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The meeting of the Education Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Dennis Nathe at 8:05 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 1987 in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present. Also present was Dori Nielson and Jane Hamman of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Norm Rostocki of the Office of Budget and Program Planning, and Deb Thompson, Secretary.

Chairman Nathe requested preferences for the order of presentation of each budget. The order will be the Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP), the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA) and then the agencies.

Dori Nielson of the LFA offered two proposals for the format of presentations from the LFA. A format was chosen. This format example is attached.

The differences between the OBPP and LFA budgets will be resolved after the presentations.

Chairman Nathe announced the meetings will begin at 7:30 a.m. (1/2 hour ahead) for an overview before starting each section, giving the committee a briefing on any recent developments.

Vice Chairman Jacobsen noted that the agencies are grouped by section. The first briefing will be the Board of Public Education, Fire Service Training School and School for the Deaf and Blind.

Representative Donaldson of the Appropriation Committee, recommended that this committee consider becoming familiar with the School Foundation Program. He recommended a joint hearing as early as possible.

(1-A-220) Chairman Nathe discussed how to handle vacancy savings and the inflation factor, in order to remain consistent. Vacancy savings will be applied to agencies' FTE above 20 personnel, below 20 personal no vacancy savings will be taken, as in current level. Independent decisions, based on agencies needs will be considered.

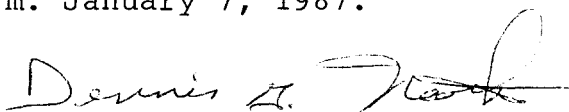
Representative Donaldson suggested the committee proceed as if I105 does not exist since we are not sure of the impact on local property tax. He suggests that the committee identify areas where property taxes may be impacted.

Norm Rostocki of the OBPP indicated that the personal services differed slightly between the two budgets. There is some differences in salaries for the same FTE. The committee will use the LFA figures if differences exist.

(1-A-370) Representative Donaldson suggested that rates of pay and numbers of FTE that were involved were important. The differences in the budgets were that the LFA looked at each agency individually generally applying a vacancy savings of 4 percent to 20 personnel and up. He recommended that the problem of vacancy savings and the vacancy savings pool be addressed as an overall issue. However, the target issue is that the LFA tried to justify legitimate personal services, the FTE's, the use of vacancy savings and severance pay.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The Education Subcommittee will next meet at 7:30 a.m. January 7, 1987.


DENNIS NATHE, Chairman

