

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
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The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman  
Senator Richard Green, Vice Chairman  
Representative Beverly Rodeschin, Clerk  
Representative Edwin Smith  
Representative Joseph Stone  
Representative Marjorie Smith  
Senator Thomas Eaton  
Senator Robert Clegg  
Senator Robert Odell  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Stone, seconded by Senator Clegg, that the minutes of the May 20, 2004 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 04-062 Department of Administrative Services - Follow-up Report on the LBA Audit of the Department of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000 - Nicholas Donohue, Commissioner and Paul Ezen, Deputy Commissioner responded to questions of Senator Green and various other members of the Committee.

Senator Green requested that Commissioner Donohue provide, as soon as possible, the calculations and how they are arrived at for the 2004 and 2005 adequacy grants.

FIS 04-073 Department of Health and Human Services (Chapter 319:30, Laws of 2003) - Medicaid Program Audit Follow-up for the 2002 Medicaid Program Financial and Compliance Audit Report as of December 31, 2003 - Senator Green stated that he did not have any further questions on this topic.

FIS 04-084 Office of the Governor, Office of Information Technology (Chapter 223:15, Laws of 2003) - Chairman Kurk stated that informational requests FIS 04-106 and FIS 04-126, which are the March and June cost savings reports from the Office of Information Technology, would also be discussed at this time.

Richard Bailey, CIO, Office of Information Technology and Donald Hill, Commissioner of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee.

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FIS 04-075 Department of Administrative Services, Division of Accounting Services - encumbrance information relative to the Highway Fund - Donald Hill, Commissioner and Thomas Martin, Comptroller, Division of Accounting Services responded to questions of the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a Transfers Authorized:

FIS 04-113 Department of Safety, FIS 04-115 Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, FIS 04-119 Department of Environmental Services, and FIS 04-121 Board of Nursing - On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Representative Stone, that all the requests under this section on the agenda be approved as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 Positions Restricted:

FIS 04-124 Office of Energy and Planning - On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Edwin Smith, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Energy and Planning to continue an Assistant Planner position through June 30, 2005. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:17-d Transfer of Appropriations, Supreme Court:

FIS 04-112 Administrative Office of the Courts - Donald Goodnow, Director presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Representative Stone, that the Committee approve the request from the Administrative Office of Courts to transfer \$210,859. MOTION ADOPTED.

Chapter 318, Laws of 2003, PAU 04-01-04-01 and 04-01-04-02, Footnote C and RSA 9:16-a Transfers Authorized:

FIS 04-120 Department of Transportation - Carol Murray, Commissioner and William Watson, Finance and Contracts presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Michael Ablowich, State Treasurer was also present to respond to questions.

On a motion by Representative Edwin Smith, seconded by Senator Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation for authorization to expend \$163,530 in excess garage income and fuel income public works revenue, and transfer \$1,346,030. MOTION ADOPTED.

Chapter 223, Laws of 2003 - Office of Information Technology Established:

FIS 04-125 Office of Information Technology - Richard Bailey, CIO presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

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On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee **amend** and approve the request from the Office of the Governor, Office of Information Technology to transfer **the personnel and benefit lines only** from various departments, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, and authorization to establish Class 027 Transfer to Information Technology expenditure accounts in the sending agencies and the related Class 001 Agency Income account in OIT. MOTION ADOPTED.

Chapter 319:1,II, Laws of 2003, Department of Health and Human Services - Additional Revenues:

FIS 04-117 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Planning & Medicaid - On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Stone, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Planning & Medicaid to accept and expend \$885,041 in federal funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 04-122 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Representative Stone, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$100,857.95 from Yum! Brands, Inc., Griffin, GA. MOTION ADOPTED.

Chapter 319:1,II, Laws of 2003, Department of Health and Human Services - Additional Revenues and Chapter 319:1,IV, Laws of 2003, Department of Health and Human Services - Transfer of Funds:

FIS 04-116 Department of Health and Human Services - On a motion by Senator Clegg, seconded by Representative Edwin Smith, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$429,128 in federal funds and transfer \$579,111. MOTION ADOPTED.

Chapter 319:1,IV, Laws of 2003 - Department of Health and Human Services; Transfer of Funds:

FIS 04-114 Department of Safety/Department of Health and Human Services - John Stephen, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services and Tim Mason, Director of Administration, Department of Safety presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Mr. Mason suggested that Bruce Cheney be contacted to respond to various questions that he was unable to answer. (This item was held until Mr. Cheney's arrival.)

LATE ITEMS:

FIS 04-127 Department of Health and Human Services - This was an informational item which was a schedule for reductions and contract expenditures. No action was required.

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FIS 04-128 Liquor Commission - Craig Bulkley, Chief, Administrative Services Bureau presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Representative Stone, that the Committee approve the request from the Liquor Commission to transfer \$164,000. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 04-129 Fish and Game Department - Lee Perry, Director and Dan Lynch, Assistant Director presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Edwin Smith, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request from the Fish and Game Department to establish five (5) Laborer positions through June 30, 2005. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 04-130 Department of Administrative Services - Donald Hill, Commissioner presented his 60-day report regarding the implementation of the self-insured health plan, and responded to questions of the Committee. This was informational material and no Committee action was required.

FIS 04-131 Department of Administrative Services - Commissioner Donald Hill presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Representative Stone, that the Committee approve the recommendation from the Department of Administrative Services that the University System of New Hampshire be exempt from joining the state employee and retiree self-funded health program. MOTION ADOPTED.

Chapter 319:1, IV, Laws of 2003 - Department of Health and Human Services; Transfer of Funds (continued):

FIS 04-114 Department of Safety/Department of Health and Human Services - Bruce Cheney, Executive Director and Mark Andrews, Bureau of Emergency Communications responded to questions of Committee.

On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve only #1 on the request from the Departments of Safety and Health and Human Services to transfer \$1,279,576. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational materials were accepted and placed on file.

AUDIT:

State of New Hampshire, Fish and Game Fund Financial and Compliance Audit Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003 - Catherine Provencher, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Fiscal Committee Minutes

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Committee. Lee Perry, Director, Fish and Game Department also responded to questions.

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Representative Stone, that the State of New Hampshire, Fish and Game Fund Financial and Compliance Audit Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003 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 is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building. (Future meeting dates were also set for Wednesday, August 11th and Wednesday, September 15th.)

On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Representative Rodeschin, that the meeting adjourn. MOTION ADOPTED

Representative Beverly Rodeschin, Clerk