

Approved: May 10, 2005
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on March 22, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Peggy Hanna, State Treasurer's Office
Mary Prewitt, General Counsel, Kansas Board of Regents
Representative Everett Johnson

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Steineger, to approve the minutes of February 10, February 11, February 14 and February 15, 2005, as amended on the minutes of February 11. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

HB 2477--Unclaimed property act, stock dormancy period

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Peggy Hanna, State Treasurer's Office, testified in support of **HB 2477** (Attachment 1). Ms. Hanna explained the bill would decrease the dormancy period on abandoned stocks and mutual funds and would result in this type of property being turned over to the state two years sooner than under current law. She provided several reasons in her written testimony to favorably support the bill.

Ms. Hanna explained a balloon amendment proposed by the State Treasurer's Office because the current bill does not include all types of stock related property (Attachment 2). She also noted that the fiscal note that was prepared did take into consideration all types of stock related property so there would be no additional fiscal impact with the inclusion of the amendment.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2477**.

Senator Kelly moved, with a second by Senator Schmidt, to amend **HB 2477** to include the balloon amendment proposed by the State Treasurer's Office. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to report **HB 2477** favorably for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

HB 2234--Concerning tuition rates at state educational institutions

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:30 A.M. on March 22, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Mary Prewitt, General Counsel, Kansas Board of Regents, testified in support of **HB 2234** (Attachment 3). Ms. Prewitt explained that the bill amends the statutes determining residency for tuition purposes at the six state universities. She mentioned the primary effect of the proposed amendments would be to extend the privilege of paying resident rates to more current and former members of the armed services and their spouses and dependents than the current law allows. In closing, Ms. Prewitt noted that while the Kansas Board of Regents supports the intent of the bill, it does anticipate some problems in the administration of the bill in its current form.

Detailed committee discussion and questions followed. There being no further conferees to appear before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2234**. Chairman Umbarger explained that the bill needs to have more research and may consider working the bill the following week.

Chairman Umbarger turned the committee's attention to discussion of the following bill:

HB 2105--Membership of certain members of the staff of the office of state fire marshal in the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system

Following discussion, Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to recommend **HB 2105** for an interim study. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

HB 2072--Authorizing tuition and fee waivers for certain military personnel and dependents

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Representative Everett Johnson spoke in support of **HB 2072** (Attachment 4). Representative detailed information following the 9/11 event in his written testimony regarding compensation. He explained what the bill would provide for a family of a military person killed performing his/her duty detailed in his testimony. He noted that more could be done for spouses and dependents.

Mary Prewitt, General Counsel, Kansas Board of Regents testified in support of **HB 2072** (Attachment 5). Ms. Prewitt explained that the House added language to this bill which would amend the basic residency statute for the six state universities. She noted that, while the Board supports the concept, language that would accomplish this goal is included in **HB 2234**. In closing, Ms. Prewitt requested that all of Section 4 be deleted from the bill.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to amend **HB 2072** and remove all of Section 4 from the bill as requested by the Kansas Board of Regents. Motion carried on a voice vote.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2072**. Chairman Umbarger mentioned that there would be no further action taken on **HB 2072** and asked the committee to study **HB 2234**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2005.