

Chairman Brand called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., roll call was taken with all members present.

See Stan Zozotarski's summary of the bills presented, following these minutes.

HB 197-Sponsored by Rep. Gerke -- This is an act to authorize pre-session activities and providing compensation for the leadership in the Senate and House, along with the Legislative Administration Committees in both houses, (I think Rules Committees also should be involved). Legislative Improvement should get this too, and I think it is a disgrace that we operate the way we do without an arrangement for pre-session. There's no provision presently to pay staff and it takes a lot of work to have things ready to go when you get there. We require more and more services and someone has to handle it. The Speaker is elected at the Caucus in November, so you have December to get ready and when you get here everything is already in order. When we adopted the block committee system it was obvious that we needed new rooms for Class 2 and 3 committees. So we commandeered the Livestock Building but it had no furniture -- so we begged, borrowed, robbed and then ordered the equipment from whoever would guarantee to ship it within a week; but that showed us that someone should have been here earlier. We ask employees to come to work for our Chief Clerk and we have no way to pay them until the Feed Bill goes through; and I don't think we should ask people to work for us like that. Fortunately, we have people returning who know that they will be paid. I am asking that the Rules Committees of both houses be included as an amendment.

O'CONNELL-I thought you had been being paid, however, I had intended to bring this up at the last caucus -- we have had a lot of criticism about the Livestock Building and the bad conditions. People have fallen and they just felt that it was a disgrace for them to have to go over to that building. This has come from witnesses, legislators, etc. Human Services has a lot of people who would like to come and can't manage the stairs. GERKE-The committee room for that committee was chosen by the committee chairman. As far as the sidewalk and stairs, that's the problem of the Administration. The chairmen have been advised that if they have problems, and you're the first one that has complained, but if they have problems to contact one of the chairmen over here. MAGONE-As I recall, there was quite a span of time before I was informed that I was on the Legislative Administration Committee. GERKE-Well, it takes time to determine that you all at least get one of your committees. Trying to figure 100 people into 13 committees takes time. MAGONE-Couldn't we move the Caucus back some? GERKE-You need at least 10 days between the election and the Caucus. KROPP-Could we restrict this somewhat, do you know how much this will cost? GERKE-The Clerk's office takes the most because they have to get the rostrum ready and they need one clerk and two assistants....I think the travel is wrong, we could use more days and less trips. To figure increased costs, actual cost to defray expenses were ignored. I think the fiscal note is probably quite conservative, especially if you put the Rules Committees in -- I think it would be more like \$12-15,000. SALES-I am amazed at what has to be done. Who prepares the Feed Bill? GERKE-The Legislative Council. SALES-I feel very embarrassed that we had so little information to vote on. GERKE-I'll take the blame for part of that because I was here last session; but there has been no accounting of what goes on around here and I asked that the Council's bookkeeper be allowed to cover the House of Representatives and cut out the Business Manager because we just don't need it. All we do now is take the expenses that came out of the Chief Clerk's office; and she has

all of the clerks and secretaries and the material on the rostrum; but now she is the one who OK's all of that which goes to the Council, where it is ordered. The Sergeant handles everything in the Speaker's office which goes then to the Council. So, now there will be a bookkeeper and a record to use to come up with a Feed Bill. FEDA-Do you need authority to pay the staff? The way the bill reads, I wonder if you have the authority to pay them. GERKE-If you think it needs clarification, we can do that. KANDUCH-You said 4 - 10 days would be enough, is that the total committee, or just the one we appoint at Caucus? GERKE-That's just Legislative Administration. KANDUCH-How much do you think the Speaker needs? GERKE-I would say at least two weeks because you have to come in a couple of times. It could go as high as three weeks. BENNETT-I'm concerned about the expenses - could you give us some idea of your expenses at the time? GERKE-It is a calculated judgement -- we did do alot by telephone, but I have an average phone bill of \$55.00. BENNETT-Could we increase the expense figure to cover things like that for the Speaker and President? GERKE-I think if you just receive compensation and expenses, that would include it.

HB 24-Sponsored by Rep. Oberg - This was suggested by the Legislative Auditor to the Department of Professional and Occupational Licensing. He submitted written testimony, see Attachments #1 and #1a.

Ed Carney is here to answer any questions you may have.

AZZARA-Why just this agency, why not other ones too? OBERG-When the Auditor checked this agency, he found there were certain funds that didn't have anywhere to go. CARNEY-This is the way the present law reads (reference Att. #1a). We have certain miscellaneous revenues that aren't managed in the above statute.

HB 215-Sponsored by Rep. Magone - I agreed to carry this for the Department of Administration and Mrs. Freseman is here to testify.

VERA FRESFEM-Administrator, Treasurer's Office - This is a housekeeping bill. I am the Administrator of the Treasury Division. The 1972 Constitutional Convention eliminated the State Treasurer, and put us under the Department of Administration. She went on to explain CIBUS funds and collection warrants, which the bill relates to in that HB 215 deletes the clause requiring the State Treasurer to issue receipts for money to be deposited into the State Treasury.

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HB 187-Brand passed out amendments from George Bousliman, Director of the Budget Office had submitted. (See Attachment #2).

BRAND-This was discussed with Bousliman. McBRIDE-What comes to mind now -- if the report doesn't match the actual biennium, will it be difficult to interpret? DONALDSON-I speak in opposition to the amendment. I think this makes the report almost totally incomprehensible with the financial situation in the state. You would be splitting the biennium and I think it will be another cost to the agency and will come at a time when the agencies are very busy trying to get ready for the session. If it came out on the odd-numbered years it wouldn't reflect the biennium.

SALES-What type of information do ou get out of these reports that is helpful that you can't get out of the Budget Book? BRAND-What I've found is that you have to go back to the old budget. This is the first time we have had one before we came into session. O'CONNELL-I would suggest setting aside a room in the House for a library. MAGONE-Sometimes I have no use for a report and then the next week I might need it for something. The committees you are on determine alot about what you might want. I think the library idea is excellent.

AZZARA-I would move that we have a subcommittee to study comparative costs and actual usage. The idea of a library is, I think, excellent. Some of these would be better used by being sent to committees.

O'CONNELL-If there are legislators that are concerned with a particular report, they could write and ask for it. MAGONE-The Legislative Auditor sends us a letter saying what they have and if you want it.

Azzara's motion to have a subcommittee passes. With the subcommittee named being: McBride, Chairman; Azzara and Sales for HB 187.

HB 124-WEATHERIZATION-BRAND-Sales had an amendment to make 50% of the funds useable only for materials. Stan has done some research on allocation of funds, so he is here to explain his figures.

STAN ZEZOFRASKI-I talked to the Department of Community Affairs, and felt that the best way to illustrate their figures was by graphs.

Reference Attachment #3 -- explanations are on each page.

ZEZOFRASKI-The federal funds appear to be where the inequity exists. All of the labor money comes through the Governor's office as CETA funds, and can be used only to pay the workers, and is not relative to the weatherization money. None of the labor money is weatherization grant money - federal law mandates that all labor has to be CETA money. The bill before you says that 10% of the Federal money goes for administration and 5% of the state money. Of the federal money, 1/2% goes to the state and 2 1/2% goes to the local level. The way I see it, the state allocation is OK, and they would have to have some mandate to change the federal regulations -- since they bring about the inequity.

SALES-I withdraw my motion to amend the 50% thing.

MAGONE-I move HB 124 DO PASS, motion carries by voice vote.

HB 135-KROPP moves DO NOT PASS.

AZZARA-Bardanouve said that an actuarial study would be necessary and could be written into the bill; so I would make a substitute motion to table the bill.

BRAND-The Teachers' Retirement people are opposed to this and so would the people who are proposing the bill pay for this study? AZZARA-I'm going to withdraw my motion because I can't be responsible for this.

KROPP's motion of DO NOT PASS carries with Sales and Kanduch opposing.

HB 208-JOHNSTON moves DO PASS.

PISTORIA-I don't think they should be able to do contracts for cities. O'CONNELL-We did run into a labor snarl, and what about Zanto's procedures -- we don't want to put good men out of work to give it to prisoners. SMITH-I think the bill is OK like it is.

PISTORIA-Could I move that we hold this until the next executive session?

AZZARA-Before we vote, I would like to remind the committee that recidivism costs society more than what we are speaking of.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (to hold HB 208 until next exec. session) motion carries with Staigmiller, Kropp and Smith voting NO.

HB 24-O'CONNELL moves DO PASS; motion carries unanimously. AZZARA moves that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar, but Johnston votes NO.

HB 197-BRAND-This needs an amendment on line 15, inserting "and rules committees". KROPP-I want to see a fiscal note before I vote on this. MAGONE-I think the whole committee space thing should be arranged alot sooner. AZZARA-I agree, but I would also like to see a fiscal note.

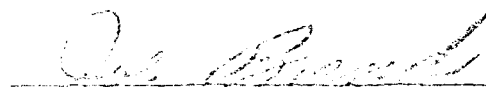
Motion to amend carries;KROPP moves to hold for fiscal note.

O'CONNELL-Rather than expecting these people to travel back and forth, it would be more economically feasible to have them come down for a week and get done what needs to be. BRAND-That's why I wanted the amendment in there first. BENNETT-I don't see why we need a fiscal note. SALES-Since the Speaker has already asked for it, I think we should wait.

Motion carries to hold for fiscal note.

HB 215-O'CONNELL moves DO PASS, motion carries unanimously. FEDA moves that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar, Johnston opposed so motion fails.

Adjourn: 11:00 a.m.

  
Joe Brand, Chairman

  
Nita Sierke, Secretary