

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

July 17, 2001 – 3:00 p.m. – Room 303 State Capitol

Members Present:

President Al Mansell, Chair
Speaker Martin R. Stephens, Vice-chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. L. Steven Poulton
Sen. Pete Suazo
Sen. John L. Valentine
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Greg J. Curtis
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Kevin S. Garn

Members Absent:

Rep. Ralph Becker
Rep. David Ure

Staff Present:

Michael E. Christensen
Director
M. Gay Taylor,
General Counsel
Beverlee LeCheminant,
Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order - Chair Mansell called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. Approval of the June 19, 2001 Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2001 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Suazo was absent for the vote.

3. Letter from Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Mr. Michael Christensen reviewed a letter from the chairs of the Health and Human Services Interim Committee requesting authorization to review legislation that would address the collection and use of genetic data by health insurers and employers.

MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved to approve the Health and Human Services Interim Committee's request to review legislation that would address the collection and use of genetic data by health insurers and employers. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Letter from Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Mr. Christensen reviewed a letter from the chairs of the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee requesting permission to hold an interim committee meeting during the month of

August with per diem. Mr. Christensen indicated that the committee has scheduled its July meeting to discuss issues relating to county boundary changes, but the chairs anticipate the need for another meeting to resolve that issue.

MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved to approve the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee's request to hold an interim meeting in August with per diem. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Letter from Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Interim Committee

Mr. Christensen reviewed a letter from the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Interim Committee requesting the approval for a one-day extension to its September 12th interim meeting at the Soldier Hollow Day Lodge in Wasatch Mountain State Park. He indicated that the committee's intent is to stay in Wasatch County the night of September 12th and visit several sites including various area state parks, Kamas or Midway fish hatchery, Olympic facilities located at Soldier Hollow, and other locations applicable to the committee's responsibility.

Speaker Stephens indicated that it is his understanding that the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Interim Committee is the only committee that Legislative Management Committee has traditionally approved for one overnight trip per interim. He noted that if the committee is going to deny the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Interim Committee's request, that it be based on a principle such as that this is on an interim day and will create a conflict in attendance at other interim meetings for some members.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved that the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Interim Committee's request for a one-day extension to its September 12th interim meeting be denied. The motion failed. Voting in the negative were: Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Knudson, Sen. Poulton, and Sen. Valentine and Rep. Curtis, Rep. King, and Speaker Stephens.

MOTION: Speaker Stephens moved to approve that the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Interim Committee members who are not on the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Appropriations Subcommittee may attend the appropriations meeting if they desire with per diem and expenses. The motion passed. Voting in the negative were Sen. Allen, Sen. Davis, President Mansell, and Sen. Suazo.

6. Status of Briefing Papers

Mr. Michael Christensen noted that Legislative Research and General Counsel was assigned to prepare four briefing papers during this interim. One of those papers was to look at whether or not the state should accept B and C waste and, if so, under what circumstances. He indicated that

Envirocare, the corporation applying for permission to receive the waste, has chosen not to move forward despite obtaining the required permit from the Division of Radiation Control. Because of Envirocare's decision, the briefing paper is unnecessary at this time. The office will put its report on hold for now, but will continue to gather information regarding this issue should Envirocare decide to renew its permit request.

Rep. Curtis expressed concern about halting this report given the fact that Envirocare's permit approval from the Division of Radiation Control is good for five years. Mr. Christensen stated that the hazardous waste environment can change very quickly and a report produced now could be out-of-date in short order. He also added that the office will monitor the situation closely and can write a report as quickly as the time seems to dictate.

7. State Capitol Committee Room Use

Ms. Gay Taylor distributed a handout of proposed changes to the existing Legislative Management Committee Room Use Policy. She noted that the three changes to the policy are: first, to allow certain legislative committee rooms be made available for nonlegislative use on interim and session days during times when legislative committee meetings are not scheduled; second, to eliminate the security deposit requirement and replace it with an inter-account billing code for executive or judicial branch use, or a credit card for any other person for damages sustained in their use of a legislative committee room; and third, to provide an alternative to the no food or drink policy with three options for the committee to decide among.

Ms. Taylor asked that the committee review these proposed changes and be prepared to discuss them at the September meeting.

8. Other Business

No other business was conducted.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

