



**MINUTES
of the
TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
October 12, 2005
Santa Fe**

The two hundred ninety-eighth meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order on Wednesday, October 12, at 12:59 p.m. in Room 101 of the State Capitol by Representative Ben Lujan, co-chair.

PRESENT

Senator Ben D. Altamirano, Co-Chair
Representative Ben Lujan, Co-Chair
Senator Pete Campos
Senator Joseph A. Fidel
Representative Ted Hobbs
Senator Stuart Ingle
Senator Timothy Z. Jennings
Representative Terry T. Marquardt
Representative W. Ken Martinez
Representative Rick Miera
Senator Michael S. Sanchez
Representative Jeannette O. Wallace

Special Advisory Members Present

Senator Cisco McSorley
Senator John Arthur Smith

ABSENT

Senator Kent L. Cravens
Senator Leonard Lee Rawson
Representative Sheryl Williams Stapleton
Representative Donald L. Whitaker

Special Advisory Members Absent

Representative Donald E. Bratton
Senator Carlos R. Cisneros
Senator Dianna J. Duran
Representative Justine Fox-Young
Senator Mary Jane M. Garcia
Senator John T.L. Grubestic
Representative Irvin Harrison
Representative Patricia A. Lundstrom
Representative James Roger Madalena
Senator Steven P. Neville
Representative Al Park
Senator William H. Payne
Senator Lidio G. Rainaldi
Representative Debbie A. Rodella
Representative Joe M Stell
Representative Teresa A. Zanetti

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REQUEST FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Senator Ben D. Altamirano moved to allow the House Rules Subcommittee on Impeachment to continue to meet for the next several weeks to gather evidence regarding the possible impeachment of the state treasurer. The committee will report back to the legislature at an extraordinary session scheduled for October 28, 2005.

In response to a question from Senator Cisco McSorley, Paula Tackett indicated that \$650,000 had been included in the feed bill to fund the activities of the subcommittee, which will cover the cost of retaining special counsel as well as per diem and mileage payments for the members of the subcommittee and funds for investigation of the State Treasurer's Office. Senator Altamirano reminded the members that the money appropriated in the feed bill will not cover the costs of a trial in the Senate, if it becomes necessary.

In response to a question from Senator Timothy Z. Jennings, Ms. Tackett indicated that it is probably too early to appoint a Senate committee to develop rules regarding the Senate's role in impeachment proceedings.

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, the House Rules Subcommittee on Impeachment was authorized to meet as necessary before the October 28 extraordinary session and be paid per diem and mileage.

Senator Altamirano pointed out that it will be possible for members of the legislature to introduce any legislation they wish during an extraordinary session. Ms. Tackett noted that the members limited the scope of legislation to be considered among themselves for the last extraordinary session.

Speaker Lujan indicated that this will likely be the case for this extraordinary session, too. He also thanked the Senate on behalf of the House of Representatives for its hard work during the First Special Session of the Forty-seventh Legislature.

Senator Altamirano thanked the members of the House of Representatives for their hard work during the special session.

There being no further business, the council adjourned at 1:03 p.m.