

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Dahl at 9:00 a.m. on January 14, 2004 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Broderick Henderson- excused
- Representative Dale Swenson- absent
- Representative Mary Kauffman- absent
- Representative Rick Rehorn- absent

Committee staff present:

- Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
- Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes
- Rena Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
- June Evans, Committee Secretary

Others attending: See Attached List.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and stated there was a great team working with the Commerce and Labor Committee and introduced the staff. Two new committee members were introduced: Representative Harold Lane replacing Representative Donald Betts and Representative Janice Pauls replacing Representative Tom Holland.

The Committee Rules were distributed and the Chairman asked the members to read them. One rule will be added for the conferees which states that no food or drink brought into the conference room in an effort to keep the room clean. This rule does not apply to legislators. We need to pay special attention to Rules 7 and 8 – often the Vice Chair or Minority has to remind the Chair of this rule. There is also an unwritten rule-- that we will start on time. It is the sign of respect that the members show up on time; it is the matter of respect to the other committee members and the conferees. If one expects to have respect from fellow members, it is incumbent upon each individual to respect fellow members and the conferees by being on time.

Committee members may introduce bills when “bill introduction” is on the Agenda. However, there is one stipulation on the introduction of bills, i.e., the subject matter should have something to do with a subject this committee could take up. As an example, do not expect any tax bill introduction in this committee. It will be up to the Committee Chair to rule whether a bill introduction is appropriate or not.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions on the Committee Rules.

Representative Carlin asked if we did not amend motions last year as in Rule 5? (Amendments to motions are not in order.)

The Chairman said the rule was the same as last year..

Representatives Johnson and Carlin introduced their interns that were in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.