

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SUBCOMMITTEE AGENCY 1

February 15, 1977
8:00 A.M.
Room 225
State Capitol Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bradley. Roll was taken with all members present.

BUSINESS REGULATIONS -

The LFA said the vacancy savings is about \$1800 in personal services in 78 and \$2000 in 79. He recommended \$328.00 a year for travel. The Department asked for \$1,000. They only spent \$47.00 last year.

The LFA said the Department's problem would be solved with \$2800 the first year and \$3000 in fiscal 79. That would take care of the personal service and travel.

Senator Stephens moved we reinstate the figures the LFA just gave - \$1800 the first year and \$2000 the second and \$1000 each year for travel.

ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES -

The LFA said their major concern was they didn't get the additional position. Mr. Delano wanted 2 people. We recommended they combine the 2 positions. We gave them the 2 new trucks they requested over the biennium. The Executive did not give the new trucks or the new positions.

Representative Gunderson moved we accept the LFA recommendation.

Senator Story asked why the Executive denied the position of 2 more FTE's?

The LFA said they had felt the Department did not need the metrologist or the vapor meter inspector at the present time. They felt the Department could get by with the current staff.

Mr. Robinson said he had spent a day with the Department. Mr. Delano is doing a good job, but I felt he needed some additional help. The metrologist could do other things to help in the Department.

The motion was seconded by Senator Story.

AYES - Representative Bradley, Representative Gunderson, Senator Roberts and Senator Thomas

NOS - Senator Stephens

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL -

The Executive recommended the reduction of 3 positions. It appears to be a duplication between the Department and Federal Government in auditing banks. Mr. Alke wants the 3 positions back plus 3 additional FTE's.

The LFA recommends the current level.

Senator Stephens moved to accept the LFA recommendation.

Representative Gunderson asked what the LFA did recommend.

Mr. Robinson said we recommended the current level - no expansion.

Senator Roberts asked why his recommendation is higher than the executive.

Mr. Robinson replied that the Executive cut them 3 positions, (3 auditors). I recommended at current level. I felt they should look at the other places that handle money, credit unions, etc., as long as the Feds are auditing the banks.

Representative Gunderson asked if we could make sure they look at credit unions instead of at banks.

The LFA said it would be written in the bill or a letter to the Department.

Senator Story said, "You will give them more money, but not more people, is that right?" Mr. Robinson replied "Yes."

Representative Gunderson asked if we could amend the motion to express our intent that they not duplicate the bank audits, but spend more time on other money handlers, such as the credit unions?

Representative Bradley said a letter will be written stating our intent.

Representative Gunderson called for the question.

AYES - All

MOTION CARRIED

MILK CONTROL -

Mr. Robinson said this is 100% earmarked funds paid for by the dairy producers, wholesale and retail. The difference here is about \$2000 in vacancy services - \$2,000 the 1st year and about \$600 the second year. The other major concern was in contracted services where \$6500 was requested and part was for outside legal help on hearings, etc. I reduced this to \$2,000. The \$4500 I did reduce was to be spent on hearing officers, court reporters, etc.

Representative Bradley asked if there could be some problems with this reduction. Mr. Robinson said there may be something, I'm not sure. The \$4500 cut is not going to close up a Department. Because it is earmarked he has to provide some services to the dairy people, but not as much as to the legislature.

Representative Gunderson said he had missed the hearing, but because it is earmarked funds, he would go along with the Department.

Representative Gunderson moved to accept the Executive recommendation.

AYES - Representative Bradley, Representative Gunderson, Representative Marks, Senator Thomas, Senator Roberts, Senator Story.

NOS - Senator Stephens MOTION CARRIED

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CONSUMER PROTECTION -

The Fiscal Analyst said this Department had 7 people and 3 secretaries. 1/3 of this is earmarked revenue - \$5.00 of store license fee goes to trade regulation. The program consists of Consumer Protection, Private Post Secondary Education and Trade Regulations. Under Private-Post Secondary Education they are looking at between 16 and 18 schools out of state and approximately 16 in state. Under Consumer Protection, there is some question as to what they do.

Representative Gunderson mentioned he did not feel the Department of Agriculture was overlapping with this Department as was suggested the other day.

Representative Bradley mentioned that in all fairness to the Department, if you don't have enough people to do the job required, you just shuffle paper. She felt 1 secretary should be eliminated and give them a professional. They have 4 professionals and 3 secretaries now.

Senator Thomas asked about salaries.

The LFA said around \$20,000 for Mr. Disney, \$15,000 for Mr. Burns, Secretary \$8,000, Mr. Wines about \$15,000 and between 15 and \$17,000 for the attorney.

Senator Story moved to accept the LFA budget plus a letter of intent.

Representative Gunderson said I could go along with that but could we get across to them that they have too many secretaries? You might add in the same letter you are writing concerning the Financial Department that there is a duplication.

Representative Gunderson then said, "Lets take out a secretary".

Representative Bradley asked if they didn't want to give them another professional.

Representative Gunderson said, "no, lets just take out the secretary".

Senator Story asked the LFA if he would reduce his figure about \$8,000 a year? The LFA said yes, in Personal Services.

Representative Bradley said instead of eliminating \$8,000 we should add \$4,000.

Senator Stephens said I don't think they need more people but I know they don't need 3 secretaries. If you are going to give them the money, you should re-direct the money for productive use.

The LFA said they had asked for 1 additional position in Consumer Protection - as a Consumer Protection Investigator.

Representative Gunderson called for the question.

The motion was to accept the LFA recommendation less \$8,000 per year and accept the budget as ammended and a letter given to the Department telling them to eliminate the position of 1 secretary.

AYES - Representative Gunderson, Representative Marks, Senator Story, Senator Stephens, Senator Thomas.

NOS - Representative Bradley and Senator Roberts
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION -

Chairman Bradley called for further discussion.

Senator Roberts asked what is going to happen with Cable TV regulations?

No answer.

Representative Bradley said one alternative is to upgrade the positon of Mr. Dwyer's in Central Service Program.

Senator Stephens said that would mean that a person in the organization would be upgraded and they would not have to go outside and hire anyone.

The LFA said the money is about the same. \$29,000 for the Executive Administrator. You would only have to take approximately \$6,000 of that \$29,000 to upgrade that Centralized Service Administrator. That would leave \$22,000 for an auditor.

Senator Roberts asked if Mr. Dwyer would stay on? Mr. Robinson said until September, then he is going back to school.

Senator Roberts felt they need a new person who would have a fresh prospective.

Representative Bradley said this would be a recommendation only.

The LFA said it could be up to the Commission to either get another auditor or upgrade the position.

Senator Roberts asked -"We would be granting 5 new positions, the five granted yesterday, except instead of an administrative position we would have a second auditor and up grade the Centralized Services Administrator"?

Representative Marks suggested we leave the amount in their budget and give them the option.

Open discussion.

Senator Stephens made the motion to accept the addition of an attorney.

AYES - Representative Bradley, Representative Gunderson, Representative Marks, Senator Stephens, Senator Roberts.

NOS - Senator Thomas, Senator Story

MOTION PASSED

After a little discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Bradley
Dorothy Bradley, Chairman

Nina Kosmas, Sec.