

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

January 21, 1998, 2:00 p.m.
Room 303, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. LeRay McAllister, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. Martin R. Stephens, Committee Co-Chair
Sen. Leonard M. Blackham
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Scott N. Howell
Sen. Joseph L. Hull
Sen. George Mantes
Sen. Craig A. Peterson
Sen. Robert C. Steiner
Rep. Steve Barth
Speaker Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
Rep. Gene Davis
Rep. Christine R. Fox-Finlinson
Rep. Kevin Garn
Rep. David M. Jones
Rep. John L. Valentine
Rep. Jeff Alexander, Vice-Chair
Sen. David L. Buhler, Vice-Chair

Members Excused: Pres. Lane Beattie

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Leo L. Memmott, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Linda G. Hansen, Secretary

List of Others Present on File.

Committee Co-Chair LeRay McAllister called the meeting to order at 2:28 p.m.

1. Allocation of Funds to Subcommittees

Rep. Stephens reviewed the handout prepared by Leo Memmott, Fiscal Analyst, on recommended appropriations by committee for Fiscal Year 1999. Rep. Stephens said there have been a number of changes in committee assignments. He said the Analyst has made some adjustments and changes in the sub-committees.

Leo Memmott, Fiscal Analyst, indicated that the amounts on the handout are only the amounts going to the sub-committees and does not include the reserves that the Executive Appropriations Committee asked to be set aside.

Motion: Rep. Stephens made a motion to take \$10 million from the one time money that is available and set aside \$5 million for caucus priorities at the end of the Session and set aside \$5 million for an education initiative.

The motion was discussed by the Committee.

Substitute Motion: Rep. Barth made a substitute motion to dedicate \$1 million from the increase of cigarette tax for tobacco prevention efforts.

Comments were made by the Committee concerning the substitute motion.

Motion: Rep. Valentine made a motion for previous question. The motion passed with Sen. Howell voting in opposition.

The substitute motion of Rep. Barth failed. Senators McAllister, Blackham, Hillyard, Peterson, Representatives Stephens, Brown, Fox-Finlinson, Garn and Valentine voted in opposition and Senators Howell, Hull, Mantes, Steiner, Representatives Barth, Buffmire, Davis and Jones voted in favor of the motion.

The main motion of Rep. Stephens taking \$10 million from one time money with \$5 million being set aside for caucus priorities and \$5 million being set aside for education initiative passed unanimously.

Motion: Sen. Howell made a motion to adopt the analyst recommendations for allocations to the sub-committees. The motion passed with Sen. Hull voting in opposition to the motion.

2. Consideration of Legislative Process Committee In-Depth Budget Review Requests.

Rep. Stephens indicated that the Legislative Process Committee unanimously designated three agencies to receive an in-depth budget review: 1) the Department of Corrections in 1998; 2) the Division of Wildlife Resources in 1999; and 3) the Division of Purchasing in 2000. Executive Appropriation Committee approval is required for the in-depth review.

Motion: Rep. Stephens made a motion to authorize the in-depth review for the Department of Corrections in 1998. The motion passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes reported by Linda Hansen, Secretary

Sen. LeRay McAllister, Committee Co-Chair

Rep. Martin R. Stephens, Committee Co-Chair