

Legislative Coordinating Commission
Friday, December 2, 2005
10:00 a.m.
Room 5, State Office Building

PRESENT: Representative Sviggum
Representative Paulsen
Representative Entenza
Senator Metzen
Senator Johnson
Senator Belanger
Senator Pogemiller

EXCUSED: Representative Abrams
Representative Brod
Representative Murphy
Senator Cohen
Senator Dick Day

Rep. Sviggum, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. A quorum was not present.

Review/Approve Legislative Plan for Employee Benefits and Policies

Greg Hubinger, Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), reviewed the proposed changes to the "Legislative Plan for Employee Benefits and Policies" as outlined in a memo and stood for questions.

A quorum was present at 10:17a.m.

Review/Approve Minutes from March 14, 2005

Sen. Metzen moved to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2005, meeting. The motion was adopted.

Sen. Metzen moved approval of the proposed changes to the Legislative Plan for Employee Benefits and Policies. Representative Sviggum expressed concern regarding the proposal to expand the use of sick leave by employees. Discussion ensued. The motion was adopted.

Review/Approve Operating Budgets for Joint Legislative Offices

Greg Hubinger explained the operating budgets for FY06-07 and stood for questions. Sen. Johnson moved approval of the Joint Legislative Offices FY06-07 operating budgets. Discussion ensued.

John Velin, Director of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR), stood for questions relating to the Environmental Trust Fund and the operating budget for FY06-07. Discussion ensued.

Rep. Entenza moved to amend the Johnson motion changing the FY06 budget for LCMR from \$422,000 to \$449,000 with the understanding that any unspent money returns to the Environmental Trust Fund. The motion was adopted.

The Johnson motion, as amended, to approve the operating budgets was adopted.

Review/Approve Changes to Titles of Certain Employee Classes and Positions

Greg Hubinger briefly reviewed the requested title changes for employees in the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, LCMR, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR), and the LCC. Sen. Metzen moved approval of the proposed title changes. The motion was adopted.

Update on implementation of the Office of Revisor's XTEND Bill Drafting System

Michele Timmons, Revisor, reviewed what has been accomplished with the implementation of the new computer system, XTEND, which is to be used in the 2006 legislative session. She also reviewed what is left to accomplish before session begins. Robyn Ender, Assistant Supervisor, provided demonstrations of the new system and highlighted some of its features. Michele and Robyn stood for questions.

Update on Costs of Providing Television Coverage During the 2006 Legislative Session

Barry LaGrave, Director of House Public Information Services and Steve Senyk, Director of Senate Media Services outlined the challenges for television coverage in 2006-2007. As Barry and Steve negotiate four contracts, they are faced with increased contract costs, which could possibly result in a reduction of television coverage to stay within budget. Barry presented options for how the reduction of hours could be managed and then described the impacts of those options. Barry and Steve stood for questions.

Rep. Sviggum thanked everyone for their time and testimony. There being no further business before the commission, Rep. Sviggum adjourned the meeting at 11:20a.m.

Rep. Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair