

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson August Bogina at 9:45 a.m. on April 27, 1995 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
Kathy Porter, Legislative Research Department
Eric Milstead, Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Assistant
Ronda Miller, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

The Chairman requested that the Committee consider the introduction of bill draft 5 RS 1333 as requested by the Senate President. He explained that the proposed legislation would create a commission (parallel to the federal commission which studied closure of the military bases) to study the closure of a mental health and/or mental retardation hospital. Senator Salisbury moved, Senator Lawrence seconded, that bill draft 5 RS 1333 be introduced as requested by the Senate President and advanced to the Committee of the Whole. Members inquired whether the study assumed closure of a hospital. The revisor stated that the bill directs that a report be submitted but does not specifically assume closure. The dates for closure would be included in the report. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Vancrum moved, Senator Salisbury seconded, that HB 2536 be amended by substituting a new bill that would create a salary commission as requested by the Senate President and that Sn. Sub. for HB 2536 be advanced to the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman reminded members that it may be necessary to meet as a Committee to address the Department of Corrections' request for additional inmate beds and the Lottery if issues are not resolved prior to final adjournment. In response to a question, he noted that he would prefer to meet prior to sine die, but the time of the meeting would be determined by leadership.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 10:13 A.M.

