

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:

The special meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Tony Powell at 11:30 a.m. (upon adjournment of the House) on March 1, 2001 at the Rail.

All members were present except: Representative Melany Barnes, Excused
 Representative Ted Powers, Excused
 Representative John Toplikar, Excused

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Research
 Shirley Weideman, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None.

Others attending: None.

Chairman Powell recommended that **HB 2490** be amended to include the following changes:

1. Add in a provision of **HB 2164** to increase the substantial interest threshold from \$2000 to \$5000 and then up to \$15,000.
2. In **HB 2180** exempt professional publications from being defined as a gift.
3. The new pay commission's recommendations would be binding only for legislators and not the executive branch. The revisors indicate that it is unconstitutional for the executive branch to be included.
4. Technical clean-up language to the bill. (attachment #1)

Representative Hermes moved that **HB 2490** be amended to include the above provisions. The motion was seconded by Representative Alldritt. The motion was passed.

Representative Alldritt moved and it was seconded by Representative Mayans that **HB 2490 as amended** be favorably passed from the committee. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. by Chairman Powell. The next scheduled meeting will be March 5 at 3:30 p.m.