

Rules and Administration - Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct

Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2004 3:15 p.m.

Present : Senator Dennis Frederickson Senator Thomas Neuville
 Senator Mee Moua Senator James Metzen

Senator Jim Metzen called the meeting to order at 3:15p.m.

Senator Metzen gave a brief explanation of why this meeting had been called and what the agenda for this meeting would be.

Peter Wattson, Senator Counsel, gave a brief explanation of senate rules and procedure for this case facing the subcommittee.

Motion:

Senator Neuville moves that the committee meet in Executive Session for the remainder of this meeting to establish if there is probable cause to move forward.

Motion prevailed

Senator John Hottinger outlined the complaint he was bringing against Senator Jungbauer to the Subcommittee.

Senator Metzen asked the committee if they had any questions of Senator Hottinger and then invited Senator Jungbauer to speak to the committee.

Senator Jungbauer testified before the Subcommittee with his response to the questions raised in the complaint against him.

Subcommittee members asked questions of both Senator Jungbauer and Senator Hottinger with regard to the complaint.

Senator Metzen asked for any final questions by the subcommittee of Senators Hottinger and Jungbauer then excused then for the Subcommittee to further discuss the issue of probable cause.

The Subcommittee discussed both aspects of this complaint and past precedence on matters of misuse of senate equipment.

Peter Wattson advised the committee as to what the there decision making process at this meeting should include and how they would move forward based on those decisions.

The subcommittee continued its discussion of the merits of this complaint.

Motion:

Senator Neuville moves that the Subcommittee does find probably cause to move forward with an investigation against Senator Jungbauer.

Motion prevailed

The subcommittee discussed and determined that Senate information systems should be asked for help in determining the number of emails that were sent out by Senator Jungbauer. It was determined that Senator Jungbauer's staff, Karysse Trandem and Jeffery Davis should be called to testify at the next meeting.

The subcommittee discussed procedures for how to present there finding of probable cause and when the next meeting should be scheduled.

Senator Metzen adjourned the meeting at 4:30p.m.