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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
Meeting: Wednesday, July 16, 1975
Room 112 State Capitol, 10:00 A. M.

A G E N D A

1. Committee Budgets
2. Per Diem reimbursement pursuant to M. S. 1974, section 3.102
as amended.
3. Request by Senator Conzemius, Chairman of the Health, Welfare and
Corrections Committee for authorization to employ additional staff
for the special subcommittee appointed to investigate problems
at the Minnesota State Prison at Stillwater.
4. Authorization for transfer of funds to Legislative Coordinating
Commission for salaries in connection with a Model Health Staff
Project funded from a grant by the Johnson Foundation through the
Citizens Council on State Legislatures.
5. Report of Staffing Subcommittee
6. Other Matters

SENATOR LAUFENBURGER MOVED the interim budget for the Transportation and General Legislation Committee, as amended, be approved -- total budget \$17,476. MOTION PREVAILED

PER DIEM
M. S. 1974
Sec. 3.102

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SENATOR DAVIES MOVED that the Senate continue its past policy for paying per diem reimbursement as noted above. MOTION PREVAILED

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SENATOR CONZEMIUS MOVED the committee approve the request from Legislative Coordinating Commission to transfer the necessary funds to the commission to fund the Model Health Program. MOTION PREVAILED

REPORT OF STAFFING SUBCOMMITTEE

Senator Conzemius presented a request on behalf of the Joint Committee on the Stillwater investigation to employ additional staff and for approval of a budget in the amount of \$61,300 to be shared by the House of Representatives. (Senate portion would be \$30,650). The budget has been adopted by the Joint Committee and has been approved by the House Rules Committee. Senate staff will be utilized but it was the consensus of the Joint Committee that there was need for special staff to assist in the investigation.

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Members Present:

Senators	Coleman, Chairman	Jensen
	Conzemius	Laufenburger
	Arnold	Moe
	Ashbach	Ogdahl
	Borden	Olson, A. G.
	Chenoweth	O'Neill
	Davies	
	Gearty	
	Hansen, Baldy	

Others Present: Mr. Patrick Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Gene Daly, Personnel Officer
Mr. William Phillips, Phillips Legislative Service
Mr. Peter Wattson, Senate Counsel
Mr. William Riemerman, Senate Research
Ms. Ronnie Brooks, Senate Research
Mr. Mike Ahern, Administrative Asst. HWC Committee
Mr. Gary Dawson, Press

Chairman Coleman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a. m. First item for consideration by the committee was committee budgets and allocations. (Copy of budgets attached for reference.)

COMMITTEE
BUDGETS AND
ALLOCATIONS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Senator Davies moved adoption of the interim budget for the Committee on Committees in the sum of \$300. **MOTION PREVAILED**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: In the absence of the Chairman, Miss Adelaide O'Brien, Committee Administrative Assistant, presented the budget. Miss O'Brien requested that an addition be made to the proposed budget as follows:

Page 7, "IV. Special Education in State Institutions" add "Trip to St. Louis, five Senators and one staff person \$1,488 to cover travel, meals and lodging for two days."

Total committee budget would then amount to \$31,545.49.

Miss O'Brien indicated there would be four areas of study for the committee. (1) Post Secondary Educational Governance Study; (2) District Administrative Services Organization Study; (3) Declining Elementary Student Enrollment Study and (4) Study of Special Education in State Institutions. Senator Coleman questioned whether under Item II the committee would be looking at salaries and emoluments as well as the role, function, number and present need of district administrators. Miss O'Brien said Senate Investigatory Research has prepared a questionnaire that will be sent to all school districts in this regard.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
Meeting: Friday, May 21, 1976
Room 118, State Capitol, 2 P. M.

A G E N D A

1. Committee Allocations and Budgets
2. Per Diem reimbursement pursuant to M. S. 1975 Supp., Sec. 3.102

3.102 Legislative living expenses.

Each member of the legislature shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while engaged in official business when the legislature is not in session. The amount of such reimbursement shall not exceed \$33 per day as a per diem expense allowance for all expenses incurred except travel and lodging. The member shall also be reimbursed for travel and lodging expenses in the same manner and amount as state employees.

Expenses for members of the legislature are payable in the manner and in the amount designated by the senate committee on rules and administration as to members of the senate and by the committee on rules and legislative administration as to members of the house of representatives.

The expense allowances provided for herein to the persons designated are in lieu of any other expenses authorized by law or resolution for the same purposes.

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3. Appointment and reappointment of Subcommittees
 1. Consultants
 2. Staffing
 3. Permanent Rules
4. Additional Rules Committee staff to study structural and procedural changes.
5. Personnel Mr. Flahaven
6. Travel - (Closing resolution provides that the Committee on Rules and Administration may authorize members of the Senate and personnel employed by the Senate to travel etc. In the past this authority has been transferred to the Chairman -- a motion to that effect should also include authority to authorize attendance at the National Conference of State Legislatures to be held this year in Kansas City, August 31 to Sept. 4)
7. Telephone Calls - (Closing resolution provides that the Secretary of the Senate, upon approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration may reimburse members of the Senate, upon proper verification... for long distance telephone calls not to exceed \$35 per month - a motion would be needed authorizing the Secretary of the Senate to carry out the intent of the resolution.)
8. Other Matters

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Meeting: May 21, 1976, Room 118

State Capitol, 2 p. m.

Members Present: Senators Coleman, Chairman Jensen
 Konzemius Laufenburger
 Ashbach Moe
 Borden Ogdahl
 Chenoweth Olson, A. G.
 Davies O'Neill
 Gearty

Others Present: Mr. Patrick Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
 Mr. Peter Wattson, Senate Counsel
 Mr. G. G. Goodwin, Minority Secretary of the Senate
 Mr. Gene Daly, Personnel Officer
 Mr. Bill Phillips, Phillips Legislative Service

Chairman Coleman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p. m. The first item for consideration was committee budgets.

COMMITTEE ON Senator Davies was recognized and MOVED that the budget for
COMMITTEES the Committee on Committees in the sum of \$300 be approved.
 MOTION PREVAILED

EUDCATION Miss O'Brien, administrative assistant to the Education Committee
COMMITTEE presented the budget. Questioned relative to a \$10,000 item listed
 under "consultants and witness fees" Miss O'Brien stated, in part:

"This \$10,000 is for a Legislative Fellow to be employed jointly by the House and Senate Education Committees. This program has been in existence for about ten years and is sponsored by the National Institute for Educational Leadership based in Washington, D. C. Originally the program had been carried on only at the federal level, but in 1970 was broadened to include states. Illinois was the first state to have such Fellows; then Massachusetts and Michigan. In 1976 several additional states will be chosen to participate in this program. States chosen are those that have taken leadership roles in educational policies and because Minnesota has a reputation as a leader, it therefore has been chosen to participate. They hope to place approximately six Fellows in the state of Minnesota: One in the department of Education; State Planning Agency or Governor's office; Higher Education Coordinating Board; Department of Finance etc. There is also the possibility that the University of Minnesota will take one of the Fellows. There will be about 60 Fellows nationwide in staff spots and in Congress, not all necessarily in research. We are hoping that the Fellow would look over the school aid formula level of appropriations required for the next biennium, give us an analysis of the studies required in '76 omnibus bill and perhaps give us just a general overview of the equal aid bill."

Because of the complexity of our state aid program, the advisability of bringing in someone for only a one-year period was questioned. Miss O'Brien said these applicants would be carefully screened on both a national and state level and

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TRANSPORTATION
AND GENERAL
LEGISLATION

Senator Laufenburger presented the budget commenting he felt the budget was a little high and they didn't anticipate spending this amount of money. The budget was well detailed and there were no questions.

SENATOR LAUFENBURGER MOVED adoption of the budget for the Committee on Transportation and General Legislation. MOTION PREVAILED

APPOINTMENT OF
SUBCOMMITTEES

Chairman Coleman said there had been a great deal of discussion about the need to do some work re "consultants" and would like authorization to appoint a subcommittee to do some work in this area.

Senator Conzemius further pointed out the legislature had passed a law to the effect the State Planning Agency had to approve the hiring of consultants and that to his knowledge there were several million dollars in contracts that had not been approved in violation of the law. It was felt there should be a policy established as to how to handle consultants.

SENATOR CONZEMIUS MOVED a subcommittee on consultants consisting of six members be appointed. MOTION PREVAILED

(Chairman appointed Senators Conzemius, Chairman, Ashbach, Chenoweth, Davies, O'Neill and Willet)

The Chairman said it would also be necessary to activate the subcommittees on staffing and salaries and permanent and joint rules as there was work to be done in both areas during the interim period.

SENATOR BORDEN MOVED appointment of the two subcommittees. MOTION PREVAILED

(Chairman appointed on Staffing and Salary Subcommittee: Senators Gearty, Chairman, Bernhagen, Chenoweth, Conzemius, Hansen, Baldy, Kowalczyk, Ogdahl, Olson, A. G. Permanent and Joint Rules Subcommittee: Senators Davies, Chairman, Ashbach, Borden Conzemius, Jensen, Moe and Ogdahl.)

PER DIEM

1976 Chairman Coleman called attention to the law as it relates to payment of
Interim per diem noting that the House of Representatives pays for lodging in addition to per diem and travel expense. There was discussion after which

SENATOR GEARTY MOVED per diem be paid according to M. S. Sec. 3.102 (per diem, travel and lodging) within the state of Minnesota.

SENATOR CHENOWETH MOVED to amend the Gearty motion to include out-of-state travel. MOTION PREVAILED

The question being called for on the Gearty motion as amended, the MOTION PREVAILED.

SENATOR OLSON MOVED the attached list of interim employees and salaries together with the additional requests be approved, MOTION PREVAILED.

MOTION RE TRAVEL The Chairman called attention to the fact the closing resolution provides that the Committee may authorize members of the Senate and personnel employed by the Senate to travel etc. In the past this authority had been transferred to the Chairman, as well as authority to authorize attendance at the National Conference of State Legislatures to be held in Kansas City, August 31 to Sept. 4, 1976. The Chairman invited a motion transferring this authority to him as in the past. SENATOR GEARTY SO MOVED. MOTION PREVAILED.

TELEPHONE CALLS The closing resolution provides that the Secretary of the Senate, upon approval of the Committee, may reimburse members of the Senate . . . upon proper verification. . . for long distance telephone calls not to exceed \$35 per month.

SENATOR GEARTY MOVED the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to reimburse members of the Senate for long distance telephone calls pursuant to closing resolution. MOTION PREVAILED

STUDY RE DETERMINATE SENTENCING Senator Jensen had requested a subcommittee be set up to study the question of determinate sentencing. He also suggested this be a joint House and Senate subcommittee.

There was discussion. Senator Jensen suggested this matter could be submitted to the new staff person for study and to look into what other states are doing relative to holding joint subcommittee meetings. He was of the opinion it was more beneficial to have joint committee meetings and that better legislation would be the result of such joint meetings.

Chairman Coleman said the committee would possibly meet again in June or early July.

Respectfully submitted,



NICHOLAS D. COLEMAN
Chairman
Committee on Rules and Administration

Adjourned 4 p. m.

Attachs.

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Senate

State of Minnesota

May 26, 1976

The Honorable Patrick E. Flahaven
Secretary of the Senate
231 STATE CAPITOL

Dear Mr. Flahaven:

At a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Administration held May 21, 1976 the following committee action was taken.

Committee allocations were made pursuant to the attached. You will note the budget for the Education Committee was amended and the budget for the Finance Committee was laid over until the next meeting of the committee.

PER DIEM: Senators attending committee meetings, chairmen of committees who come to the Capitol to meet with committee staff, chief authors of bills who are called to a committee meeting to present a bill, and in some instances subcommittee chairmen will be reimbursed as follows: \$33 per diem plus lodging and travel expense. Out-of-state travel will be reimbursed on the same basis as in-state travel.

Members will not be reimbursed for routine work done at the Capitol, for attending caucus or steering committee meetings.

The committee approved the employment of Larry Fredrickson as a staff person to the Committee on Rules and Administration, effective July 1, 1976 at a salary to be determined at a later date.

The attached list of Interim Senate employees and salaries was approved. In addition the committee approved the employment of 1) a Clerk I to work on a microfilm project through the Secretary of the Senate's office at a salary of \$25.89 per day and 2) two Clerk Typists at a maximum salary of \$27.07 per day as needed.

The Secretary of the Senate was authorized to reimburse members of the Senate for long distance telephone calls pursuant to closing resolution.

Sincerely,



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NICHOLAS D. COLEMAN
Chairman
Committee on Rules and Administration