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Date 6-7-89

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR AUGUST "GUS" BOGINA at  
Chairperson

11:10 a.m. on MARCH 30, 1989 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Feleciano who was excused

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Diane Duffy, Kathy Porter, Karen DeViney, Paul West  
Revisor: Norman Furse  
Committee Staff: Judy Bromich, Pam Parker

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2028 - Sub. for HB 2028 by Committee on Appropriations - Appropriations for FY90, department of social and rehabilitation services and state mental health and retardation institutions.

Senator Gaines reviewed the FY 89 and FY 90 Senate Subcommittee Reports for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). Concern was expressed regarding Section 2 of the FY 90 Subcommittee Report (family preservation projects). It was stated the units are cost effective should be piloted in various locations in order to get a clear indication of their effectiveness in preventing out-of-home placements. Senator Bogina stated that the social workers have had training through Federal grants. It was explained the subcommittee felt that the addition of divisions throughout the state would be advantageous to more people and result in the social workers having lighter loads enabling them to spend more time with the family unit.

In regard to item six of the FY 90 Subcommittee Report, Senator Salisbury stated that the Labor and Industry Committee has also been reviewing KANWORK and supports the KANWORK program, but they do not support expansion at this time. She felt that coordination needs to be taking place between SRS and the Department of Human Resources.

In regard to item nine of the Subcommittee Report, Senator Parrish stated that due to lack of cost-effectiveness in SRS, she felt that money should be appropriated for evaluation of the system. Senator Parrish moved, Senator Salisbury seconded, to amend the Subcommittee report regarding HB 2028, item nine, by adding \$200,000, reinsert the \$500,000 recommended by the House Subcommittee, and to broaden the scope of the study to include a study of the general welfare system and some of the built-in disincentives to recipients from leaving the public assistance rolls. During discussion, Senator Parrish stated that Post Audit could do the disincentive portion but the type of study required for SRS should be performed by those who can recommend a plan of action and a reorganization within the agency in the child service area, i.e., The American Humane Association, Child Welfare League of America and the Center for Social Policy. It was suggested that Secretary of SRS contact these three groups, or others, and ask for a potential study bid before Omnibus Bill deliberations. Secretary Barton thought it was a reasonable request. Following further discussion, Senator Parrish and Senator Salisbury withdrew their motion and second.

Senator Johnston moved, Senator Parrish seconded, to amend the Subcommittee Report by requesting the Secretary of SRS to request cost estimates for a study of the state's services for children and to submit those before Omnibus and to request that the Division of Post Audit perform an audit on the disincentives to recipients of the present welfare system to actively pursue employment and lifestyles which would enable them to get off the welfare rolls. The motion carried.

In answer to a question concerning item number twelve (community mental

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retardation programs waiting lists), Mr. Nemec stated that the current waiting list is 811 at this point in time. Concern was expressed that the Legislature worries each year about the waiting list and nothing has been done to alleviate the problem and there seems to be no plan in place to reduce the waiting list.

Senator Parrish moved, Senator Salisbury seconded, to amend the Subcommittee Report regarding HB 2028, item number twenty-eight, by restoring \$704,359 deleted from the House recommendation for family foster care. The motion failed.

Senator Gaines moved, Senator Doyen seconded, to amend the Subcommittee Report regarding HB 2028, item number twenty-nine, by deleting \$851,064 from the adult care home program for head-injured persons, offsetting the Subcommittee's recommendation to increase community-based care of the head-injured under a Medicaid waiver program by the same amount. The motion carried.

Senator Harder moved, Senator Winter seconded, to concur with the recommendations of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction regarding capital improvements to be financed from the state institutions building fund: delete \$5,000 for handicapped code compliance, delete \$800,000 for energy conservation projects, and reduce the Governor's recommendation for institutional major maintenance from \$2,716,700 to \$2,606,700. The motion carried.

Senator Gaines moved, Senator Doyen seconded, the adoption of the Subcommittee Report regarding HB 2028, as amended. The motion carried.

Senator Doyen moved, Senator Gaines seconded, to report HB 2028, as amended, favorably for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Senator Doyen moved, Senator Winter seconded, to report HB 2063, as amended, favorably for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman announced that the Committee would meet upon adjournment later in the day. The meeting was adjourned.

