

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
January 2, 1962

The Meeting was called to order by Vice-chairman Smith at 10:00 a.m. with all members present except Senators Lauterbach and Doty. Mrs. Mildred LeSuer and Mr. James Bibb were also present from the Budget Division.

Mr. Bibb extended a welcome to the members of the committee and gave a brief statement about the budget. In this statement he explained that the agencies would not know if any of the items cut by the Budget Division had been restored by the Governor.

Messrs. Richard C. Byrd, chairman, and Raymond B. Harvey, secretary, appeared before the committee on behalf of the State Corporation Commission. In addition to the items cut from their budget Mr. Byrd asked that the dollar limitation on the public utilities assessment which is deposited to the Public Service Regulation be removed. The following items which are listed by activity were asked to be restored:

General and Administrative:

1. Position of Clerk II
2. Position of Court Reporter
3. Two electric typewriters
4. Position (.6) of General Counsel
5. Salaries of Assistant General Counsel be increased to \$9,000

Motor Carrier:

1. Position of Clerk I (.5)

Public Service Regulation

1. \$1,000 for printing
2. One electric typewriter

Speculative Securities:

1. \$700 for travel
2. \$500 for commodities

Natural Gas Conservation:

1. One position (actually two half-time positions)
2. Two automobiles for the above position

Oil Proration:

1. One duplicating operator

Messrs. Robert E. Lee Graham and Kermit M. Beal appeared before the committee on behalf of the Board of Tax Appeals. Mr. Graham indicated that there were only two items which his agency were appealing. One was the restoration of a court reporter. Mr. Graham said that this court reporter would be very busy during three months of the year and during the balance of the year could be used in other departments. The second appeal was for the restoration of 120 days for meetings instead of the 110 allowed by the Budget Division.

Messrs. Alven E. Jones and Mrs. Wilma Clark appeared before the committee on behalf of the Property Valuation Department. Mr. Jones listed three items which they would like restored to their budget. He indicated that they were cut four or five positions which they had agreed to except for one attorney. They would also like the full amount restored for printing and professional fees.

Mr. C. N. Winkelman, superintendent, appeared on behalf of the Port of Entry Board. The attached sheet is a summary of the requests as presented by Mr. Winkelman.

Messrs. Richard T. Fadely, Roltz Welch, James Pritchard, Ed Heald and Robert C. Londerholm appeared before the committee on behalf of the Department of Revenue. The attached letter lists the agency's requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Glee S. Smith, Vice-chairman
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