

**MINUTES OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, April 21, 1999 9:00 a.m. S Room 416 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Beverly Evans, Chair  
Rep. Jordan Tanner, Chair  
Sen. Millie Peterson  
Rep. Perry L. Buckner  
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
Rep. Dennis H. Iverson  
Rep. Susan J. Koehn  
Rep. Loraine Pace  
Rep. Marlon O. Snow

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Terry Spencer  
Rep. Neil Hansen  
Rep. Martin R. Stephens  
Rep. Michael R. Styler

**Staff Present:**

Mr. John Q. Cannon,  
Research Analyst  
Mr. John L. Fellows,  
Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Angela D. Kelley,  
Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and handouts distributed are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. **Call to Order** - Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.
2. **Committee Business** -

**MOTION:** Sen. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 1998 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **1999 General Session Review** - Mr. Cannon distributed and discussed a handout titled "Government Operations Interim Committee." The handout included bills that were passed during the 1999 General Session and interim committee bills from the 1998 Government Operations Interim Committee.

4. **Government Operations Overview** -

Department of Human Resource Management

Ms. Karen Suzuki-Okabe, Executive Director, Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM), distributed a handout titled "Department of Human Resource Management," and discussed its contents. She specifically discussed the possibility of changing the Utah Personnel Management Act. She stated the need for a system that responds quickly to business needs and embraces technology where needed.

Mr. Con Whipple, DHRM, distributed a handout titled "Department of Human Resource Management – Presentation to Government Operations Interim Committee," and discussed its

contents. He specifically discussed problems with the Utah Personnel Management Act and the department's desire to recodify this section. Committee discussion followed.

#### Department of Administrative Services

Ms. Raylene Ireland, Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), gave an overview of DAS responsibilities, and the different divisions within DAS. She said that the key issue for DAS is deferred operations and maintenance costs for state buildings. She indicated that DAS would like the Legislature to closely examine this issue.

Mr. David Fletcher, Deputy Director, DAS, explained issues surrounding the state's Y2K readiness. He said that, currently, 75 percent of state systems are Y2K compliant and have been tested and that most of the remaining 25 percent are in the testing stage.

#### Division of Facilities Construction and Management

Mr. Richard Byfield, Director, Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM), gave an overview of DFCM responsibilities. He discussed the IFMS (Information Management System) project that is targeted to monitor all data relating to construction, from the design perspective and the maintenance and management perspective. Mr. Byfield said that it is important to recognize that when designing a building, it generally has a 30-year life. He also said that the state has 33 million square feet of building space to maintain, with only \$33 million to maintain it which equals \$1 per square foot. He noted that the industry averages maintenance costs of \$3.50 to \$4.50 per square foot.

Mr. Ken Nye, DFCM, explained what items can be included in the term "deferred maintenance." He said that if the buildings are not maintained properly, deferred maintenance grows at a greater rate.

Chair Evans recommended that the committee explore options and alternatives to deal with the maintenance problem. She noted the need for a long term solution because in the past there has only been reaction from legislative session to legislative session.

#### Lieutenant Governor's Office

Ms. Olene Walker, Lieutenant Governor, discussed election issues. She suggested that lobbyist law changes need to be discussed. She indicated the desire of the elections office to make the lobbyist reporting requirements consistent with the political action groups, political issues committees, corporations, and candidates. She also said that penalties and deadlines should

be imposed. She spoke about special service districts, the local referendum process, and certification of voting equipment.

Ms. Ann Peterson, Director, Elections Office, noted the difficulty of tracking convicted felons for voting purposes.

**5. Presentation, Discussion, and Prioritization of Potential Study Items** - Mr. Cannon distributed a handout titled "Government Operations Interim Committee Ballot for Potential Study Items," and discussed the items for consideration. Chair Evans requested that the committee complete the prioritization handout today so that the chairs can outline what will be studied during the interim period. Committee discussion followed.

**6. Adjourn -**

The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

