

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Paul Hess at _____
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./p.m./ on February 17, 1983, 19__ in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Marlin Rein, Sherry Brown, Mary Galligan
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee: Mark Skinner, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Patrick Hurley, Secretary of Administration

Appropriations, Department of Administration

SB 109, Section 2 (FY 1984 Appropriations)

Senator Hein presented the subcommittee report on this section. He noted that the subcommittee had given a rough draft of their recommendations to Secretary Hurley for his comments. He suggested changes, some of which were made. Two of the changes made following his suggestions were the addition of Recommendation No. 16 and the removal of one F.T. E. position in Recommendation No. 1. Senator Hein explained that, on Recommendation No. 17, the subcommittee simply approved the suggestions of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction.

In connection with recommendation No. 17, Senator Hein asked if this might be an item of some concern to the committee. Senator Bogina, Chairman of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction, noted that his committee was not opposed to the budget. He also called the committee's attention to Item No. 9, and explained that the consolidation of funds would also allow that those funds be used for capital improvements. Senator Bogina said that it was felt by his committee that the Legislature should determine whether or not the depreciation fund should be used for that purpose.

There was extended discussion concerning Item No. 17, and Senator Hess asked what timetable might be suggested if the heating plant project were approved. Senator Bogina answered that his committee feels it should be reviewed very carefully by the House when the appropriations measure reaches that body; and that his committee will give its recommendation to the House Ways and Means Committee at a later date. There will also be a bill proposed.

Senator Werts questioned the projected price of gasoline noted in Item No. 11; and asked if that included use of credit cards by state officers and employees. Senator Hein answered in the affirmative, noting that he was of the opinion that more could be done to cut fuel costs.

Senator Gaines questioned the recommendation in Item No. 3, regarding the All-Sports Hall of Fame. Senator Hein answered that there had been conversation between that organization and the State Historical Society, and both seemed to be in agreement with the transfer from the Department of Administration to the State Historical Society. There was an extended discussion concerning this item, and Senator Talkington said he felt the driving force behind the All Sports Hall of Fame was Od Williams, and since he is deceased there is nobody to solicit private funds.

Senator Bogina had a question about Item No. 4 (b). Senator Hein said his subcommittee is attempting to discourage state agencies from getting their own computer terminals--particularly smaller agencies where there are not enough employees to warrant it.

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The Chairman asked Secretary Hurley for his comments concerning the subcommittee's recommendations. Secretary Hurley stressed that some points in the report are important because they indicate Governor's budget amendments or passage of legislation. He further stated that he does not care if the All Sports Hall of Fame is transferred to the State Historical Society. He explained that there is no State General Fund appropriation for that organization.

Secretary Hurley added that he would like to emphasize the importance of a new power plant. He said it is one of the highest priorities his department is considering. The Department of Administration does not take issue with the method of funding. The Chairman suggested that the Joint Committee on State Building Construction make a recommendation to the full committee in that regard; and added that it might need to be placed in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill at the end of the session.

It was the consensus that action on the subcommittee report would be withheld until all sections of SB 109 are discussed. The Chairman suggested additional discussion next week on only Items 6, 8, 15 and 17.

SB 153, Section 3 (FY 1983 Supplemental Appropriations)

Senator Hein presented the subcommittee report on this section, and committee members were given opportunity to question him following his report.

No action was taken on either the FY 1983 or the FY 1984 subcommittee report on the Department of Administration.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.