

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 9:00 A.M. on March 1, 2007, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Burroughs - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department  
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department  
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department  
Michele Alishahi, Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department  
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department  
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff  
Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Stephen Iliff, member of 2010 Commission  
Ron Thornburg, Secretary of State  
Randall Allen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties  
Bill Buntin, Mayor, City of Topeka  
Jerry Mayo, Commissioner, Clay County  
Cliff Mayo, Commissioner, Finney County  
Tom Finney, Clerk, Zeandale Township  
Don Moler, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Gary Fuller, Mayor, Garden City  
Dawn Kuhn, Council Member, City of Shawnee  
Jeff Wagaman, State Treasurer's Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 2010 Commission Minority Report by Stephen Iliff
- Attachment 2 Comparative School Data provided by Stephen Iliff
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee Report on Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors
- Attachment 4 Budget Committee Report on Office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Insurance Department  
Testimony on Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) by:
  - Attachment 5 Randall Allen
  - Attachment 6 Bill Buntin
  - Attachment 7 Jerry Mayo
  - Attachment 8 Cliff Mayo
  - Attachment 9 Tom Finney
  - Attachment 10 Don Moler
  - Attachment 11 Gary Fuller
  - Attachment 12 Dawn Kuhn
- Attachment 13 Written Testimony on LAVTR by:  
Bill Oswalt, President, Kansas Legislative Policy Group
- Attachment 14 Matt Shatto, Assistant City Administrator, on behalf of City of Lenexa
- Attachment 15 Tim Norton, Commissioner-Second District, Sedgwick County
- Attachment 16 Erik Sartorius, on behalf of the City of Overland Park
- Attachment 17 Dee Stuart, Mayor of Park City

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**HB 2387**, **HB 2395** and **HB 2547** were referred to the Social Services Budget Committee.

The Chair recognized Stephen Iliff, member of the 2010 Commission, who testified with regard to the Minority Report he wrote in connection with the 2010 Commission report (Attachment 1). Mr. Iliff also provided information on school comparisons (Attachment 2). Mr. Iliff stated that his reason for submitting the minority report is because he felt the Commission did not have accurate information and accountability as to how school districts are spending the funds they receive from the State.

Representative George, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative George, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Secretary of State for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Secretary of State for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Some members of the Committee felt that the proviso language as offered with reference to a presidential primary should give more flexibility to the Secretary of State in establishing a date for a presidential primary. The Budget Committee noted that it was their intent to make sure that the votes of Kansans would have an impact on who is chosen for the presidential nominee.

Representative Tafanelli made a substitute motion to delete the February 5<sup>th</sup> date in Item No. 2 of the Budget Committee report on the Secretary of State for FY 2008 and insert language to provide flexibility to the Secretary of State by indicating that the presidential primary must be held on or before February 29<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Ron Thornburg, Secretary of State, stated that February 5 is the earliest date that a presidential primary can be held in order for the Kansas delegates to be recognized and have an impact in determining who will be the presidential nominee. Secretary Thornburg indicated that a Task Force has been appointed to determine if and when a presidential primary should be held in order to have the greatest impact. Secretary Thornburg noted that if the Legislature appropriates \$2 million funding for a primary, it will cover all costs of the election with no additional cost to individual counties.

Representative Yoder renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee recommendation for the Secretary of State for FY 2008 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Lane, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Office of the Governor for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

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Representative Lane, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Office of the Governor for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff.

Representative Carlin made a substitute motion to delete Item 2(a) from the Budget Committee recommendation on the Office of the Governor for FY 2008 and return to the Governor's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Lane renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee recommendation for the Office of the Governor for FY 2008 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Chair Schwartz recognized Randy Allen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties, who appeared before the Committee to present testimony on the effects of the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) Revenue Transfer (Attachment 5). Mr. Allen stated that the loss of the LAVTR and other demand transfer funds has resulted in a loss of local services and an increase in local property taxes. He urged the Committee to restore the LAVTR revenue transfer.

The following city and county representatives provided testimony in support of LAVTR demand transfers:

- Bill Bunten, Mayor, City of Topeka (Attachment 6).
- Jerry Mayo, Commissioner, Clay County (Attachment 7).
- Cliff Mayo, Commissioner, Finney County (Attachment 8).
- Tom Finney, Clerk, Zeandale Township (Attachment 9).
- Don Moler, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities (Attachment 10).
- Gary Fuller, Mayor, Garden City (Attachment 11).
- Dawn Kuhn, Council Member, City of Shawnee (Attachment 12).

Written testimony was received from:

- Bill Oswalt, President, Kansas Legislative Policy Group (Attachment 13).
- Matt Shatto, Assistant City Administrator, on behalf of City of Lenexa (Attachment 14).
- Tim Norton, Commissioner-Second District, Sedgwick County (Attachment 15).
- Erik Sartorius, on behalf of the City of Overland Park (Attachment 16).
- Dee Stuart, Mayor of Park City (Attachment 17).

The meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Representative Beamer, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Lieutenant Governor for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

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Representative Pottorff, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Attorney General for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Attorney General for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget

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Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Treasurer for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Beamer. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Treasurer for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Beamer. Motion carried.

Jeff Wagaman, State Treasurer's office, responded to a question from the Committee noting that the Learning Quest KIDS program was created by the 2006 Legislature as a 3-year pilot program capped at 400 participants with funding from the State General Fund (SGF). The Governor's budget recommendation moves the funding to a special revenue fund. At the present time, there are 100 participants in the program.

Representative Pottorff, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Insurance Department for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Insurance Department for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 2, 2007.

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Sharon Schwartz, Chair