

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 2002, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Peterson, Excused
Representative Newton, Excused

Committee staff present: Amy Kramer, Legislative Research
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
Julian Efir, Legislative Research
Deb Hollon, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Janet Chubb, Assistant Secretary of State

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Wilk moved for the introduction of proposed legislation regarding education reform in terms of finance, quality performance, extended terms, and school building closings. Motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Wilk moved for the introduction of proposed legislation regarding the renewable energy electricity generation cooperative act. Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Light, member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas State School for the Blind for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Shultz. Motion carried.

Representative Light, member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas State School for the Blind for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with comments (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Shultz. Motion carried.

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Representative Nichols, member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Library for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Nichols, member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Library for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with exceptions (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Nichols, member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2002 and moved for the

adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Wilk. Motion carried.

Representative Nichols, member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with exceptions (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Light.

Representative Nichols moved to amend the report by including the comments on outcomes which was presented at the Budget Committee hearing on the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2003 in the Budget Committee recommendations. Motion was seconded by Representative Shultz. Motion carried.

Representative Nichols renewed his motion to adopt the Education Budget Committee recommendations for the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2003 with exceptions and as amended. Motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Hearing on SB 499—Establishing the technology communications fee fund

Janet Chubb, Assistant Secretary of State, provided supporting testimony for the establishment of a technology communications fee fund (Attachment 2). This legislation would statutorily allow a fee for certain filings with the amount and filings to be established by the Joint Committee on Rules and Regulations for the purpose of funding and maintaining a technology support system in the Secretary of State's Office.

Mrs. Chubb agreed to furnish information regarding the expenses offset by electronic reductions and to prepare a grid of how charges are established now and the proposed charges.

Chairman Wilk closed the hearing on **SB 499**.

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department, updated the Committee on the Initial Consensus SGF Memo for FY 2002 and FY 2003 Revised Estimates (Attachment 3). It is expected that Kansas will lag even more than most other Midwestern states in moving out of the recession as communications, the aircraft industry, public utilities, and the agriculture sector are the main industries in the state. Even if there have been no layoffs in some of these areas, overtime has been cut drastically and this has had a negative impact on households which depended on overtime. The state is also facing making the payment required under FEMA for the federal match required for the emergency situation caused by the ice storm. Mr. Conroy pointed out that if the balance for payments due is not in the state general fund at the time they are due, the payments will be delayed i.e. schools, agencies, including SRS. The tax increase proposed by the Governor in January will not cover the expected deficit. The next revenue consensus is scheduled for November.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2002.

CONTINUATION SHEET