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SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes - Wednesday, January 28, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, in the Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building.

Chairman Jelinek called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

Senator Jelinek – Present	Senator Switalski – Present
Senator Pappageorge – Present	Senator Anderson – Present
Senator Hardiman – Present	Senator Barcia – Present
Senator Kahn - Present	Senator Brater -
Senator Cropsey – Present	Senator Cherry – Present
Senator Garcia - Present	Senator Clark-Coleman – Present
Senator George – 2:45 p.m.	Senator Scott – Present
Senator Jansen – Present	
Senator Brown – Present	
Senator McManus – Present	
Senator Stamas – Present	

Chairman Jelinek excused absent members.

Senator Cropsey introduced Linus Stauffacher, a foreign exchange student from Switzerland. Linus is attending Fulton High School while he is here in Michigan.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Committee Rules for 2009-2010.

Chairman Jelinek explained the changes: Department names were updated; General Government Subcommittee member numbers were changed to reflect the current structure of the committee; the requirement that the Chair assign bills to subcommittees “in writing” was eliminated; and several grammatical corrections were made.

Senator Pappageorge moved, supported by Senator Switalski, to approve the changes in the Committee Rules for 2009-2010.

A record roll call vote was ordered.

Senator Jelinek – Yes	Senator Switalski – Yes
Senator Pappageorge – Yes	Senator Anderson – Yes
Senator Hardiman - Yes	Senator Barcia – Yes
Senator Kahn – Yes	Senator Brater –
Senator Cropsey – Yes	Senator Cherry – Yes
Senator Garcia - Yes	Senator Clark-Coleman – Yes
Senator George -	Senator Scott – Yes
Senator Jansen – Yes	
Senator Brown – Yes	
Senator McManus – Yes	
Senator Stamas – Yes	

Motion carried, the changes in the Committee Rules were approved.

Senator Kahn announced that is Aide, Stephanie Shooks, was leaving his office to join a lobbying firm. He asked the Committee to recognize her and to wish her well.

2. Legislative Transfers

Stephanie Yu, Senate Fiscal Agency, explained the transfers.

Jessica Runnels, Senate Fiscal Agency, responded to questions from Committee members regarding the transfer to the Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund.

Senator Switalski explained in detail the transfers in the State Police budget.

Dawn Van Hoek, Chief Deputy Director, State Appellate Defender Office, Captain Michael F. Thomas, Michigan State Police, Forensic Science Division, and Bruce Baker, Senate Fiscal Agency, responded to questions from Committee members.

Senator Pappageorge moved, supported by Senator Anderson, to adopt the legislative transfers outlined in the Department of Management and Budget letter of December 11, 2008 without the Department of Environmental Quality transfer.

A record roll call vote was ordered.

Senator Jelinek – Yes	Senator Switalski – Yes
Senator Pappageorge – Yes	Senator Anderson – Yes
Senator Hardiman - Yes	Senator Barcia – Yes
Senator Kahn – Yes	Senator Brater -
Senator Cropsey – Yes	Senator Cherry – Yes
Senator Garcia - Yes	Senator Clark-Coleman – Yes

Senator George - Yes
Senator Jansen - Yes
Senator Brown - Yes
Senator McManus - Yes
Senator Stamas - Yes

Senator Scott - Yes

Motion carried, the legislative transfers outlined in the Department of Management and Budget letter of December 11, 2008 without the Department of Environmental Quality transfer, were adopted.

3. State Budget Update

Gary Olson, Director, Senate Fiscal Agency, presented a review of the economic forecast, consensus revenue estimates, year-end balance estimates and the proposed federal stimulus. Mr. Olson also presented information on estimated grants for K-12, Community Colleges and Universities for proposed major federal stimulus programs.

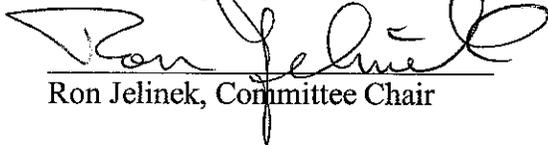
Discussion was held.

Chairman Jelinek adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie Burgess, Committee Clerk



Ron Jelinek, Committee Chair

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Date Approved By Committee