

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

January 17, 1997 Hearing Room D

1:30 P.M. Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Ken Strobeck, Chair

Rep. Dan Gardner, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jim Hill

Rep. Bob Montgomery

Rep. Kurt Schrader

Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen

Rep. Tom Whelan

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeri Chenelle, Administrator

Timaree Whitty, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Organizational Meeting

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
Tape 1, A		
		<p>Calls meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Welcomes committee members.</p> <p>Reviews issues committee may consider during session. Bills concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* State Agencies and State & City Government* Special Service Districts

007	Chair Strobeck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * State Police * Veterans * Alcohol Regulations * Horse and Dog Racing * Lottery * PERS * Builders Board * Marine Board * Military Department * State Treasurer
<u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF</u>		
035		Committee members introduce themselves.
077		Committee members continue introductions.
120		Introductions continue.
144		Introductions continue.
<u>COMMITTEE RULES</u>		
149	Chair Strobeck	<p>Asks committee to review Committee Rules. Adoption of the rules will be at the next scheduled meeting, Monday, January 20, 1997 (EXHIBIT A).</p> <p>Comments on two differences from last session's rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the preference given to individuals traveling more than 100 miles to a public hearing is not stated in the rules; however, this is a courtesy we will extend, unless someone else also has time constraints. * the language in #12 regarding the filing of Minority Reports. Encourages review and questions.
<u>COMMITTEE PROCEDURES & STAFFING</u>		

PRINCIPLES		
174	Chair Strobeck	Comments on committee procedures as addressed in PRO manual.
190	Chair Strobeck	Discusses method of conducting meetings. Comments on types of meetings. Comments on staffing principles for Legislative Administration. Points out that all committee members may utilize staff to draft amendments, research and background information. Informs committee that staff works for the Chair and communication is open. Encourages questions and comments from committee members throughout meetings.
211	Rep. Schrader	Asks whether there was a specific meeting format committee will follow. Is the process explained to the public at the hearings?
215	Chair Strobeck	Explains that meeting format will depend on bills being considered, testimony, audience and time constraints. Plans to address situations as they arise, making explanations to public as necessary.
222	Chair Strobeck	Reminds committee of rule banning beepers, cell phones, or lap-tops with audible sound during meetings.
237	Chair Strobeck	Discusses committee workplan. A two week draft schedule of work plans will be distributed weekly to committee members.
250	Chair Strobeck	Discusses next week's schedule: State Agency overviews. Informed committee he will be out of town Friday, January 24, 1997. Meeting for that day is cancelled. Expects to hear bills by Monday, January 27, 1997.
277	Chair Strobeck	States a number of bills will be dropped to this committee. Plans to group bills by topic as much as possible.
280	Rep. Montgomery	Asked if there is a set time the meetings will go no later than.
281	Chair Strobeck	Informs that the committee is scheduled to meet from 1:00 to 3:00.
286	Rep. VanLeeuwen	Asked whether staff will put together and distribute bills for committee members ahead of time.
299	Chair Strobeck	Explains it is anticipated that every Friday a schedule for the following two weeks will be distributed to committee members outlining bills to be considered. Requests that further discussion on this take place at a later time.
312	Chair Strobeck	Adjourns the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Timaree Whitty, Jeri Chenelle,

Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Committee Rules, Staff, 2 pp