

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on February 16, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Becky Hutchins - excused
Representative Bill McCreary - excused
Representative Shari Weber - excused
Representative Jerry Henry - excused
Representative Tom Sawyer - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jim Garner, Secretary, Department of Labor

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee report on Department of Labor
- Attachment 2 Overview of Lottery and Transfers
- Attachment 3 Overview of Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF)

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Labor for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Responding to a question from the Committee regarding the call centers issue, the Chairman recognized Jim Garner, Secretary of the Department of Labor. Secretary Garner stated that the agency is working to put together a plan addressing the needs for the call centers for the Unemployment Insurance Division with the possibility of moving out of leased space into state-owned space. Secretary Garner noted that there is a bill in U. S. Congress at the present time that could change the way unemployment insurance funded buildings can be used and give the states more latitude in the process. The Secretary noted that the agency is scheduled to give a full report to the Joint Committee on State building Construction in March.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Labor for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department, presented an overview of the Lottery Sales and Transfers to the State and the State General Fund (SGF) for the past ten years (Attachment 2).

Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department, presented an overview of the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) and the Revenue Flow (Attachment 3).

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Representative Landwehr moved to approve the Committee minutes as written of February 7, February 8, February 9 and February 10. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

HR 2949 was referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 2006.

Melvin Neufeld, Chairman