

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Governmental Organization

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at  
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 4, 1985 in room 531 N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Frey  
Senator Gaines

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird - Research  
Bruce Kinzie - Revisor

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Vidricksen called the meeting to order and asked Senator Winter to explain the purpose of H.B. 2034. Senator Winter stated that this bill acts to consider claims against the State and allows for a simpler way to hear these claims. There was some discussion on some proposed changes and Senator Winter suggested that line 24 be changed from 12 to 13 members and that line 26 be changed from 7 to 8 members of the House of Representatives. These amendments were approved and passed by the committee. Senator Winter then made a motion that H.B. 2034 be recommended to pass favorably out of committee. This was seconded by Senator Hoferer and motion carried.

Attention was then turned to S.B. 26. It was pointed out that there had been some previous discussion to exempt elected officials from this and the question had been raised concerning the possibility of using another agency other than Post Audit to report suspected cases of improper government activity. The chairman stated that he felt that Post Audit was the best agency to handle the job and that the number of cases being reported would probably decrease in two or three months. Senator Winter explained that he liked the idea of this bill in that it provided neutral ground to report such cases. There was some discussion concerning various problems with the bill, such as in the affairs of state agencies, and after some deliberation the chairman decided to put S.B. 26 on the agenda for tomorrow to allow some time to work out the areas in question.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 29 meeting was made by Senator Francisco. This was seconded by Senator Johnston and motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned by the chairman.

