

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

July 15, 2011

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, July 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Beverly Rodeschin
Representative Daniel McGuire
Representative John Reagan (Alternate)
Representative Robert Foose
Senator Chuck Morse
Senator Bob Odell
Senate President Peter Bragdon
Senator Sylvia Larsen
Senator John Gallus
Senator Jeb Bradley, Alternate

Chairman Weyler opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Representative Reagan, that the minutes of the June 17, 2011 be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – Administrative Procedures. Tabled 12/29/10.
No Action Taken.

FIS 11-162 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative McGuire, seconded by Senator Bragdon, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative McGuire, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services of its recommended fleet reduction of one (1) vehicle for the Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the requests on the agenda under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 11-192 Department of Justice – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 10-320, approved November 15, 2010, by extending the end date from June 30, 2011 to July 31, 2012, with no increase in funding, FIS 11-193 Department of Justice – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 09-387, approved December 3, 2009, and subsequently amended by FIS 11-107, approved March 25, 2011, by extending the end date from June 30, 2011 to September 30, 2011, with no increase in funding, FIS 11-194 Department of Justice – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 10-296, approved October 19, 2010, by extending the end date from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2013, with no increase in funding, FIS 11-195 Department of Justice – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 10-295, approved October 19, 2010, by extending the end date from June 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012, with no increase in funding, FIS 11-196 Department of Justice – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 09-339, approved October 20, 2009, and subsequently amended by FIS 11-108, approved March 25, 2011, by extending the end date from June 30, 2011 to September 30, 2011, with no increase in funding, FIS 11-198 Department of Justice – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 09-338, approved October 20, 2009, by extending the end date from June 30, 2011 to July 31, 2011, with no increase in funding]

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items FIS 11-199 Department of Corrections and FIS 11-203 Department of Justice were removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Representative Reagan.

FIS 11-199 Department of Corrections – Robert Mullen, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections, responded to questions of the Committee,

On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Senator Odell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to establish one (1) part-time temporary Teacher III position through June 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 11-203 Department of Justice – Rosemary Faretra, Director of Administration, Department of Justice responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to hire a contract attorney to serve as a hearings officer for the Department of Banking through June 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes, 1-No)

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 11-197 and FIS 11-202 Department of Justice – On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve jointly the requests of the Department of Justice. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 11-197 Department of Justice – authorization to 1) retroactively amend FIS 09-284, approved August 27, 2009, and subsequently amended by FIS 10-288, approved October 19, 2010, by extending the end date from June 30, 2011 to October 31, 2012, with no increase in funding and 2) extend one (1) full-time temporary Program Specialist II position through October 31, 2012, FIS 11-202 Department of Justice – authorization to 1) retroactively amend FIS 09-388, approved December 3, 2009, and subsequently amended by FIS 10-222, approved July 20, 2010, by extending the end date from June 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012, with no increase in funding and 2) extend one (1) part-time temporary Program Specialist II position through September 30, 2012]

RSA 282-A:112, VI, DUTIES AND POWERS OF COMMISSIONER:

FIS 11-200 Department of Employment Security – Tara Reardon, Commissioner Department of Employment Security responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Foose, seconded by Senator Bragdon, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Employment Security to reduce the hours of service from five days per week to one day per week at the Employment Security Lebanon location effective September 1, 2011. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Representative McGuire had questions regarding FIS 11-206 State of New Hampshire Supreme Court – HB 1-A, Section 11 – Report on Judicial Branch Implementation of Innovation Commission Recommendations, dated June 28, 2011, however, no representative from the Judicial Branch was present to respond.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 11-208 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Senator Gallus, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$394,902 in other funds from Excess Registration Fees to the Fish and Game OHRV FY 2011 Operating Budget retroactive to June 30, 2011. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL LATE ITEM:

FIS 11-207 Department of Health and Human Services – Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services presented the item and responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Medicaid Managed Care and Children's Health Insurance Program Update, dated July 11, 2011, pursuant to Chapter 125, Laws of 2011.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Bureau of Trails, Financial Audit Report For the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2011 – Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, and Christine Young, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Also present to respond to questions of the Committee were Christopher Gamache, Chief Supervisor, Bureau of Trails, and Thomas Martin, Business Manager, Department of Resources and Economic Development.

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator Gallus, that the report be accepted, placed on file and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, September 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator Bragdon, that the meeting adjourn. MOTION ADOPTED. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.)

Representative Beverly Rodeschin, Clerk