

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on January 25, 2001 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Doug Spangler

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Secretary Dean Carlson, Department of Transportation  
Jeff Bottenberg, Kansas Peace Officers' Association  
Peggy Hanna, Assistant State Treasurer

Others attending: See Attached

Jeff Bottenberg, Legislative Counsel for the Kansas Peace Officers' Association, requested the introduction of legislation which would allow several of their members to retire with full benefits after completing 32 years of credited services but have not reached 55 years of age (Attachment 1). Retirement is now allowed at age 55 with 20 years of credited services.

Representative Lloyd Stone moved for the introduction of the proposed legislation. Motion was seconded by Representative Melvin Neufeld. Motion carried.

Secretary Dean Carlson, Department of Transportation, presented an overview of the FY 2000-2009 Comprehensive Transportation Program (Attachment 2).

**Hearing on HB 2017 - Kansas postsecondary education savings program expense fund**

Paul West, Legislative Research Department, explained the bill which would abolish the postsecondary education savings program trust fund and in its place create the postsecondary education savings program expense fund. There would be no changes in the program other than the name change.

Peggy Hanna, Assistant State Treasurer, appeared on behalf of the State Treasurer in support of the bill which would change the name of the Kansas Postsecondary Education Savings Program trust fund to an expense fund as it more accurately reflects the operations of the program of the Office of the State Treasurer (Attachment 3). This fee fund is needed to record the receipt and disbursement of the money. At this point all monies are deposited and invested with American Century and they refund the allocated expenditures incurred by Treasurer's Office. American Century was chosen as the investment firm as their response to the RFP best fit the design and goals of the program.

Concern was expressed by some Committee members that this proposed change might expand expenses of the program. The plan is that as of July 1, 2001, the moneys will be on deposit from American Century to pay salaries and other operating expenses of the program. Previously, operating expenses were taken out of the State General Fund and then reimbursed. The Committee requested Ms. Hanna to provide a flow chart of the dollars which move through in this program.

Chairman Wilk declared the hearing of **HB 2017** closed.

Representative Ballard moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

**Action on HB 2036 - rules and regulations filing act; time of filing; disposal by Secretary of State of copies of documents adopted by reference**

Representative Neufeld moved that the bill be reported favorably and placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2001.