

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: February 11, 2003

Place: Room 19

Convened: 2/11/2003
3:05 PM

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Adjourned: 2/11/2003
4:30 PM

Present: Senators Ziemann-CH, Sievers-VC, Holveck-RM, Rehberg, Stewart
Representatives Eichhorn-CH, Lalk-VC, Connors-RM, Elgin, Lykam, Olson, D., Paulsen,
Van Engelenhoven

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Ziemann called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. The secretary took attendance. Representative Elgin moved that the previous meetings minutes be approved as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Senator Ziemann recognized Don Cooper, with the Department of Revenue and Finance. Mr. Cooper introduced members from his department: Cindy Morton, Donna Van Haalen, Mike Flaherty, Stu Vos, Mike Lipsman, and Holmes Foster. Mr. Cooper introduced Mike Ralston, who will be the new director of the Department of Revenue and Finance. Mr. Ralston made a few brief remarks.

Mr. Cooper covered the proposed budget for the Department of Revenue and Finance. He covered past accomplishments and the need for 10 new revenue auditors. He stated that they earn \$10 for every \$1 spend. Questions and answers followed.

Senator Ziemann recognized Holmes Foster, with the Revenue Estimate Conference, who spoke on the need to receive more timely information to make an accurate estimate. Mike Lipsman, with the Department of Revenue and Finance, spoke on the need to enhance revenue estimate analysis.

Senator Ziemann recognized Mike Flaherty and Stu Vos, with the Department of Revenue and Finance. Mr. Flaherty, spoke about the need to add four new field agents to collect debt. Mr. Vos spoke to the committee about collecting the outstanding state debt. Questions and answers followed.

Representative Connors moved that the committee arise at 4:30 PM.

Senator Mark Ziemann

Virginia Sourbeer, Committee Secretary