



One Hundred Thirty-fourth Meeting
2004 Interim
Thursday, October 14, 2004

LRC Conference Room
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota

The one hundred thirty-fourth meeting of the Special Committee on Appropriations was called to order by Senator Jerry Apa, Co-chair, at 11:05 a.m., Thursday, October 14, 2004, in the Legislative Research Council Conference Room of the State Capitol Building in Pierre, South Dakota. The committee met via conference call.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Senators Jerry Apa (Co-chair), H. Paul Dennert, Robert N. Duxbury, William F. Earley, Brock L. Greenfield, Marguerite Kleven, and Duane Sutton (Vice-chair); and Representatives Stanford M. Adelstein (Vice-chair), Julie Bartling, Quinten Burg, Rebekah Craddock, Mary Glenski, Ted Klaudt, J.E. "Jim" Putnam (Co-chair), Orville B. Smidt, and Ron Williamson. Senators Mike Jaspers and William M. Napoli were unable to attend.

Staff members present included Reed Holwegner, Chief Fiscal Analyst; Mark Zickrick, Principal Fiscal Analyst; Annie Mehlhaff, Principal Fiscal Analyst; Aaron Olson, Fiscal Analyst; and Rhonda Purkapile, Supervisor of Text Editing.

Larry Gabriel, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, and Joe Lowe, Wildland Fire Coordinator, participated in the meeting via conference call.

Other individuals attending the meeting were: Tammy Darnall and Chris Peterson, Bureau of Finance and Management, and Ken Anderson, Department of Agriculture.

Expenditure Authority Requests

Information on the expenditure authority request from the Department of Agriculture was prepared and distributed to committee members prior to the meeting (**Document #1**).

Department of Agriculture--\$414,121 and 14.1 FTE

Mr. Larry Gabriel, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, testified that the Wildland Fire Suppression Division is proposing to add a second Type II hand crew to work on fuels mitigation projects within the Black Hills and will also be available for immediate response to fires within the area. He noted that the original request for \$341,419 and 11 FTE was for six months of funding but that has now been revised to \$414,121 and 14.1 FTE to cover funding and staffing for an eight month time frame rather than for six months (**Document #2**). This would allow funding and personnel to be in place should there be a mild winter, and the crew could continue working throughout the winter months. This program will be funded by National Fire Plan Grants. The matching funds will come from credits for expenditures the state has made from the Fire Suppression Fund. The additional funding will finance this program through June, 2005.

In response to committee questions, Mr. Lowe indicated that included in this request is start up funding and equipment costs to get the second crew up and running.

It was moved by Representative Adelstein, seconded by Senator Duxbury, that the committee approve the request from the Department of Agriculture for \$414,121 of FY2005 federal fund expenditure authority and 14.1 FTE.

Senator Kleven asked about reimbursements to the state when the crews are called to respond to out-of-state incidents. Mr. Lowe replied that when the crew is called to respond out-of-state, their time is charged to the agency that requested the crew.

Senator Duxbury expressed his approval of the request before disconnecting from the teleconference call.

Senator Dennert asked if any unused funding would be made available for the program in FY2006 and Secretary Gabriel responded affirmatively.

The motion to approve the request from the Department of Agriculture carried on a roll call vote (15-0-3). VOTING AYE: Dennert, Bartling, Burg, Glenski, Greenfield, Craddock, Earley, Klaudt, Kleven, Smidt, Williamson, Sutton (Duane), Adelstein, Apa, Putnam. EXCUSED: Duxbury, Jaspers, Napoli.

A motion was made by Senator Dennert, seconded by Representative Glenski, that the committee include Representative Klaudt's affirmative vote for approval, which did not register during the roll being called due to problems with his phone. The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

It was moved by Senator Earley, seconded by Senator Kleven, that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Co-chair Apa adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.



