



**MINUTES
of the
THREE-HUNDRED-THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
December 17, 2010
Santa Fe**

The three-hundred-thirty-fifth meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order on Friday, December 17, 2010, at 12:22 p.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol by Senator Timothy Z. Jennings, co-chair.

Present

Senator Timothy Z. Jennings, Co-Chair
Representative Ben Lujan, Co-Chair
Senator Carlos R. Cisneros
Senator Stuart Ingle
Representative W. Ken Martinez
Senator Cisco McSorley
Representative Rick Miera
Senator William H. Payne
Senator Michael S. Sanchez
Representative Sheryl Williams Stapleton
Representative Thomas C. Taylor

Absent

Senator Dianna J. Duran
Representative Keith J. Gardner
Representative Rhonda S. King

Special Advisory Members Present

Representative Donald E. Bratton
Representative Anna M. Crook
Senator Mary Jane M. Garcia
Representative Antonio Lujan
Representative James Roger Madalena
Senator George K. Munoz
Representative Al Park
Senator John Arthur Smith

Special Advisory Members Absent

Representative Eliseo Lee Alcon
Senator Pete Campos
Senator Kent L. Cravens
Representative Brian F. Egolf, Jr.

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Kathy Pacheco-Dofflemeyer, Assistant Director for Administration, LCS
Doris A. Faust, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, LCS
John Yaeger, Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, LCS
Jeret Fleetwood, Locator Coordinator, LCS

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Interim Committee Requests

Mr. Burciaga indicated that the Investments Oversight Committee (IOC) requested an additional meeting day in December to review a bill being considered by the Educational Retirement Board (ERB). He explained that the ERB is currently meeting to make recommendations on a bill that would have to be drafted over the weekend in order for the committee to review and endorse it early next week, when it proposes to meet, suggesting that such a quick turnaround on a complex bill may prove difficult. However, Mr. Burciaga also noted that some other committees would be meeting in Santa Fe next week.

Tom Pollard, LCS, explained to the council that the IOC is very interested in reviewing the ERB's recommendations and possibly endorsing a bill containing those recommendations.

In response to a question from Senator Payne, staff indicated that materials regarding the ERB's recommendations provided to the IOC could also be forwarded to other members for review.

On a motion made, seconded and approved, the IOC was authorized to hold one additional meeting to review a bill developed from recommendations made by the ERB.

Redistricting Update

Mr. Burciaga explained that, prior to the last redistricting effort, the council appointed a subcommittee to develop and recommend general redistricting guidelines and a budget to the council. He noted that the guidelines adopted 10 years ago were included in the meeting materials provided to the council.

The council discussed the number of members to be appointed to the subcommittee. Mr. Burciaga noted that the subcommittee contained three members from each chamber when last appointed. Some members of the council suggested that the subcommittee be expanded to four members from each chamber. It was also noted that the subcommittee would need to meet quickly in order to review and recommend guidelines at the next council meeting.

Speaker Lujan reminded the council that the subcommittee was only charged with some of the preliminary preparations for next interim's redistricting effort and that another, larger committee would be appointed to be much more involved in the process.

On a motion made, seconded and approved, the council authorized the appointment of a subcommittee to develop and recommend redistricting guidelines and a budget at the next council meeting.

Senator Jennings named himself and Senators Michael Sanchez and Ingle to the subcommittee. Speaker Lujan indicated that he would name the House members within the next two days (he subsequently named himself and Representatives Martinez and Taylor to the subcommittee).

Staff Reports

Mr. Burciaga noted that proposed FY 2012 budgets for the LCS had been submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration and the Legislative Finance Committee.

Mr. Burciaga also explained that bill prefilings for the next legislative session began on December 15 and would continue until January 14, 2011.

Mr. Burciaga noted that a Capitol Recognition Subcommittee would have to review a proposal for placement of a bust of former Governor David Cargo in the State Capitol, but that it could be postponed until another council meeting.

Finally, Mr. Burciaga noted that a briefing on state revenues and the overall budget picture would immediately follow the council meeting.

There being no further business, the council adjourned at 12:36 p.m.