

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 a.m. on March 13, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell, Excused
Representative Dean Newton, Excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Gatewood moved for introduction of proposed legislation to increase the KTEC budget by \$200,000, earmarked for the Kansas Biotechnology Industry Organization. Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Henry, Member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Developmental Disability Institutions for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with notations and observations for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

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Representative Henry, Member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Mental Health Institutions for FY 2003 and FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with notations and observations for FY 2003 and FY 2004 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver, Member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

In response to Committee questions regarding the lack of their signatures on the budget committee report, Representatives Howell and Thimesch explained their displeasure that several items that were requested to be discussed, were not addressed in the Committee and that they were dissatisfied with the lack of response they had received regarding proposed legislation on veterans affairs.

It was pointed out that in Item #1, the parcel of ground owned by the Kansas Soldier's Home which adjoins the property of an energy company, is the subject of on-going sales negotiations. This vacant parcel is considered a fire hazard by the energy company because of the unmowed area. It was also noted that the current staffing pattern described in Item #2 may lead to intervention by the federal government as their staffing requirements for nursing

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Representative Pottorff, Chairperson of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Administration for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with adjustment for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried

Item #2 refers to the new "Digital Orthophoto Project – Federal Fund" and information was distributed to the Committee which explained this was a combined image with aero-photo with the geometric qualities of mapping.

Representative Pottorff, Chairperson of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Administration for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with adjustment and observations for FY 2004 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Howell. Motion carried

Staff distributed the booklet from Kansas Public Broadcasting Council's Annual Report & Legislative Testimony, Fiscal year 2004 (Attachment 3). The booklet on Page 12 notes that KSKU has an appropriation of \$475,168 which would be distributed in FY 2004 by the operating grant. The KSKU station was sold last year and in terms of the contract two committee members have talked with Department of Administration regarding reviewing the sale agreement and make recommendations to the Broadcasting Council for those changes in the future.

Discussion and Action on SB 43 – Wildlife and Parks; service fees

Representative Landwehr moved to adopt the amendment which was presented by the Revisor of Statutes to remove the sunset revision in subsection b, which would expire December 31, 2003 (Attachment 4). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved to report the bill favorably as amended. Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2003.

Melvin Neufeld, Chair