

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell, Excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Shriver, Member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Governor's Department for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Howell. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver, Member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Governor's Department for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2004 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Lieutenant Governor for FY 2003 and FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 and FY 2004. (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver, Member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Secretary of State for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver, Member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Secretary of State for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with notation for FY 2004 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Treasurer for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Howell. Motion carried.

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Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Treasurer for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation with notation for FY 2004 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver, Member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Insurance Department for FY 2003 and FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with notations for FY 2003 and FY 2004. (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Howell. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation with adjustments and notations for FY 2004 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Howell. Motion carried.

Representative Howell, Member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Attorney General for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Representative Howell, Member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Attorney General for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with exception for FY 2004 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver.

The committee discussed the need for a proviso in the FY 2004 budget report. It was noted the report lays out intent for a proviso but did not actually include one in the report.

Representative Shriver made a substitute motion to add a proviso and to recommend introduction of a bill allowing the Attorney General to transfer moneys from all the SGF accounts to support water litigation regarding interstate water rights. Motion was seconded by Representative Howell. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the need to review the Attorney General's office space and rental agreement for offices prior to Omnibus.

Representative Howell moved to amend the FY 2004 report to review the office space and rental agreement for Attorney General's office prior to Omnibus. Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Howell moved to adopt the FY 2004 report as amended. Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Discussion on HB 2052 – State finance, prescribing transfers from the State General Fund to the State Highway Fund

The committee discussed various options of dedicating certain percentage amounts to various funds. There was a reluctance by some committee members to dedicate these percentages, due to the fact that there could possibly be a more immediate need when the ending balance reaches the point of allowing transfer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2003.

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Melvin Neufeld, Chair