

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
March 19, 2003

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Wednesday, March 19, 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 Sherman Packard  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Senator Thomas Eaton  
Senator Richard Green, Vice Chairman  
Senator Bob Odell

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator Eaton, that Committee approve the minutes of the February 19, 2003 meeting. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 02-251 Department of Environmental Services - On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Representative Weyler, that this request be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

Chris Simmers from the Department of Environmental Services presented additional information on this request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Representative Packard, that this request be tabled. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFER AUTHORIZED AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 03-040 Department of Education - Dorothy Oliver, Administrator presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Green, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Education to transfer \$5,084.28 and hire consultants through June 30, 2003. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFER AUTHORIZED AND RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

FIS 03-052 Department of Transportation - Douglas Scamman and Herman Martin presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Eaton, that the Committee amend and approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$1,406,000 among classes within the Department which are listed under item number "2.", as specified in their letter dated March 3, 2003. Items listed under number "1.", pursuant to RSA 228:12, were not approved. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 216-A:3-i, II STATE PARK FUND ESTABLISHED:

FIS 03-053 Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation - On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Green, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation to expend \$474,100 from the Park Fund. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 130:1, LAWS OF 2001, PAU 02-16-01-01, CLASS 93 OUTSIDE MEDICAL-DENTAL-PHARMACY EXPENSES:

FIS 03-050 Department of Corrections - Phil Stanley, Commissioner, Don Veno, Director of Administration and Les Dolecal, Assistant Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Odell, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Corrections for authorization for \$1,468,342 in additional general funds to cover FY 2003 shortfall in outside medical/dental/pharmacy expenses. (This motion was never voted on.)

The Department of Corrections withdrew request FIS 03-050 and will submit a revised request, as soon as possible. The Chairman stated that a poll of the members will be taken when the request is received to expedite the matter.

CHAPTER 158:43, LAWS OF 2001 - ADDITIONAL REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

FIS 03-041 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community and Public Health - On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$12,892 in federal funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 158:43, LAWS OF 2001 - ADDITIONAL REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (continued):

FIS 03-042 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Elderly & Adult Services - On a motion by Representative Packard, seconded by Senator Green, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Elderly & Adult Services to accept and expend \$143,745 in federal funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 03-043 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention and Recovery - James Fredyma presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Green, seconded by Representative Rodeschin, that this request be tabled. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 03-047 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health - Geoffrey Souther, Acting Director, Division of Behavioral Health presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Wallner, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health to accept and expend \$72,146.97 from funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to reimburse the Housing Security Guarantee Program. MOTION ADOPTED.

Chairman Kurk requested that Mr. Souther report back to the Committee and respond to the question that if in fact the Committee didn't make this payment what would the consequences be to the Community Action Program?

FIS 03-051 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services - On a motion by Representative Wallner, seconded by Senator Green, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Services to accept and expend \$84,270 in federal funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 158:43, LAWS OF 2001 - ADDITIONAL REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 03-048 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health - Brook Dupee, Assistant Director, Office of Community & Public Health presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Green, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community & Public Health to accept and expend \$111,854 in federal funds and establish one (1) Supervisor V position, one (1) Program Specialist III position, one (1) Program Planner III position, one (1) Program Planner II position, one (1) Fiscal Committee Minutes

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CHAPTER 158:43, LAWS OF 2001 - ADDITIONAL REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED (continued):

Secretary II position, and one (1) Systems Development Specialist IV position through June 30, 2003. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 03-049 Department of Corrections - On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Green, that the Committee **amend** and approve the request of the Department of Corrections to establish two (2) Program Assistant II positions **through June 30, 2003, not February 29, 2004**. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

LATE INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

The Office of the Governor through the Department of Administrative Services distributed copies the report on waivers granted relative to Executive Order 2003-1.

AUDITS:

Management Letter For the State of New Hampshire For the Year Ended June 30, 2002 - Shawn Warren and Karen Farrell, KPMG and Catherine Provencher, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the management letter and responded to questions of the Committee. Richard Chevrefils, Assistant Commissioner from the Department of Health and Human Services was present and also responded to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs For the Year Ended June 30, 2002 - Brock Romano and Mike Maschio, KPMG and Catherine Provencher, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee.

Due to a lack of a quorum, these reports were accepted and released. A formal motion will be made at the next meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legislative Office Building, Room 210-211. (Meetings were also set for May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 18th.)

(Whereupon the Committee adjourned.)

Representative Kenneth Weyler, Clerk