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Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Kerr at 5:30 p.m. on March 28, 1997 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Feleciano (absent)

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
Kathy Porter, Legislative Research Department
Mark Burenheide, Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Assistant
Janet Henning, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

Chairman Kerr discussed with Committee members the status of the budget reductions. It was suggested to utilize some of the reduction savings for fairness among the agencies and restore the 0.5 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) which will cost approximately \$5 million (State General Fund).

Senator Salisbury advised she would like to reconsider the action previously taken on the training equipment grant which reduced \$350,000 EDIF money. Senator Salisbury moved, seconded by Senator Morris, to amend SB 178 and add \$100,000 EDIF into the Department of Commerce training equipment grant. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Salisbury moved to amend SB 178 to shift \$985,000 SGF to EDIF in the Department of Education At Risk /Innovative Program Assistance, seconded by Senator Morris. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Salisbury moved to amend SB 178 to shift \$700,000 of Department of Commerce State Operations SGF to EDIF, seconded by Senator Morris. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jordan moved to amend SB 178 to add \$50,000 from EDIF for a strategic plan for tourism, seconded by Senator Salisbury. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Morris stated Senator Ranson had made a previous motion on the KSU-Ag Extension budget which reduced the OOE budget by \$350,000. The Governor's recommended 2% increase for OOE within KSU-Extension is only \$131,795. Senator Morris moved to amend SB 178 to change the reduction from \$350,000 to \$65,898 which would represent a 1% percent reduction from the Governor's OOE recommendation, seconded by Senator Downey. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department, told Committee members that the Governor recommended a 3.5 percent salary increase for all state employees including legislators, judges, statewide elected officials, classified and unclassified employees.

Senator Salisbury moved, seconded by Senator Petty, to amend SB 178 to restore financing of the 0.5 percent salary increase for all employees which will provide a full 1.0 % classified base salary increase (COLA) and a total of a 3.5% unclassified merit pool. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Morris moved, seconded by Senator Salisbury, to make an amendment to SB 383 to restore the substantive implementing language for the Governor's recommended pay plan adjustments for classified (2.5% step movement and a 1% base salary adjustment) and unclassified (3.5% merit pool) employees. The motion carried on a voice vote.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, Room 123-S Statehouse, at 5:30 p.m. on March 28, 1997.

Senator Salisbury moved, seconded by Senator Lawrence, to amend SB 178 to reflect those portions of the compromise tax reduction and school finance proposal which was approved by the entire Legislature. The motion includes inserting the financing provisions of the compromise tax reduction and school finance legislation into SB 178 and deleting those sections that are in conflict with that legislation (i.e., deletion of the Governor's recommended \$70 million State General Fund revenue transfer). The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Lawrence moved, seconded by Senator Morris, to amend SB 228 to reflect those portions of the compromise tax reduction and school finance proposal which was approved by the entire Legislature. The motion includes inserting the financing provisions of the compromise tax reduction and school finance legislation into SB 228 and deleting those sections that are in conflict with that legislation. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Salisbury moved, seconded by Senator Petty, that SB 383 be recommended favorably as amended. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Senator Morris moved, seconded by Senator Salisbury, to amend SB 228 as amended into HB 2272 and have a substitute bill drawn and recommended favorably for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Senator Salisbury moved, seconded by Senator Lawrence, to amend SB 178 into HB 2160 and have a substitute bill drawn and recommended favorably for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Kerr adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 1997.