

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
March 23, 2005

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Frederick King, Chairman  
Senator Charles Morse, Vice Chairman  
Representative Joseph Stone, Clerk  
Representative Elizabeth Hager  
Representative Daniel Eaton  
Representative Peter Franklin  
Senator Thomas Eaton  
Senator Robert Clegg  
Senator Robert Odell  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

Chairman King opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Hager, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the minutes of the February 23, 2005 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 05-046 New Hampshire Retirement System - On a motion by Representative Hager, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request from the New Hampshire Retirement System to transfer \$324,750. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 319:1,II, LAWS OF 2003 ADDITIONAL REVENUES:

FIS 05-051 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services - John Stephen, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

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, Division of Public Health Services to accept and expend \$25,250 in federal funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 319:1,II, LAWS OF 2003 ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND CHAPTER 319:1,IV TRANSFERS AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 05-053 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance - John Stephen, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Hager, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance to accept and expend \$767,833 in federal funds and transfer \$767,833. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 568:11, LAWS OF 1981 USE OF STATE-OWNED PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES:

FIS 05-054 Department of Administrative Services - On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Representative Hager, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Administrative Services for various departments to retain state-owned passenger automobiles with FY 2004 mileage less than 12,000 miles, as specified in their letter and attachments dated February 18, 2005. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 21-P:23 HIGHWAY FUND SURPLUS:

FIS 05-052 Department of Safety - Wes Colby, Director of Administration presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Safety for authorization to transfer \$143,066 from the highway fund surplus for increased rent and other expenses necessary to run the recently opened addition to the new Division of Motor Vehicles Building. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 206:33-b TRANSFERS FROM FISH AND GAME FUND:

FIS 05-045 Fish and Game Department - Kathy Labonte, Chief, Support Services Division presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Hager, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Fish and Game Department for authorization to transfer \$436,000 (\$91,600 to cover the shortfall for the statewide allocation plan and \$345,000 to cover the rate increase for retirees health insurance. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEMS:

FIS 05-057 Department of Safety - Richard Flynn, Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Stone, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Safety to establish the following temporary letter grades on the unclassified salary scale for the Director, Division of Emergency Services, Communications and Management at salary grade HH, step 4 and Assistant Director, Division of Emergency Services, Communications and Management at salary grade FF, maximum. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 05-055 Department of Transportation - Carol Murray, Commissioner presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Stone, that the Committee approve the request from the Department of Transportation to transfer \$55,000 in general funds, \$6,295,500 in highway funds and \$2,609,500 in turnpike funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 05-056 Pease Development Authority - Geno Marconi, Director, Division of Ports and Harbors presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Stone, seconded by Senator Eaton, that the Committee approve the Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors administrative rules entitled "Pda 610 Permit Fees" related to establishing the process for setting and collecting fees at the state-owned commercial piers and associated facilities, as specified in their letter and attachments dated March 4, 2005. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health, New Hampshire Hospital Financial and Compliance Audit Report For the Year Ended June 30, 2003 - Catherine Provencher, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Chester Batchelder, Superintendent, New Hampshire Hospital and Richard Kellogg, Department of Health and Human Services were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs For the Year Ended June 30, 2004 - Brock Romano, Partner, and Scott Warnetski, Manager, KPMG presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Stone, that these reports be accepted, placed on file and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

Future meeting dates were set for Wednesday, April 20, 2005, May 18, 2005 and June 15, 2005.

On a motion by Representative Stone, seconded by Senator Morse, that the Committee adjourn. MOTION ADOPTED.

Representative Joseph Stone, Clerk