

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Nancey Harrington at 10:30 a.m. on February 5, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Joyce Glasscock, Acting Secretary of Administration

Others attending: Please see attached

Chairperson Harrington stated that Alcoholic Beverage Control had introduced some bills to the committee, and they would be subcommitteeed by Senators Brungardt, Gooch, and Teichman.

Chairperson Harrington stated that the Adjutant General would be introducing some bills to the committee at 11:00 a.m. She then began the confirmation hearing for Joyce Glasscock.

Joyce Glasscock presented testimony to the committee. **(Attachment 1)** She then presented Senate Confirmation Information Summary. **(Attachment 2)**

Chairperson Harrington then asked the committee for questions. Senator John Vratil stated that he has heard a great deal about waste and inefficiency in state government, and he would like to know Ms. Glasscock's opinion. Ms. Glasscock then stated that different departments have different experiences. She stated that because the Legislature has not faced a truly difficult budget year before, some agencies have not sought out the painful but necessary cuts. In response to a question from Senator Gooch regarding minority employment, Ms. Glasscock stated that after seeking out what the state was doing to actively encourage minority employment, she learned that only a couple agencies have been actively promoting opportunities for minorities, including KDOT and the Highway Patrol. She stated that other agencies on the whole have not gone to any extreme measures to accomplish this end. She stated that she has asked the employment union at the division of personnel services to put together a plan for her to show how her department can aggressively pursue communicating to minority organizations and publications the opportunity that is in state government. Senator Gooch responded that in his conversations with her, he had spoken about qualified people getting an opportunity to perform in this manner. Ms. Glasscock stated that she would keep the Senator apprised of the situation. Senator Gooch stated that there are only six full-time employees in the Capitol who are minorities, so he does not have to look very far to see the problem.

Senator Lyon asked if Ms. Glasscock were to be responsible for the Department of Administration for the next three to five years, would her goal be to see that the services it provides increase or decrease. She responded that her appointment was only for one year. She stated that over the years the budget of the department had declined due to advances in technology. She stated that there are a number of efforts within the department to move off of State General Fund funding, and that has been encouraged by Division of the Budget. She stated that this move has made the department search very hard for Federal funds. She stated that from 2002-2003, she anticipates an increase in the budget of 0.3% overall, 4% paid out on the SGF side. She stated that there are many areas which will still be worked on.

Chairperson Harrington stated that after reviewing the minutes from the confirmation hearing of Dan Stanley, they mentioned that additional responsibilities for the position included being assigned to twenty-seven boards, twenty of which are set by statute. She stated that those responsibilities seemed a little bit visible for someone married to the Speaker of the House, who is also running for state office. Chairperson Harrington stated that considering the salary of \$95,000, she wondered if there had been any other candidates for the position after Mr. Stanley moved on. She stated that she realized that it was up to the Governor to pick who would fill the position, but as Ms. Glasscock mentioned, she would only be serving for this term. Chairperson

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Harrington stated that she would like to know if there had been any other less visible appointees considered since Ms. Glasscock had previously been chief of staff. Ms. Glasscock stated that a number of individuals had been considered for the position, but none of them were from the department. She stated that she did not know why that was, but that the Governor typically seeks individuals who he knows well, that he trusts, and that have had some experience. She stated that she is probably one of the few people who he considers to fulfill all of those criteria.

Senator Teichman stated that she would like to say that from what she had stated and from what the Senator had heard, Ms. Glasscock has been doing a good job.

Chairperson Harrington stated that certainly Ms. Glasscock had been a trooper throughout this administration, and that she was to be commended. Chairperson Harrington asked for questions and there were none. The Chair thanked Ms. Glasscock for her appearance.

Adjutant General Greg Gardner asked the committee for the introduction of four bills. He stated that the first dealt with the state's use of active duty national guard, the second dealt with the use of the incident management system across the state, the third with a new regional incident management system, and the fourth with the re-establishment of the position of Deputy Adjutant General.

Senator Barnett made a motion to introduce the bills. Senator Teichman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on February 6, 2002.