

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by Senator August "Gus" Bogina at
Chairperson

2:30 a.m./p.m. on March 18, 1985 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Harder

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Ed Ahrens, Robin Hunn, Paul West
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse
Committee Office: Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2057 - Appropriations FY 1986, Department of Transportation and
Highway Patrol

HB 2154 - Appropriations FY 1985, KDOT and Highway Patrol

HB 2154 - Highway Patrol

Senator Gaines presented the subcommittee report on this section. Committee members were given an opportunity to question him.

HB 2057, Section 3 - Highway Patrol

Following Senator Gaines' presentation of the subcommittee report on this section, there were questions concerning various recommendations.

There was extended discussion concerning remuneration of troopers in the Highway Patrol. It was noted by subcommittee members that the troopers have reasonable beginning salaries, but the "four-year" troopers are falling behind other comparable jobs in increases. The recommendation of the subcommittee is about half what the Highway Patrol is trying to achieve for its troopers.

The committee continued to discuss Senate Subcommittee Recommendation No. 9. Senator Gaines explained that the Governor must issue an Executive Order to carry out the recommendation, but there is no reason to believe he will not do that.

Senator Bogina referred to Recommendation No. 13, and noted that the subcommittee feels this is very important; and that it is also important the study be completed by disinterested parties.

HB 2057, Section 2 - Department of Transportation

The subcommittee report on this section was also presented by Senator Gaines. There were questions about the computerized Pavement Management System (Recommendation No. 4) and the retirement compensation (Recommendation No. 1). Senator Bogina commented that this might be an item which should be discussed at length, because it had not been considered in previous years. No changes were made in the subcommittee recommendation.

There were questions about other aspects of the Department of Transportation and the Highway Patrol.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Talkington to adopt the subcommittee reports. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Talkington to report HB 2057 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 123-S, Statehouse, at 2:30 /a.m./p.m. on March 18, 1985

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Gannon that minutes for March 11 and 12 be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Senator Bogina.

