

**SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BUDGET – 2005 SESSION
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

TAPE LOG

**Date: May 16, 2005
Tapes: 1A,2A**

This tape log summarizes committee proceedings. For complete content and intent, please refer to tapes.

Tape / Counter	Speaker	Comments
Members Present: Senator Johnson, Chair; Senators Morse, Morrisette		
Members Excused:		
TAPE 1A		
003	Chair Johnson	Calls the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
SB 5573 Department of Revenue Budget		
005	Chair Johnson	Opens Work Session SB 5573.
*For Governor's Recommended Budget and Presentation Binder Exhibits refer to HB 5066.		
009	Dallas Weyand, Legislative Fiscal Office	Presents Legislative Fiscal Office recommendation to amend SB 5573, Exhibit #1.
031	Sen. Morse	Questions house budget.
035	Mr. Weyand, Legislative Fiscal Office	Presents the Legislative Fiscal Office recommendation to amend SB 5583.
063	Chair Johnson	Requests comments on House budget cuts versus Senate Budget cuts for Department of Revenue.
065	Elizabeth Harchenko, Director, Department of Revenue	Explains budget cut effects.
097	Sen. Morrisette	Questions House recommendation.
099	Chair Johnson	Clarifies.
100	Chair Johnson	Moves the Legislative Fiscal Office recommendation to HB 5108, as amended with a Do Pass Recommendation.
101	Sen. Morrisette	Objects and questions difference between the House and Senate budgets.
104	Ms. Harchenko	Clarifies.
115	Sen. Morrisette	Questions budget staffing cuts.
118	Ms. Harchenko	Discusses budget further.
120	Chair Johnson	Clarifies Senate Budget Chair budget process.
122	Mr. Weyand	Explains conference committee option.
128	Chair Johnson	Suggests possibility of presenting it to the Emergency Board. Explains.
131	Mr. Weyand	Explains possibility of returning to Emergency Board and budget report.
140	Chair Johnson	Rely on management team for recommendation.
143	Sen. Morrisette	Questions staffing budget-cuts.

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150	Chair Johnson	Explains Sen. Schrader's budget.
154	Sen. Morrisette	Comments on arbitrary budget cuts. Requests further discussion.
169	Ms. Harchenko	Explains effects of budget cuts.
213	Chair Johnson	Questions technology needs.
218	Ms. Harchenko	Explains technological budgetary needs.
236	Chair Johnson	Questions effect of \$3,000,000 cut and whether the Joint Committee had a chance to vet all of the ramifications.
248	Mr. Weyand	Replies this question did not come up during the joint committee process.
251	Sen. Morse	Comments on budget cut.
273	Sen. Morrisette	Comments on importance of thoughtful deliberation.
282	Chair Johnson	Requests a recess to confer with Sen. Schrader.
303	Chair Johnson	Recesses committee until 3:55pm.
308	Chair Johnson	Re-opens meeting at 3:56pm.
312	Sen. Morse	Questions how cut has been processed in the executive level of the agency.
321	Ms. Harchenko	Explains agency budget cut discussion process.
348	Sen. Morse	Questions if have discussed with the Governor's Office.
357	Kelly Freels	Explains internal discussions.
370	Chair Johnson	Requests clarification of hiring and training with proposed budget cuts.
384	Ms. Harchenko	Explains auditor hiring and training process.
424	Sen. Morrisette	Asks if Governor's office was involved in the decision.
432	Kelly Freels, Department of Administrative Services	Explains internal process.
443	Sen. Morrisette	Comments he hopes there has been consideration for the unintended consequences of dividing the Joint Ways & Means Committees.

TAPE 2A

012	Mr. Freels	Comments on budget process.
020	Chair Johnson	Discusses options.
030	Sen. Morse	Requests clarification of structure of conference committee.
035	Mr. Weyand	Comments on possibilities of forwarding bills.
043	Chair Johnson	Questions date of recommendation and correlation to the revenue forecast.
049	Mr. Weyand	Explains the Recommendation was made by the Senate Chair before the revenue forecast.
052	Chair Johnson	Comments. Questions how to proceed.
072	Sen. Morse	Suggests moving motion forward.
081	Chair Johnson	Accepts motion.

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090	Chair Johnson	Moves the Legislative Fiscal Office recommendation to SB 5573; moves SB 5573, as Amended, to the Senate Special Committee on Budget with a Do Pass Recommendation. Vote: 2-1-0 Aye: Sens. Johnson, Morse No: Sen. Morrisette
089	Chair Johnson	Declares the motion CARRIED .
090	Sen. Morrisette	Objects. Explains.
109	Sen. Morse	Comments on the unintended consequences of breaking up the Joint Ways and Means Committee.
120	Chair Johnson	Agrees. Comments further.
132	Mr. Freels	Questions if the subcommittee would like a report clarifying budget cut impacts to agency.
137	Chair Johnson	Agrees that would be helpful.
149	Mr. Freels	Offers to help in any way possible.
152.	Chair Johnson	Closes work session SB 5573 – Department of Revenue Budget. Adjourns meeting at 4:15pm.