

**MINUTES OF COMMERCE & REVENUE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

February 17, 1999 - 4:00 P.M.  
Room 414, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT:      Sen. Lorin Jones, Co-Chair  
                                 Rep. Lowell A. Nelson, Co-Chair  
                                 Sen. Ed Mayne  
                                 Rep. Eli Anderson  
                                 Rep. Chad Bennion  
                                 Rep. David Cox  
                                 Rep. Neil Hansen

MEMBERS ABSENT:      Sen. Lyle Hillyard  
                                 Rep. Susan Koehn  
                                 Rep. Marlon Snow  
                                 Rep. Martin Stephens

STAFF PRESENT:        Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst  
                                 Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST:         Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Sen. Jones called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Rep. Nelson moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 1999. Rep. Bennion made a correction to the minutes: on page 1, Rep. Cox rather than Rep. Hansen made the motion to approve the \$91,000 for rents. The motion to approve the corrected minutes passed unanimously.

Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst, reviewed the FY 1999 Supplemental Appropriation Intent Language as it appears on pages 1 and 2 of the informational handout (Attachment 1). This language will allow the agencies who do not have nonlapsing fund status the opportunity to carry over savings they may have in their budgets to be used for specified purposes. This is part of Utah Code 63-38-8.1. The Tax Commission will be able to carry forward unexpended year-end balances during the term of the UTAX project for costs directly related to UTA.

Julie Alsop of the Tax Commission responded to questions of the committee regarding the UTAX project.

MOTION:      Sen. Mayne moved to accept the Intent Language and the dollar amounts outlined on pages 1 and 2 for all listed agencies. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst, reviewed the Analyst Recommendations for FY 1999 Supplemental Appropriations.

Kenneth Wynn and Dennis Kellen of the Alcoholic Beverage Control responded to questions of the committee regarding their need for \$157,000 to pay for increased maintenance. This amount would go to the Department of Facilities and Construction Management for maintenance of their facilities.

MOTION: Rep. Anderson moved to accept the Analyst's recommendations as listed on page 3 of Attachment A. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst, outlined supplemental General Fund appropriations requested by Workforce Services and the Tax commission. These are for subcommittee consideration.

Barbara Gittins of the Department of Workforce Services and Julie Alsop of the Tax Commission discussed the impact on the agencies if these items are not funded.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to prioritize the following items for consideration by Executive Appropriations:

1. \$700,000 General Assistance
2. \$1,100,000 Food Stamp Employment Program
3. \$400,000 Wagner Peyser
4. \$150,000 County function transfers and tax booklets

The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst, explained the items on page 6. These items are in the prioritized order the committee approved in the last meeting. The seventh item, \$57,000 for an identity fraud investigator, can be taken off the list. That amount is funded by Commerce Service Funds and within the Analyst limits to recommend. The Analyst recommends that the funding source for the \$180,000 General Fund for the Tax Commission's remittance processor be changed to Nonlapsing Balances and that the item be taken off the Subcommittee priority list.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved that the Analyst's recommendations to fund the \$57,000 for S.B. 75 and the \$180,000 for the remittance processor with funds other than General Fund be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Silver, Salt Lake Community Action Program, asked when the committee leadership would be appearing before Executive Appropriations. The Chairs are scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 1999.

Doug Borba and Francine Giani of Department of Commerce brought information regarding

licensing of charitable organizations. That information is attached to these minutes as Attachment B.

Scott Green of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget brought information regarding the Reading and Literacy Initiative. That information is attached to these minutes as Attachment C.

Wayne Holman of the Division of Professional Licensing talked to the committee regarding exemptions from licensure in construction trades. The written information he discussed is attached to these minutes as Attachment D.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bennion moved to request the Department of Commerce do an evaluation of the need for greater oversight regarding employee leasing and payroll services and provide that information to the committee at the next general session. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cox absent for the vote.

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Sen. Lorin Jones, Co-Chair

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