

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

3:30 a.m./p.m. on April 13, 1985 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Doyen

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Richard Ryan, Ed Ahrens, Mary Galligan, Robin Hunn

Revisor's Office: Norman Furse

Committee Office: Judy Bromich, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Bob Frey

HB 2615 - State Pay Plan

Mr. Ahrens and Mr. Ryan explained the bill, section by section. During discussion concerning the amendment in Section 1 to provide additional compensation of \$204 to employees not receiving an increase in compensation under the pay plan, Senator Winter asked about another group who will receive only a very small amount of increase. A conceptual motion was made by Senator Winter and seconded by Senator Feleciano to provide that those who receive only a small amount of increase will be assured at least the \$204 provided in section 1, as amended by House Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by voice vote.

A conceptual motion was made by Senator Feleciano and seconded by Senator Gannon to amend Section 1 (a) on page 2 to provide that the \$204 be paid to those who were on the payroll during the payroll period immediately preceding the payment date. The motion carried by voice vote.

The reason for the above amendment was that the language in the bill would provide for payment to persons who perhaps had been on the payroll for only a few days, and someone who had left the payroll only a few days before the payment date would not receive the additional check. The amendment above was deemed to be a fairer way to handle the payment.

There was discussion regarding each section and committee members asked questions for clarification of the provisions of HB 2615.

In connection with Section 12(c), motion was made by Senator Feleciano and seconded by Senator Gannon to delete \$500 and insert \$600. The motion carried by voice vote.

Senator Fry presented a proposal concerning differential for expenses for legislators based on the size of their districts. His suggestion was that, in addition to the monthly expense allowance provided during the interim, an additional allowance be provided as follows: (1) \$50 per month for districts greater than 200 square miles but less than 300 square miles; \$100 per month for districts 300 square miles but less than 4,500 square miles; and \$150 per month for districts 4,500 square miles to 12,000 square miles. There followed an extended discussion concerning the problem of costs of driving from place to place in the larger districts. Senator Talkington suggested that the problem should be studied. He suggested that Senators have additional expenses in spite of the fact that they may live in a small area, because there are many more people to serve than are served by House members.

Motion was made by Senator Gannon and seconded by Senator Talkington to amend HB 2615 in accordance with the above suggestion by Senator Frey. The motion carried by voice vote.

In connection with Section 14, a conceptual motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Werts to provide that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House receive \$8,285 per annum;

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room 123-S, Statehouse, at 3:30 AM/p.m. on April 13, 1985.

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that the assistant majority leaders of the Senate and House receive \$4,228 per annum, the same as the assistant minority leaders, the speaker pro tem of the House and the vice president of the Senate. The motion carried by voice vote.

It was the concensus of the committee that staff should change figures for appropriations for the Legislature in accordance with motions approved at this meeting.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines to delete sections 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of HB 2615. The motion lost for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Werts to provide that increases in salary for elected officials begin January 12, 1987, instead of June 18, 1985. The motion lost on a voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Gaines and seconded by Senator Werts to delete section 19. Following a brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Wilson suggested that certain sections of HB 2615 were not intended to include part time or temporary personnel; and he asked if the committee would like to clarify the intent.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Talkington to make technical amendments to the bill in order to clarify the intent, as suggested by Mr. Wilson. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Werts and seconded by Senator Talkington to report HB 2615 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.