

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 9:05 a.m. on February 15, 2001, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:        Alan Conroy, Legislative Research  
                                         Rae Anne Davis, Legislative Research  
                                         Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
                                         Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
                                         Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:        See Attached

Chairman Wilk referred **HB 2507** to the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee.

Representative Schwartz, Chairperson of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Corporation Commission for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 with the noted comments and exception (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Klein. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Corporation Commission for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted comments and exception (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Klein. Motion carried.

Representative Klein presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 with the noted comments and exception (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Klein presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted comments and exception (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

It was pointed out that the Governor's budget recommendation did not fund the 2 FTE's as requested by the agency, however it did provide extra funding for professional witnesses.

Representative Henry moved for the introduction of legislation which would create the AgrAbility assistive technology initiative. Motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Neufeld moved for the introduction of legislation which would create the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act. Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 16, 2001.