

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 April 8, 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

Others attending: Please see attached

Chairperson Harrington opened the meeting by recognizing Senator O'Connor for a bill introduction.

Senator O'Connor stated that she would like to ask the committee for the introduction of a conceptual bill to allow the sale of state lands, and to split the proceeds fifty-fifty between the State General Fund and the organization selling. She stated that as it is now, there is no motivation for organizations to sell excess properties. She stated that she derived this information from a Post-Audit report.

Senator O'Connor made a motion to introduce the conceptual bill. Senator Lyon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Following discussion from the committee on advertisement of lands to be sold, Chairperson Harrington opened the public hearing for proponents on:

HB 2736–Human cloning, criminal and civil penalties
HB 2737–Destructive human embryo research act

Chairperson Harrington asked Theresa Kiernan to give an overview of two bills for the committee.

No proponents appeared on behalf of the bills.

Senator Gooch expressed concern regarding the national position on these issues and the fact that he felt as if he was only getting information from one side of the issue since no one appeared before the committee in favor of the bills.

Representative Mary Pilcher-Cook stated that his concerns would be addressed the following day, and that the meeting had been published well in advance to allow for the appearance of both proponents and opponents of the bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m. The next meeting will be Upon 1st Adjournment, April 9, 2002 in Room 245-N.