

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Computers, Communications & Technology

The meeting was called to order by George Dean

Chairperson

7:30 a.m. on March 27, 1991 in room 529-S of the Cap

All members were present except:

Rep. Kline

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Julian Efird, Research  
Diane Duffy, Research  
Mary Valdivia, Committee Secretary

Meeting opened by Chairman George Dean at 7:30 AM.

Minutes of March 19, 1991, meeting reviewed by the committee. Moved by Rep. McKechnie, seconded by Rep. Patrick, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

HB 2578

Chairman Dean called on Julian Efird, Research, to review the bill.

HB 2578 is basically the same bill that has been considered by the legislature. In 1989 HB 2559 was introduced in House Committee on Government Organization following review of the Department of Revenue. The Subcommittee of House Governmental Organization recommended that a joint committee modeled after the Joint Committee on State Building Construction should be in place in the legislature in order to provide oversight of data process within state government. That recommendation was incorporated into HB 2578 and later into HB 2877.

The Chairman's instruction to staff this year was that separate bills be drafted reflecting each bill as originally introduced to previous legislative session so they could be considered separately rather than in a package on this cycle. The combined bill did pass the house of representatives. HB 2877 died within Senate Ways and Means at the end of last legislative session.

The fiscal impact of the bill is that basically it will be funded within the legislatures appropriation that was made for interim activity because it appears that the joint committee would function largely as an interim committee rather than a committee during the session. It would add senators to the group that we now have which looks at computers, communications and technology.

Chairman Dean asked if there were any opponents or proponents of this bill. There were none.

Representative Patrick moved to recommend HB 2578 favorably for passage, seconded by Representative McKechnie. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 AM. Next meeting is Thursday, March 28, 1991, 7:30 AM, Room 529-S.

