

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

February 20, 1998, 4 P..M.
Room 303, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. LeRay McAllister, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. Martin R. Stephens, Committee Co-Chair
Pres. R. Lane Beattie
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. Kevin Garn
Rep. Christine R. Fox-Finlinson
Rep. David M. Jones
Rep. John L. Valentine

Rep. Jeff Alexander, Vice-Chair
Sen. David L. Buhler, Vice-Chair

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

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

List of Others Present on File.

Committee Co-Chair LeRay McAllister called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

1. Commerce and Revenue

Sen. Al Mansell, Rep. Lowell Nelson, Co-Chairs of the Commerce and Revenue Appropriations Subcommittee, and Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst, appeared before the Committee.

Sen. Mansell presented the budget recommendations of the Subcommittee. Sen. Mansell, Rep. Nelson and Bill Greer responded to questions of the Committee.

Motion: Rep. Stephens moved to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations for the following agency budgets: Alcoholic Beverage Control; Department of Commerce; Department of Financial Institutions; Insurance Department; Labor Commission; Public Service Commission; Utah State Tax Commission; Department of Workforce Services for FY 1999 in the amount of \$354,224,600. Funding is \$83,137,300 from the General Fund, \$15,625,600 from the Uniform School Fund and other funding as shown on Page 1. Funds are distributed to the line items in the amounts show on Page 2.

The motion passed unanimously with Senators Hillyard, Mantes and Rep. Buffmire, and Jones absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Stephens moved to approve the fees as reflected on the following pages:

Department of Commerce	Pages 5 through 16
Insurance Department	Pages 21 through 23
Labor Commission	Pages 26 and 27
Utah State Tax Commission	Pages 33 and 34

There was a discussion on fees and Senator Peterson declared a conflict of interest.

Substitute Motion: Pres. Beattie made a substitute motion to approve the fees as reflected on the following pages except GRAMA, and the engineer, and contractor fees in the Department of Commerce:

Department of Commerce	Pages 5 through 16
Insurance Department	Pages 21 through 23
Labor Commission	Pages 26 and 27
Utah State Tax Commission	Pages 33 and 34

The motion passed unanimously with Senators Hillyard, Mantes and Representatives Buffmire and Jones absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Stephens moved to approve the Subcommittee's recommendations for intent language as listed on the following pages:

Alcoholic Beverage Control	Page 3
Department of Commerce	Page 4
DOC Division of Public Utilities	Page 17
DOC Committee on Consumer Services	Page 18
Department of Financial Institutions	Page 19
Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool	Page 24
Public Service Commission	Page 28
PSC Speech and Hearing Impaired	Page 29
PSC Universal Service Trust Fund	Page 30

Utah State Commission	Page 32
Department of Workforce Services	Page 36

Substitute Motion: Speaker Brown made a substitute motion to delete the entire intent language at the bottom of Page 4.

The motion passed unanimously with Senator Mantes and Representatives Davis, Garn and Jones absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Stephens moved to approve the Subcommittee's recommendations for intent language as listed on the following pages:

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DOC Committee on Consumer Services	Page 18
Department of Financial Institutions	Page 19
Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool	Page 24
Public Service Commission	Page 28
PSC Speech and Hearing Impaired	Page 29
PSC Universal Service Trust Fund	Page 30
Utah State Commission	Page 32
Department of Workforce Services	Page 36

The motion passed unanimously with Senator Mantes and Representatives Davis, Garn and Jones absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Stephens moved to accept the Subcommittee's recommendation for Supplemental Appropriations for FY 1998 which transfers funds between programs within the Department of Workforce Services and supplements the FY 1998 budget for Alcoholic Beverage Control with \$1,287,700 General Fund Restricted - Liquor Control Fund as listed on Page 37. This requires no new General Fund.

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Barth, Davis, Garn and Jones absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Stephens made a motion to approve the intent language for FY 1998 for the Departments as listed on Pages 38 and 39.

The motion passed with Representatives Barth, Davis, Garn and Jones absent at the time of voting.

2. Natural Resources

Sen. Alarik Myrin, Rep. Evan Olsen, Co-Chairs for the Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, and Stephen Ogilvie, Fiscal Analyst, appeared before the Committee.

Rep. Olsen presented the budget and Sen. Myrin, Rep. Olsen, and Mr. Ogilvie responded to questions of the Committee.

Motion: Rep. Stephens made a motion to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations for the Departments of Agriculture & Food, and Natural Resources, and the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration for FY 1999 with the following exception:

Decrease the General Fund appropriation on Page 4, from the Animal Health Program, by \$41,500.

The adjusted budget recommendation amount being \$145,422,700 with \$41,751,900 from the General Fund and the remainder from the other sources as listed on Page 1. The total recommendation is supported by the line item summaries on Pages 3 through 70 as amended in the Subcommittee's report.

The motion passed with Representatives Davis, Fox-Finlinson, and Jones being absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Stephens moved to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations for fees for the Departments of Agriculture & Food and Natural Resources for FY 1999 as listed on the following pages:

Agriculture Administration	Pages 5 - 13
Agriculture Marketing and Development	Page 15
Agriculture Loan Programs	Page 16
Brand Inspection	Page 18
Predatory Animal Control	Page 19
Auction Market Veterinarians	Page 20
Sheep Promotion	Page 21
Soil Conservation District Commission	Page 22
Grain Inspection	Pages 24-25
Agricultural Environmental Quality	Page 26
Insect Infestation	Page 27
Resource Conservation	Page 28
Oil, Gas and Mining	Pages 41-42
Water Rights	Pages 45 -46
Wildlife Resources	Pages 52 -59

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Fox-Finlinson and Garn absent at the time of voting.

Sen. McAllister turned the chair to Rep. Stephens to attend a Standing Committee.

Motion: Rep. Garn moved to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations for Legislative intent language for the Departments of Agriculture & Food and Natural Resources for FY 1999 as found on the following pages:

Agriculture Administration	Page 4
Agriculture Marketing and Development	Page 14
Agriculture Loan Programs	Page 16
Predatory Animal Control	Page 19
Auction Market Veterinarians	Page 20
Grain Inspection	Page 23
Resource Conservation	Page 28
Natural Resources Administration	Page 35
Oil, Gas and Mining	Page 40
Utah Geological Survey	Page 43
Water Resources	Page 49
Wildlife Resources	Pages 50 -51
Wildlife Resources - Cooperative Studies	Page 60
Wildlife Resources - Contributed Research	Page 61
Water Resources - Conservation & Development	Page 68
Wildlife Resources - Capital Budget	Page 69
Parks and Recreation - Capital Budget	Page 70

Representative Jones declared a conflict of interest.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McAllister and Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Garn made a motion to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations for the Departments of Agriculture and Food and Natural Resources' Internal Service Funds for FY 1999 as follows:

Agriculture	
Budget	\$245,000
Capital Outlay Authorization	\$ 81,800
FTE level	3.0
Rates	Page 31
Natural Resources	
Motor Pool	
Budget	\$2,902,000
Capital Out Authorization	\$2,460,000

FTE level	4.0
Rates	Page 36
Data Processing	
Budget	\$ 697,200
Capital Outlay Authorization	\$ 50,000
FTE level	4.0
Rates	Page 36
Warehouse	
Budget	\$ 745,000
Capital Outlay Authorization	\$ 0
FTE level	2.0
Rates	Page 36

The Committee discussed the Natural Resources motor pool budget.

Ted Stewart, Executive Director of Natural Resources, responded to questions of the Committee

Substitute Motion: Sen. McAllister made a substitute motion to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations for the Departments of Agriculture & Food and Natural Resources' Internal Service Funds for FY 1999 as follows:

Agriculture	
Budget	\$ 245,000
Capital Outlay Authorization	\$ 81,800
FTE	3.0
Rates	Page 31
Natural Resources	
Data Processing	
Budget	\$ 697,200
Capital Outlay Authorization	\$ 50,000
FTE Level	4.0
Rates	Page 36
Warehouse	
Budget	\$745,000
Capital Outlay Authorization	\$ 0
FTE Level	2.0
Rates	Page 36

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent at the time of voting.

The budget request for the Department of Natural Resources Motor Pool was held at this time.

Sen. McAllister resumed the chair.

The intent language on Page 19 concerning low wages paid to State employees in the Predatory Animal Control Program was discussed by the Committee.

Renee Matsuura, Department of Agriculture responded to questions of the Committee concerning salary increases.

Motion: Rep. Valentine made a motion to reconsider action concerning intent language.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Sen. Hillyard moved to delete the intent language on Page 19 of the report referring to the wages paid to state employees in the Predatory Animal Control Program..

The motion passed with Senators Hull and Howell voting in opposition and Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Stephens moved to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations for the Departments of Agriculture & Food and Natural Resources for FY 1998 Supplementals in the amount of \$2,969,200 from the sources as listed on Page 71.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Stephens moved to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations for Legislative intent language for the Departments of Agriculture & Food and Natural Resources for FY 1998 as listed on Page 72.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Fox-Finlinson absent at the time of voting.

Motion: Rep. Valentine moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The minutes were reported by Linda G. Hansen.

Sen. LeRay McAllister, Committee Co-Chair

Rep. Martin R. Stephens, Committee Co-Chair