

APPROPRIATIONS - FINANCE & CLAIMS

SUB-COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

JANUARY 10, 1979 - CAPITOL ANNEX

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman, Steve Waldron with the following members present:

Senator Gary Alkestad  
Representative Bill Hand  
Representative Robert Marks  
Senator Pat Regan  
Senator Pete Story

Others present were:

Curt Nichols, Fiscal Analyst  
Carolyn Doering, Executive Management and  
Accounting Division  
Bob Robinson, Fiscal Analyst  
John Fitzpatrick

The meeting was started by all present introducing themselves and giving a short background.

Curt Nichols, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, gave an explanation of "Budget Analysis, 1981 Biennium", subsection Department of Community Affairs. It was noted that negative amounts were denoted in parenthesis. He also explained the set-up of each summary. Up-dated fiscal information can be obtained from the Fiscal Analyst up to the last six months if necessary. The data for the summary is taken from the 1978 fiscal year. The 1978 data is then used to project for the fiscal years 1980 and 1981. If the agencies plan to add additional services, they must specify a request for "modified services" in their request.

Bob Robinson was introduced, and he explained the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's stand on the Coal Board. It is felt that the Coal Board is granting grants without checking the need. The LFA recommendations are as follows:

1 FTE be allowed for additional staff.  
Grants in the amount of \$500,000.00 each year.  
\$10,000.00 a year for a Research Division to determine impact and need.

Several examples were given of grants authorized without appropriate need. Representative Marks asked Mr. Robinson to work up a sheet regarding tax bases of the communities affected by the Coal Severence Tax. The LFA also recommended that the legislature should develop criteria according to impact and availability.

Carolyn Doering and John Fitzpatrick explained the Executive Branch's stand on the Coal Board budget. A handout accompanied the explanation. They feel there is a need for the extra funding and they do not want funds to be "de-earmarked".

Representative Francis Bardanouye recommended that instead of hiring two additional people perhaps the State Legislative Auditors be used to monitor the board. Extra hiring should be limited if possible. He also commented that it was good to see the committee going and told them to keep up the good work.

Chairman Waldron outlined some points before closing:

1. Curt Nichols will be the Fiscal Analyst working with this subcommittee. If there are any quesitons be sure to go to him. The committee will also rely on Representative Marks, Senator Story and Senator Pat Regan as they have worked on similar committees before.
2. Testimony can be interrupted for questions if you go through the chairman.
3. Meetings will be held from 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. daily.
4. The meetings will start promptly.
5. If there are particular areas of interest to members, let the chairman know and he will set the meetings up for your convenience.
6. If a member of the committee is going to be gone, let the chairman know so he can set up hearings of interest at a time you can hear them.
7. Everyone on the committee should read the "Human Services Interim Study"
8. Chairman, Steve Waldron, would like to set up a time to have the committee view several planes being utilized by the Governor and the state.

It was decided committee members will meet at the airport Jan. 12, 1979 at 8:00 a.m. to view the planes. Carolyn Doering will call the airport and find out if the planes will be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

  
Steve Waldron, Chairman  
Approved