

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on February 15, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator David Wysong- excused

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor Emeritus
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introduction

Senator Steineger moved, with a second by Senator Taddiken, to introduce a bill concerning assessments on nursing facilities; quality assurance assessment fund; initiatives for nursing care improvements (7rs0866). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator V. Schmidt, to introduce a conceptual bill repealing sunset on Kansas foster child educational assistance act. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger referred the following bill to the Kansas Department on Aging subcommittee:

SB 346--Creating the Kansas long-term care bill of rights

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to discussion of minutes that were distributed to the Committee. Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to approve the minutes for the meetings of January 17, January 18, January 19, January 23, January 25 and January 26, 2007. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis report for FY 2007 and FY 2008 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee reports on:

Legislative Coordinating Council
Revisor of Statutes
Legislative Post Audit
Legislative Research Department
Legislature (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Legislative Coordinating Council concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:40 A.M. on February 15, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Legislative Coordinating Council in FY 2007 and FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Revisor of Statutes concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Following Committee discussion regarding the number of bills that have been introduced in the Legislature this year, Mary Torrence, Revisor, responded that there are 100 plus bills this year over past years. She also mentioned that the Revisor's Office is running out of office space. Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to amend the subcommittee budget report to request a report by the Revisor regarding the status of their staffing needs by Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Revisor of Statutes in FY 2007 and FY 2008 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on Legislative Post Audit concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on Legislative Post Audit FY 2007 and FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Legislative Research Department concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Following Committee discussion with Alan Conroy, Director, Legislative Research Department, the Committee requested the same information requested of the Revisor. Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to amend the subcommittee budget report to request a report by the Director of the Legislative Research Department regarding the status of their staffing needs by Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report for the Legislative Research Department in FY 2007 and FY 2008 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Legislature concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Committee discussion centered around some legislators in rural areas having to drive a distance to see their constituents and about reimbursement. Senator Morris requested ideas for further discussion by the full committee and possible future discussion at another meeting. It was noted that the Legislative Coordinating Council would address this issue.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report for the Legislature in FY 2007 and FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee reports on:

Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility
Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility
Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility
Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facility
Juvenile Justice Authority (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Beloit Juvenile Correctional

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:40 A.M. on February 15, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Facility concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Senator Teichman, with a second by Senator Kelly, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility in FY 2007 and FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility in FY 2007 and FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator V. Schmidt, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility in FY 2007 and FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facility concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustment.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facility in FY 2007 and FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chairman Jay Emler reported that the subcommittee on the Juvenile Justice Authority concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2008 recommendation with adjustments and notations.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Juvenile Justice Authority in FY 2007 and FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2007.