

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on February 6, 2002, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Doug Spangler, Excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
Amy Kramer, Legislative
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research
Audrey Nogle, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Sue Storm
Janet Schalansky, Secretary of SRS
Keith Meyers, Department of Administration
Duncan Friend, Department of Administration

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Sue Storm appeared before the committee and requested the introduction of legislation which would establish an organ donor registry.

Representative Stone moved to introduce into legislation a bill which would establish an organ donor registry. Motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Wilk moved to introduce into legislation two proposals from the Department of Administration concerning parking regulations on state property and regarding accounts and reports (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Janet Schalansky, Secretary of Social Rehabilitation Services, appeared before the Committee and presented an executive summary of the 2002-2003 Business Plan of SRS (Attachment 2).

The Committee expressed concern regarding the proposed elimination for burial assistance in the SRS budget. Possible solutions would be for the counties to assume financial responsibility for the burial expenses, for funeral homes to attempt restitution from the deceased's family, or for the funeral home to absorb the cost of the burial. This would become a public health issue and become the responsibility of KDHE. The Committee requested information on how other states are handling this issue. Another concern of the Committee was the use of Vision cards for certain food purchases and requested information regarding what type of food is allowed and what type of food is disallowed.

Keith Meyers, Department of Administration, introduced Duncan Friend, who educated the Committee on the proposed clearing house for the availability of competitive grants (Attachment 3). He explained that they have conducted a survey which should provide them with the names of those persons, agencies or organizations which are interested in receiving additional information on the availability of this information. The grant writing training program is still in the developmental stages but is expected to be completed by this summer. The Committee encouraged Mr. Friend to have this information available on the state internet site as soon as possible. They requested immediate information for use in their newsletters.

Information on the recent state general fund receipts was distributed by staff (Attachment 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2002.

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