SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BUDGET - 2005 SESSION

TAPE LOG

Date: June 16, 2005 Tape: 10A

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	Members Present: Senator Schrader, Chair; Senator Carter, Vice-Chair; Senators Bates, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Westlund Members Excused: Senator Winters				
TAPE 10A					
005	Chair Schrader	Calls meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.			
	Opens a Work Session on SB 5625 – Continuing Resolution				
005	Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Office	Presents an overview of SB 5625 discussing the -1 amendment. Indicates that currently there are no agencies with adopted budgets for the 05-07 biennium.			
025	Chair Schrader	Calls for any questions			
027	Sen. Bates	Asks if it leads to any problems with signed contracts on employees etc. Asks if this really solves the problem with not having those budgets in place.			
031	Ken Rocco	Indicates it will take care of those issues through July 31, 2005.			
036	Sen. Bates	Questions whether they will run into problems if they do need to make changes to balance the budget.			
040	Ken Rocco	Explains when they could run into problems and discusses the actions that would need to be taken to reconcile the budgets.			
046	Sen. Bates	Indicates that he is worried about case load changes especially in DHS which will be ongoing. Believes it will be harder for agencies to perform their duties and have reasonable budgets as time goes by.			
049	Chair Schrader	Asks about adopted budgets and confirms it means passing both floors and signed by the Governor. Asks if that is correct.			
051	Ken Rocco	Responds yes.			
053	Chair Schrader	Confirms that we have none signed by the Governor at this point in time.			
054	Ken Rocco	Responds we have none that have passed both chambers.			
058	Chair Schrader	Confirms they have none that have passed both chambers or been signed by the Governor. Believes it will be unlikely that in two weeks that it will occur. Indicates it is important to allow our state to move forward and notes that this isn't an unusual process.			
059	Sen. Nelson	Comments on the need for the Governor to sign it. Asks if he has been consulted.			
062	Chair Schrader	Responds that he has no idea.			
064	Ken Rocco	Indicates that they have been working with DAS, Budget and Management and doesn't believe it would be an issue.			
067	Sen. Gordly	Comments that it would be helpful to hear some historical perspective on the use of the continuing resolution and what would be the impacts if they extend and extend and extend.			
074	Ken Rocco	Explains that extending it more than a month or a month and a half gets into issues about the changes that they are anticipating making			

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		in agency's budget. Indicates it hampers those types of activities and it is case by case thing. Indicates that at this point he doesn't recall ever not having even one budget pass. It then applies to a much broader range of agencies that in previous Sessions.
090	Chair Schrader	Agrees to entertain a motion.
092	Sen. Carter	MOVES SB 5625 to the floor with a Do Pass recommendation.
095	Sen. Westlund	Confirms she was including the -1 Amendments.
097	Sen. Carter	Agrees that it did.
098	Chair Schrader	Vote: $9 - 0 - 1$
		Aye: Senators Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Westlund, Chair Schrader
		Exc.: Senator Winters
		Hearing no objections, declares the motion CARRIED.
		Adjourns the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit #1 – Measure Materials for SB 5625