

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 4:30 p.m. on April 12, 2002, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Amy Kramer, Legislative Research  
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research  
Julian Efird, Legislative Research  
Deb Hollon, Legislative Research  
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research  
Audrey Nogle, Legislative Research  
Robert Waller, Legislative Research  
Paul West, Legislative Research  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes

Chairman Wilk announced that if the Senate members were available before 6:30 tonight (April 12), they would begin conferencing at that time and attempt to compare explanations on the budget bill. If this is not possible, the next schedule will be to reconvene the conference on April 23, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in Rom 123-South and work through that week with the full intent of attempting to be finished by the evening of Friday, April 26. All Appropriations Committee members are invited to attend the conference committees and will be paid. If attending legislators are not members of the Appropriations Committee, they are still invited to attend the conference committees but will not be paid. The full Appropriations Committee is requested to return on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. for a full review of the conference report and the activity regarding the budget. At this point, deliberations will begin again on the budget and perhaps an omnibus bill unless it is determined at that time to put everything in the budget bill.

From discussions with the House and Senate Leadership, one basic conclusion is that the chances of there being funds to finance any new reconciliation items are very slim. Conference committee reports will be available prior to May 1, 2002.

Representative Neufeld announced that the Social Services Budget Committee would be meeting on April 30 for hearings, discussion and possible recommendations on **SB 603** and **SB 422**.

Representative Shultz announced that the Education Budget Committee would be meeting on April 26 at 1:30 on a hearing for **HB 2904** which deals with standardized budgeting for school districts.

Chairman Wilk announced that the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Appropriations would reconvene on April 30, 2002, at 10:00 a.m.