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The meeting of the Institutions and Cultural Education Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Steve Waldron on March 8, 1985, at 8:10 a.m. in Room 129 of the Capitol.

ROLL CALL: Sen. Bengtson was excused. All other members were present. Also present were Keith Wolcott of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office (LFA), George Harris of the Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP), and Carroll South, Director of the Department of Institutions.

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Chairman Waldron said there has been a change in the projected inflation factors from the LFA's office for electricity and natural gas. Electricity is going to increase higher than anticipated and natural gas will not go up as much as expected. The increase in electricity will be \$288,746 for the biennium and natural gas will be \$690,439 less than projected. The net decrease is \$401,693 that can be deleted from the Department of Institutions budget.

Sen. HIMSL moved to accept the LFA's new projections on inflation for electricity and natural gas.

The motion PASSED unanimously.

Chairman Waldron said the fiscal leadership has requested the subcommittees to use smaller inflation factors. The LFA figures as they are now are close to being accurate. Chairman Waldron said this action would substantially harm this budget and he could not vote for such a measure.

Rep. MENAHAN moved to make no further cuts in this budget.

Sen. AKLESTAD opposed the motion. All other members approved the motion. The motion PASSED.

Being no further business to come before this committee, the hearing was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Steve Waldron, Chairman