

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
April 16, 2003

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman
Representative Kenneth Weyler, Clerk
Representative Beverly Rodeschin
Representative Fran Wendelboe
Representative Marjorie Smith
Senator Thomas Eaton
Senator Richard Green, Vice Chairman
Senator Robert Clegg
Senator Bob Odell

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

GOVERNOR CRAIG BENSON:

Governor Benson addressed the Committee and presented Executive Order #2003-05 "an order directing a reduction in Executive Branch expenditures".

On a motion by Senator Clegg, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve Executive Order #2003-05, "an order directing a reduction in Executive Branch expenditures" totaling \$19,024,711, as presented by the Governor. MOTION ADOPTED. (The vote was 7-yes and 2-no - Senator Green and Representative Marjorie Smith wished to be recorded as voting "no".)

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Eaton, seconded by Representative Rodeschin, that the Committee approve the minutes of the March 19, 2003 meeting and March 24, 2003 poll of the members. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

No actions were taken by the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFER AUTHORIZED - CONSENT CALENDAR:

FIS 03-061 Liquor Commission - On a motion by Senator Clegg, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request from the Liquor Commission to transfer \$99,676. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFER AUTHORIZED - CONSENT CALENDAR (continued):

FIS 03-069 Department of Transportation - Douglas Scamman, Director of Administration presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Representative Marjorie Smith, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$1,630,000. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 Positions Restricted - CONSENT CALENDAR:

On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve all the requests as listed on the agenda. MOTION ADOPTED. (FIS 03-059, FIS 03-063 and FIS 03-068) Requests FIS 03-059 and FIS 03-063 were amended to be approved only through June 30, 2003.

RSA 21-P:23 HIGHWAY FUND SURPLUS:

FIS 03-067 Department of Safety - On a motion by Senator Clegg, seconded by Representative Rodeschin, that this request be tabled. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 188-F:32b TRANSFERS OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS:

FIS 03-058 Police Standards and Training Council - On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Police Standards & Training Council for authorization to expend \$38,350 from Penalty Assessment Funds in the Police Training Fund. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:69,I(b) APPROPRIATION AND USE OF SPECIAL RAILROAD FUND:

FIS 03-060 Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail and Transit - On a motion by Senator Eaton, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail and Transit for authorization to expend \$191,000 from the Special Railroad Fund. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 622:28-a,V INDUSTRIES INVENTORY ACCOUNT:

FIS 03-062 Department of Corrections - On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Clegg, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections for authorization to expend \$175,000 from the Correctional Industries Revolving Account. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 167:75,II GRANTS PROCESS; PURPOSE OF GRANTS:

FIS 03-065 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Planning & Medicaid - James Fredyma and Lori Real presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

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RSA 167:75, II GRANTS PROCESS; PURPOSE OF GRANTS - (continued):

On a motion by Senator Clegg, seconded by Representative Marjorie Smith, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Planning & Medicaid for authorization to adjust the source of funds for some of the community grants that were originally approved by the Fiscal Committee on June 12, 2002 from interest on the Health Care Fund to federal funds.
MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 130:1, LAWS OF 2001, PAU 05-01-01-01-04 - THE OPERATING BUDGET AND CHAPTER 158:43, LAWS OF 2001 - ADDITIONAL REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND RSA 9:16-a TRANSFER AUTHORIZED:

FIS 03-064 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Planning & Medicaid - James Fredyma and Lori Real presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Eaton, seconded by Representative Marjorie Smith, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Planning & Medicaid to accept and expend \$3,194,175.50 in general funds and \$3,197,369.68 in federal funds and transfer \$3,194,175.50. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 158:43, LAWS OF 2001 - ADDITIONAL REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND RSA 9:16-a TRANSFER AUTHORIZED:

FIS 03-055 Department of Health and Human Services - James Fredyma presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Eaton, seconded by Representative Marjorie Smith, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$1,204,827 in federal funds and \$279,426 in other funds and transfer \$3,048,796. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 03-056 Department of Health and Human Services - On a motion by Senator Eaton, seconded by Representative Marjorie Smith, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$146,433 in other funds and transfer \$2,181,899. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 03-057 Department of Health and Human Services - On a motion by Senator Eaton, seconded by Representative Marjorie Smith, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$520,349 in federal funds and \$109,015 in other funds and transfer \$713,567. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 03-072 Veterans Home - Barry Conway, Commandant and James Dall, Business Administrator presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

LATE ITEM (continued):

On a motion by Senator Clegg, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Veterans Home to transfer \$69,800. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire Sweepstakes Commission Management Letter For the Year Ended June 30, 2002 - Catherine Provencher, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the audit and responded to questions of the Committee. Rick Wisler, Executive Director of the Sweepstakes Commission was also present to respond to questions.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Eaton, that the Sweepstakes Management Letter be accepted, placed on file and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Wendelboe, that the State of New Hampshire Management Letter and Single Audit that was presented at the March 19, 2003 Fiscal Committee meeting be accepted, placed on file and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED. (These reports were presented at the March 19th meeting of the Fiscal Committee but because there was not a quorum at the end of the meeting, a formal motion was not made at that time.)

State of New Hampshire Division of Elderly and Adult Services Home and Community-Based Care Performance Audit April 2003 - Catherine Provencher, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the audit and responded to questions of the Committee. Cassie Keane, Director of Elderly and Adult Services, Department of Health and Human Services was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Eaton, that the Division of Elderly and Adult Services Home and Community-Based Care Performance Audit be accepted, placed on file and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legislative Office Building, Room 210-211. (A meeting was also set for June 18th.)

(Whereupon the Committee adjourned.)

Representative Kenneth Weyler, Clerk