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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mike Burgess, Chair, at 3:30 p.m. on January 18, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Rep. Mike Burgess, Chair
Rep. Rocky Fund, Vice Chair
Rep. Ed. Trimmer, Ranking Minority
Rep. Peter DeGraaf
Rep. John Grange
Rep. Kyle Hoffman
Rep. Jim Howell
Rep. Steven Johnson
Rep. Judith Loganbill
Rep. Kelly Meigs
Rep. Charles Roth
Rep. Louis Ruiz
Rep. Kay Wolf

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird, Legislative Research
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research
Katherine McBride, Revisor
Rena Jefferies, Revisor
Linda Herrick, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others attending:

Katrina Abraham, Intern for Rep. Meigs
Berend Koops, Hein law firm
Tom Slaughter, Capitol Strategies

Chair Burgess asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

The committee then reviewed the Government Efficiency Committee Rules. Representative Loganbill suggested that wording be changed to prohibit meetings from being video or audio recorded, except by the committee secretary for committee record. Representative DeGraaf added that he felt the committee members would feel more open for meaningful discussion. The chair asked the committee members to review the rules and any action could be taken at the next meeting.

There was discussion on whether the committee should be an electronic but not paperless committee. Chair Burgess noted that we will make every effort to distribute testimony electronically in advance of the meetings, but there may be times when testimony will be in paper form due to time constraints.

Chair Burgess asked if there were any bills to be introduced. There were none.

A member questioned whether Government Efficiency was an exempt committee. Chair Burgess replied that the committee is not exempt, but works with exempt committees.

The chair noted that this committee has no constituency to bring bills forward. Therefore, most of the time committee members must bring topics forward and then draft bills. The plan is to develop topics and assign these to three to four working groups of committee members to review, hear, and suggest action by the committee. The committee explored a number of topics which will be further discussed at the next meeting.

The chair noted that the weekly agenda must be developed by 12:00 noon, Wednesday for the next week but is subject to revision. February 7 is the deadline for non-exempt committees to request bills, and February 21 is the last day to work bills.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.