

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
July 9, 2009

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Marjorie Smith, Chairman  
Representative Neal Kurk  
Representative Sharon Nordgren  
Representative Robert Foose  
Representative Douglas Scamman  
Representative Fran Wendelboe, Alternate  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senate President Sylvia Larsen  
Senator Harold Janeway, Alternate  
Senator Peter Bragdon  
Senator John Gallus

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Foose, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the minutes of the June 12, 2009 and June 30, 2009 meetings be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 09-045 Department of Administrative Services – requests authorization for various departments to retain state owned passenger automobiles with FY 2008 reported mileage less than 12,000 miles. Tabled 3/20/09. No Action Taken.

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 D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the requests on the agenda under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 09-238 Office of The Adjutant General – accept and expend \$310,680.53, FIS 09-239 Department of Safety – accept and expend \$390,780]

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:

EIS 09-232 Department of Cultural Resources – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Cultural Resources to establish one (1) part-time temporary System Development Specialist III position through June 30, 2011 and further authorization to accept and expend \$40,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2011. No Action Taken.

On a motion by Representative Scamman, seconded by Senator Bragdon, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Cultural Resources to establish one (1) part-time temporary System Development Specialist III position through June 30, 2011 and further authorization to accept and expend \$40,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2011 due to lack of agency representation. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

EIS 09-045 Department of Administrative Services – Linda Hodgdon, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee accept and place on file the request of the Department of Administrative Services for authorization for various departments to retain state owned passenger automobiles with FY 2008 reported mileage less than 12,000 miles. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL:

Linda Hodgdon, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, gave an update and responded to questions of the Committee on the current phase and implementation of the N.H. First Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project.

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:

EIS 09-232 Department of Cultural Resources – On a motion by Representative Kurk, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

Kathleen Stanick, Business Administrator, Department of Cultural Resources, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senate President Larsen, seconded by Representative Kurk, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Cultural Resources to establish one (1) part-time temporary System Development Specialist III position through June 30, 2011 and further authorization to accept and expend \$40,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2011. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:39, IL (HB 2, SECTION 39, II) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; ADDITIONAL REVENUES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

ARRA FUNDS

FIS 09-241 Department of Health and Human Services – Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner, and Nancy Rollins, Associate Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senate President Larsen that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend additional federal funds in the amount of \$4,612,322 through September 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEMS:

FIS 09-245 Department of Environmental Services – On a motion by Representative Scamman, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to accept and expend \$500,000 in federal ARRA funds through December 31, 2010. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 09-246 Department of Environmental Services – Michael Walls, Assistant Commissioner and Susan Carlson, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Environmental Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to rebudget \$1,315,000 in federal ARRA funds (approved FIS 09-095 April 17, 2009). MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, Medicaid Long-Term Care Program Performance Audit Report, July 2009 – Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, and Jay Henry, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Kathleen Otte, Administrator, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, Department of Health and Human Services was present to respond to questions of the Committee. Also present to respond to questions of the Committee were Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner, and Nancy Rollins, Associate Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services.

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

State of New Hampshire, Board of Nursing, Financial Audit Report For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 – Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Dr. Margaret Walker, Executive Director, and Robert Duhaime, Board Chair, Board of Nursing were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Nordgren, that the Committee remove the item from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Representative Kurk, seconded by Senate President Larsen, 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 Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned.)

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Representative Neal Kurk, Clerk