



Fourth Meeting
2009 Interim
December 8, 2009

LCR 1 & 2
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

The fourth meeting of the Joint Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Co-Chair, Representative Larry Tidemann, at 2:38 p.m. (CDT) in Legislative Conference Rooms 1 & 2 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Senators Dan Ahlers, Corey Brown, Jeffrey Haverly (Vice Chair), Jim Hundstad, Jean Hunhoff (Co-Chair), and Al Novstrup; and Representatives Quinten Burg, Lance Carson, Thomas Deadrick, H. Paul Dennert, Deb Peters, J.E. "Jim" Putnam (Vice Chair), Larry Tidemann (Co-Chair), Dean Wink, and Susan Wismer. Senator Julie Bartling was excused.

Staff members present included Fred Schoenfeld, Chief Fiscal Analyst; Annie Mehlhaff, Principal Fiscal Analyst; Sue Cichos, Senior Fiscal Analyst; Aaron Olson, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Terry Miller, Senior Fiscal Analyst, and Lisa Shafer, Legislative Secretary.

(NOTE: For purpose of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. Also, all referenced documents distributed at the meeting are attached to the original minutes on file in the Legislative Research Council (LRC). This meeting was web cast live. The archived web cast is available at the LRC web site at <http://legis.state.sd.us> under "Interim Information – Current Interim – Minutes and Agendas.")

Minutes

REPRESENTATIVE PUTNAM MOVED, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE DEADRICK, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS ON OCTOBER 19, 2009, BE APPROVED. The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Discussion of Governor's Budget Address

Senator Dan Ahlers asked that the Legislative Research Council (LRC) obtain from the Bureau of Finance and Management (BFM) a report of all unfilled FTEs for each agency.

Committee Budget Call Letter

Mr. Fred Schoenfeld, Chief Fiscal Analyst for the LRC, said that he intends to mail the budget call letter to the agencies tomorrow.

Agency Hearing Schedule

Mr. Schoenfeld informed the committee that a draft schedule for the agency's hearing has been created. Similar to last session, if an agency wants to change their hearing date/time, the agency needs to trade with another agency and notify the LRC. The trade is also subject to the approval of the co-chairs.

Subcommittee and Study Group Report/Status

Driver Licensing Subcommittee

Representative Larry Tidemann informed the committee that a report has been submitted and will be discussed at a later meeting.

Homestake Study Group

In response to a question posed by **Representative Deb Peters**, Representative Tidemann stated that the intent of the Homestake Study Group was outlined in the prior letter. The study group is to obtain more information on the FTEs, money needed to bridge the gap before NSF approval, and NSF funding.

Capital Budget Study Group

Senator Corey Brown told the committee that the LRC staff provided the study group background information on the topic. The study group was waiting to follow up until after the Governor's Budget Address.

Financial Obligation Created by Private Funding Financing Study Group

Senator Jean Hunhoff stated that a report was compiled and delivered to the study group members. Now that the Legislature has heard the Governor's Budget Address, a teleconference meeting will be scheduled.

FTE Reporting Subcommittee

Representative Tidemann said that the FTE Reporting Subcommittee has met one time.

South Dakota School for the Deaf

Representative H. Paul Dennert informed the committee that Dr. Jack Warner, Executive Director of the Board of Regents, is looking at possible uses for the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) campus and methods to continue educating the 5 students that are currently receiving services on the campus. Currently, there are 11 students that receive services in Brandon. An update will be provided at the Board of Regents budget hearing during session.

Senator Ahlers stated that the Minnehaha County Commission and Sioux Falls School District both have interest in the SDSD campus property.

Representative Tidemann told the members that Dr. Warner's preliminary report on SDSD will be emailed to the committee members after today's meeting.

Standing Subcommittees for the 2010 Legislative Session

Senator Hunhoff will appoint the members to the standing subcommittees at a later date with committee input.

Government Operations and Audit Committee Blue Books

Committee members were distributed the 2010 Government Operations and Audit Committee (GOAC) Blue Book.

Mr. Schoenfeld said that the Blue Book is an updated version of the previous books which contains details on the other funds.

Representative Peters stated that one new addition to the book is information on the Cash Flow Fund – a list of every fund and the fund balance that makes up the Cash Flow Fund.

Representative Peters distributed a handout addressing encumbrances in the Department of Corrections that was created by the Department of Legislative Audit. (**Document #1**) She made particular note that the unused General Fund contract encumbrance amount total is \$434,554.

Additional Information

Senator Jean Hunhoff took over as the presiding chair of the committee.

Adjourn

SENATOR HUNDSTAD MOVED, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERS, TO ADJOURN. The motion prevailed unanimously on a voice vote.

The committee adjourned at 3:04 p.m.



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