

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 9:05 a.m. on February 7, 2001, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
 Rae Anne Davis, Legislative Research
 Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
 Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
 Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Bethell moved for the introduction of legislation regarding coroners and deaths actually occurring in their districts. Motion was seconded by Representative Kline. Motion carried.

Representative Wilk moved for the introduction of legislation regarding Kansas Highway Patrol prevailing total compensation. Motion was seconded by Representative Nichols. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved for the introduction of legislation regarding licensure issues for physical therapists. Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz, Chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Agriculture for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 with the noted adjustments, recommendations, and observations (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Klein. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Agriculture for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted adjustments, recommendations, and observations (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Klein. Motion carried.

Representative Klein, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas State Fair for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Klein, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas State Fair for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with recommendations and observations as noted (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed in length the possibilities and realities of funding the requested \$24 million by the Kansas State Fair. Even though neither the City of Hutchinson nor Reno County currently contribute to financing the State Fair master plan, they have indicated they would be willing to contribute \$300,000 on an annual basis if the state would fund the requested \$24 million. It was noted that this amount would not all be needed in one year as the master plan, according to a member of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction, shows the work can be done in independent phases. The first phase would require \$5 to 6 million. The option of issuing bonds was discussed as well as paying the incurring bills directly out of the State General Fund. Cost of issuing the bonds and the interest on \$24 million would increase the actual cost to more than \$60 million over a period of 30 years. It was suggested that \$18 million could be taken out of EDIF as the State Fair is considered to be economic development.

The State Fair facilities are used year-round by many different groups and as this activity is used to “showcase” Kansas, perhaps it is time to put money back into the facility.

Representative Schwartz presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendation for the State Conservation Commission for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Hermes. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendation for the State Conservation Commission for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with noted adjustments, recommendations and observations (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Klein. Motion carried

Representative Schwartz presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendation for the Kansas Water Office for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 with noted adjustments, recommendations and observations (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Klein. Motion carried

Representative Schwartz presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendation for the Kansas Water Office for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with noted adjustments, recommendations and observations (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Klein. Motion carried

A Committee member questioned why a higher percentage of funding from the SGF was proposed than usual instead of drawing down the fee funds. Kansas Statutes list certain criteria for the spending of water fund money. They also discussed the wisdom of the agency borrowing money from the Pooled Money Investment Board for a temporary shortage in the water marketing fund.

Copies of the State Water Plan Fund Expenditures were distributed by the Legislative Research Department (Attachment 2).

Representative McCreary presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendation for the Animal Health Department for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Klein. Motion carried

Representative McCreary presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendation for the Animal Health Department for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted adjustments, recommendations and observations (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Klein. Motion carried

Representative Peterson, Chairman of the Tax, Judicial, and Transportation Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendation for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Hermes. Motion carried

Representative Peterson presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendation for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with notations (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Hermes. Motion carried

Representative Hermes asked to be recused from the Tax Judicial and Transportation Budget Committee for the purposes of the consideration of the Governor’s budget recommendations for the Human Rights Commission. Chairman Wilk appointed Representative Neufeld replace her.

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department, distributed copies showing the current status of the EDIF (Attachment 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2001.