

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
April 2, 1965

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., April 2, 1965, by Chairman Sanborn. All members were present.

Senator Bennett, chairman of the Senate Claims and Accounts Committee, appeared before the Committee with reference to SENATE BILL 404. He stated that the bill allows sales tax refunds for the period April 1, 1963 through June 9, 1963, to those who have filed claims with the Committee or the Director of Revenue. There are 1,575 individual claims. These claims represented nearly \$900,000 in refunds, not including the claim of the federal government. Of that amount, approximately \$380,000 are refunds to the Highway Commission; about \$53,000 to other State agencies; and \$321,000 to religious, benevolent, and local units of government. No refunds for State agencies are included in this bill. The refunds are funded by a \$400,000 temporary sales tax fund. Senator Bennett pointed out that there may be additional claims to be considered during the 1966 Budget Session wherein claims were not filed within the 90-day period prescribed in the law. It was the consensus of the committee that there is a moral obligation to make these refunds.

Thereupon, Senator Arthur moved that Senate Bill 404 be recommended for passage. Senator Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman pointed out that Lynn Burris of the PARK AND RESOURCES AUTHORITY had asked the Committee to introduce a bill for the pledging of certain funds to retire revenue bonds so the agency could sell such bonds for the improvement of state parks. It was agreed that the Committee would introduce the bill and ask that it be assigned back to the Committee where it would remain. Senator Woodard moved that the bill be so introduced. Senator Saar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

THEO. A. SANBORN, Chairman