

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
August 13, 2003

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at 1:00 p.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 Edwin Smith  
Representative Marjorie Smith  
Senator Thomas Eaton  
Senator Richard Green, Vice Chairman  
Senator Robert Clegg  
Senator Bob Odell  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Rodeschin, that the Committee approve the minutes of the July 16, 2003 meeting. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 03-154 Office of the Governor - Governor Craig Benson presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Eaton, seconded by Representative Edwin Smith, that the Committee approve the request from the Office of the Governor to draw up to \$1,000,000 from funds not otherwise appropriated, and deposit these funds in the Office of Emergency Management's account to assist local residents, businesses and communities that have experienced damage due to recent flooding. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

No actions were taken by the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED - CONSENT CALENDAR:

FIS 03-139 Department of Justice - This request was put on hold until someone from the Department is available to respond to questions of the Committee.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED - CONSENT CALENDAR (continued):

FIS 03-143 Department of Education - Michael Bieniek and Virginia Irwin presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Odell, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Education to hire Consultants through June 30, 2004. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 212, LAWS OF 2003 - A RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES AND ENCUMBRANCES OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

FIS 03-142 Liquor Commission - Craig Bulkley presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Edwin Smith, that the Committee approve the request from the Liquor Commission for authorization to exceed the 3/12th limitation for various accounts. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 03-144 Department of Education - On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Education for authorization to exceed the 3/12th limitation. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 03-145 Department of Education - Virginia Irwin presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Education for authorization to exceed the 3/12th limitation. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 03-146 Department of Education - Virginia Irwin presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Rodeschin, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Education for authorization to exceed the 3/12th limitation. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 03-147 Treasury Department - On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator Clegg, that the Committee approve the request from the Treasury Department for authorization to exceed the 3/12th limitation. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 03-149 Department of Environmental Services - On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Environmental Services for authorization to exceed the 3/12th limitation. MOTION ADOPTED.

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES AND ENCUMBRANCES OF THE STATE OF NEW  
HAMPSHIRE (continued):

FIS 03-153 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of  
Elderly & Adult Services - On a motion by Senator Clegg, seconded by  
Representative Marjorie Smith, that the Committee approve the request  
from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Elderly  
& Adult Services for authorization to exceed the 3/12th limitation.  
MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED - CONSENT CALENDAR (continued):

FIS 03-139 Department of Justice - Mark Thompson presented the  
request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative  
Rodeschin, that the Committee approve the request from the Department  
of Justice to establish a Records Control Clerk position through  
September 30, 2004. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 215-A:23, IX - REGISTRATION FEES:

FIS 03-148 Fish and Game Department - Daniel Lynch presented the  
request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Eaton,  
that the Committee approve the request of the Fish and Game Department  
to transfer and expend \$2,940,932.93 in excess OHRV fees. MOTION  
ADOPTED.

FIS 03-140 Department of Resources and Economic Development,  
Division of Parks and Recreation - Kenneth Plourde presented the  
request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Eaton,  
that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Resources  
and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation to expend  
\$2,025,423.73 in excess OHRV fees. MOTION ADOPTED.

Representative Marjorie Smith requested that the Department of  
Resources and Economic Development speak with Mr. Buckley, the  
Legislative Budget Assistant for suggestions on presenting this  
request in the future which would be more consistent with the way that  
others present it, and is perhaps a little easier for the Committee to  
understand.

RSA 216-A:3-g - FEES FOR PARK SYSTEM:

FIS 03-141 Department of Resources and Economic Development,  
Division of Parks and Recreation - Richard McLeod presented the  
request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator  
Odell, that this request be tabled. MOTION FAILED.  
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RSA 216-A:3-g - FEES FOR PARK SYSTEM (continued):

On a motion by Senator Odell, seconded by Representative Edwin Smith, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation for a rate change at the Brookside Children's Learning Center at Cannon Mountain. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDIT:

State of New Hampshire, Department of Youth Development Services Financial and Compliance Audit Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001 - Catherine Provencher, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Diament, Director, Tricia Lucas, Assistant Director and Marilee Nihan, Financial Manager were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Green, that the report 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 will be on Wednesday, September 17, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legislative Office Building, Room 210-211. (Future meeting date is October 15.)

(Whereupon the Committee adjourned.)

Representative Kenneth Weyler, Clerk