

Rules and Administration Committee
Chair: Senator Dean E. Johnson
Wednesday, January 12, 2005
Room 123 8:30 a.m.

Attendance

Present:

Rest; Belanger; Berglin; Day; Frederickson; Hottinger; Kleis; Langseth; Marty; Metzen; Neuville; Olson; Pappas; Pariseau; Pogemiller; Ranum; Sams; Stumpf; Vickerman; Ourada

Absent:

Johnson, DE; Cohen; Dille; Kiscaden

Senator Ann Rest began the meeting at 8:45 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Peter Wattson, Counsel and Research, went through the explanation of the mileage and expense resolution.

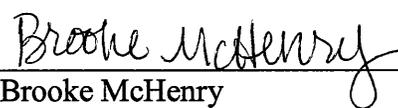
Eileen Lunzer, Fiscal Services, testified before the committee and answered questions from the members on the committee.

Senator Berglin moved the Senate mileage and expense resolution. Motion was adopted.

Senator Ann Rest adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.



Dean E. Johnson
Chair of Rules and Administration



Brooke McHenry
Legislative Assistant

1 A committee resolution

2 relating to mileage, living, and telecommunication expenses incurred by
3 members of the Senate.
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5 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committee on Rules and Administration:

- 6 1. Each member of the Senate who resides more than 50 miles from the state
7 capitol shall be reimbursed for necessary travel in going to and returning from the place of
8 meeting to the member's place of residence for each trip during the 84th Legislature.
9 Mileage for travel by automobile must be at the rate of 40.5 cents per mile, or any greater or
10 lesser amount authorized by the Internal Revenue Service for employees. Mileage for travel
11 by private aircraft must be at the rate of 99.5 cents per mile, or any greater or lesser amount
12 authorized by the General Services Administration for employees. Commercial airfare must
13 be the actual cost.
- 14 2. Each member of the Senate shall be paid per diem living expenses for meals,
15 incidental expenses, and lodging in an amount up to \$66 for each calendar day during the
16 sessions of the 84th Legislature.
- 17 3. In addition to per diem living expenses, each member of the Senate who
18 resides more than 50 miles from the state capitol shall be reimbursed up to \$900 per month
19 for actual lodging expenses during the sessions of the 84th Legislature. The total
20 reimbursement for those members, per diem plus lodging, may not exceed the amount per
21 legislative day allowed by the Internal Revenue Service for an accountable plan.
- 22 4. Each member of the Senate shall be reimbursed for up to \$125 per month for
23 actual expenses for telecommunications.
- 24 5. Each member of the Senate shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the
25 Senate for the actual travel, living, and telecommunication expenses for which the member
26 seeks reimbursement.
- 27 6. The Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and issue warrants from the Senate
28 legislative expense fund in payment of expenses to each member of the Senate.