relating to the county commissioners (5rs0597). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger referred the following bills to the KPERS Issues Subcommittee:

**SB 279--Death and disability benefits for certain employees of educational institutions under management of state board of regents**

**SB 281--KPERS, retirement plan for members first hired on and after July 1, 2007**

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

**SB 226--Providing for health expenditure accounts and a state match**

The Committee discussed referring the bill to an interim study. Senator Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to refer SB 226 to an interim study. Motion carried on a voice vote. Chairman Umbarger will write a letter to the Senate President to request the interim study.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Alan Conroy, Director, and J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, of the Kansas Legislative Research Department, who presented a briefings on the State General Fund Outlook.

Mr. Scott presented information regarding the Senate Appropriations Bill, Reflects Senate Adjustments for FY 2005, FY 2006 and FY 2007 (Attachment 1) and State General Fund Expenditures (Attachment 2). Mr. Conroy presented information regarding the State General Fund Outlook (Attachment 3) and the Governor's Out-Year Assumptions, Four Percent Out-Year Growth in Tax Receipts and the New KDOT Transfer Beginning in FY 2007 (Attachment 4).

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2005.