

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
AND THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Seventy-Third Session
May 18, 2005**

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance, Joint Subcommittee on General Government, was called to order at 8:10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 18, 2005. Chairwoman Kathy A. McClain presided in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. All exhibits are available and on file at the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Kathy McClain, Chairwoman
Mr. Morse Arberry Jr.
Mr. Lynn Hettrick
Mr. Joseph M. Hogan
Mrs. Ellen Koivisto
Mr. Bob Seale

SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bob Beers, Chairman
Senator Bob Coffin
Senator Dean A. Rhoads

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Gary Ghiggeri, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Bob Guernsey, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Joyce Garrett, Program Analyst
Anne Bowen, Committee Secretary
Lila Clark, Committee Secretary

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION (101-2361)
BUDGET PAGE TAXATION-1**

Gary Ghiggeri, Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented a recommendation for closure of Budget Account 2361.

Mr. Ghiggeri stated that in reviewing Budget Account 2361 the Subcommittee should note that staff concentrated on four closing issues as follows:

1. Base budget adjustments
2. Continued implementation of the Unified Tax System (UTS)
3. New and replacement equipment
4. Increased rent for the Carson City office

In reviewing the Department's base budget, staff recommended reductions in General Fund appropriations by a net amount of \$137,818 in FY2006 and \$336,302 in FY2007.

Mr. Ghiggeri said that included in the reductions was staff's recommendation to reduce vacancy savings for the budget account from the approximate \$992,000 as recommended in The Executive Budget to approximately \$752,000 in FY2006, and approximately \$781,000 in FY2007. The adjustment recommended by staff based vacancy savings on the FY2002 vacancy percentage for the agency. Mr. Ghiggeri said the Subcommittee would recall that during FY2004 the agency was authorized to add approximately 98 new positions, which skewed their vacancy percentage somewhat in FY2004.

Another significant adjustment in the base budget was deletion of the recommended funding for the MSA Programmer costs of approximately \$347,000 per year. Mr. Ghiggeri said that funding was included in category 11 of the Unified Tax System (UTS) project.

The continued implementation of the UTS adjustments recommended by staff resulted in increased funding of approximately \$420,000 in FY2006 and reductions of approximately \$2.1 million in FY2007. Mr. Ghiggeri said those adjustments were basically realignments of the obligations the Department would pay over the 2005-07 biennium. The Board of Examiners had recently approved a revision to the contract which resulted in those changes.

Mr. Ghiggeri said The Executive Budget did not recommend any funding for new and replacement computer equipment. Subsequent to the printing of The Executive Budget, budget amendment number 14 was submitted which recommended funding for replacement equipment of approximately \$354,000 in FY2006 and approximately \$200,000 in FY2007. Mr. Ghiggeri said no budget amendment was received from the Budget Division for funding new equipment, but the agency had requested funding for two document scanners, one for each fiscal year. Staff had reviewed the recommended funding for the replacement equipment and recommended that funding be reduced from \$353,756 to \$338,526 in FY2006 and from \$199,905 to \$186,712 in FY2007. Mr. Ghiggeri said those reductions were based upon the recent prices that had been provided by State Purchasing. Staff also recommended that funding be provided for the purchase of document scanners as requested by the Department.

Mr. Ghiggeri said the final item to be brought to the Subcommittee's attention was that the Department of Taxation had been advised by their landlord in Carson City that increased rent would be forthcoming over FY2006-07 and that funding for the increase had not been included in The Executive Budget. The Department indicated that the increased costs were due to the operation of a night shift to process returns, as well as increased costs due to an air conditioning system that was installed in the computer room. The Department advised that the rental increase was estimated to be \$40,324 in FY2006 and

\$41,540 in FY2007. Mr. Ghiggeri said staff had not added those increases to closing adjustments but recommended that the Subcommittee approve that funding based upon the adjustments provided by staff.

Mr. Ghiggeri said staff recommended approval of other closing issues.

Summary information had been provided to the Subcommittee regarding approximately \$870,000 that had been requested from various entities related to A.B. 489, the Property Tax Relief bill. Mr. Ghiggeri said staff had no details regarding those requested items, but approximately \$539,000 was being requested from county assessors, approximately \$311,000 from county treasurers, and the Department of Taxation was requesting \$20,000. Staff was bringing the information to the Subcommittee's attention and no action was required, according to Mr. Ghiggeri.

Chairwoman McClain called for questions from the Subcommittee.

Senator Beers requested costs and details regarding A.B. 489.

Charles Chinnock, Executive Director, Department of Taxation, identified himself for the record and stated that he did not have many details regarding the Property Tax Relief bill, A.B. 489. Mr. Chinnock said the Department had gathered as much information as possible and contacted all the treasurers and assessors in order to determine what the possible costs would be for implementation.

Mr. Chinnock noted that there was a larger amount than had been estimated for printing and mailing and a substantial portion of that was from Clark County. Many of the counties had not submitted estimates for printing and mailing.

Mr. Chinnock stated that in the next few days the Department planned to break out actual Information Technology (IT) costs from the printing and mailing costs, as well as compile by county what the actual mailing costs would be.

Senator Beers asked if mailing costs were for sending out the postcard that asked if the property was owner-occupied or not. Mr. Chinnock replied that was what the primary mailing costs were for and said that many of the counties had not included that information.

Senator Beers asked if the Department knew how those counties were handling the situation. Mr. Chinnock said those counties had not submitted the information to the Department and apparently had not been aware they could submit a request for mailing costs, but other counties did submit requests.

Senator Beers asked what provisions were contained in A.B. 489 to fund property tax relief.

Mr. Ghiggeri replied there was currently no funding provided in A.B. 489. Any funding would have to be determined by the Legislature. There was a trailer bill, S.B. 509, which was currently in the Assembly, but Mr. Ghiggeri had no details.

Senator Beers commented that something had to be planned.

Mr. Ghiggeri stated that in the discussions he had been aware of when A.B. 489 had been considered, counties that were negatively impacted would

go before the Tax Commission, which would make a recommendation to the Board of Examiners, which would forward the recommendation to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) for consideration. Mr. Ghiggeri said that discussion had been held more than two months before and he was not sure that was still the case.

Mr. Chinnock commented that the county assessors and treasurers had no choice but to go forward regardless of funding problems and were doing what was necessary to implement A.B. 489.

Assemblyman Seale stated he had a problem with the continuation of the Unified Tax System (UTS) and the replacement of equipment in Budget Account 2361. He said he could not tell how much had been spent in the past, but the Department was requesting \$24 million in the next biennium on the UTS project. Mr. Seale commented that he was not certain the UTS was working and he was not certain that it ever would. He requested some input regarding both the UTS and replacement equipment because both requests concerned him.

Mr. Chinnock said the replacement equipment that the Department would have normally requested had not been included in the original budget because of an oversight. He maintained the request was no different from requests made for replacement equipment in the past.

Mr. Chinnock addressed the UTS and said the Department had shown as far back as 2003 what the total cost of the project was estimated to be, both for the contract itself and items outside the contract. Items inside the contract equaled \$25 million and items outside the contract were an additional \$15 million. The contract came in four phases, according to Mr. Chinnock. The first phase would be going "live" this weekend and would be evaluated the following Tuesday and, as a result, there would be a "cutover" for Phase I and a week later the Department would be online. Mr. Chinnock said all indications were that the project would be successful. So far, included in the cost for the UTS were change orders and contingencies. The Department had not had to use any contingency money so far, but they had used some of the money for change orders, which, according to Mr. Chinnock, was to be expected.

Mr. Chinnock said from the standpoint of what had been promised in the past two years as far as what the project would accomplish, the Department was still on track and on schedule.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARBERRY MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET
ACCOUNT 101-2361 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

SENATOR BEERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ASSEMBLYMAN SEALE VOTING NO.
(Senator Coffin was not present for the vote.)

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Joyce Garrett, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, identified herself for the record and stated there was one major closing issue contained in Budget Account 3813.

Ms. Garrett stated the closing issue regarded three new positions requested in Decision Units E-252, E-254, and E-256.

Decision Unit E-252 requested a Compliance/Audit Investigator I. Ms. Garrett said the position would implement a new investigative program to monitor Internet, fax, and telephone activity to identify insurance fraud. The Administrator had testified at the agency's budget hearing that fraudulent insurance companies were now using the Internet and fax machines in place of bulk mail advertising, according to Ms. Garrett. The agency did not currently have the staff to monitor those activities. The position would have other responsibilities, including conducting investigations of unfair trade practices, improper licensing violations, and other types of investigations. The Subcommittee had asked why the position should be located in the Insurance Division and not at the Attorney General's Fraud Unit and the Administrator had testified that the Attorney General's Office handled fraud involving false insurance claims where the Insurance Division focused on unlicensed insurer fraud. The cost of the position would be \$93,702 over the biennium, of which \$47,316 would be General Fund dollars. Ms. Garrett said based upon the information provided to staff and the Division's testimony, the addition of a Compliance/Auditor Investigator I position appeared to be reasonable.

Ms. Garrett explained that Decision Unit E-254 requested a full-time Computer Network Technician II to manage the Division's computer systems in both Carson City and Las Vegas. The position would install computer hardware and software, train agency users on basic computer programs, maintain security protocols, provide troubleshooting, and maintain the agency's web page, among other duties. When asked if the agency received support from the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) or the Business and Industry Director's Office IT staff, the agency indicated that they did not receive the support that was needed from either source. Ms. Garrett said they were currently utilizing an Actuary on staff who had some computer knowledge and had been able to maintain the Division's website. The cost of the requested position would be \$109,629 over the biennium and the General Fund portion would \$55,318. Based upon the information provided by the agency, the approximate number of staff was 66 FTE, and the addition of a full-time Computer Network Technician II seemed reasonable.

Decision Unit E-256 requested a full-time Administrative Assistant I position, according to Ms. Garrett. The position would manage the Division's records. The agency had testified that records management had been a long-standing problem for the Division and although an ideal solution would be a records imaging system, it was not financially feasible at the present time. The Administrative Assistant would act as a file clerk, implement and maintain a consistent methodology for efficient records management for the entire Division. The cost for the position would be \$75,218 over the biennium, with the General Fund portion of the cost being \$38,002. Ms. Garrett stated that based on the information provided by the agency, the addition of an Administrative Assistant I position appeared to be reasonable.

Ms. Garrett said that under other closing items was a request for three position reclassifications. Two Administrative Assistant III positions were scheduled to be reclassified from Grade 27 to Grade 29 as Administrative Assistant IV

positions, and one Program Officer III position was scheduled to be reclassified from Grade 35 to Grade 39 as an Insurance Examiner II. Ms. Garrett said the agency had indicated that the responsibilities of those existing positions as undertaken were equal to the proposed reclassifications and the reclassification would align those positions and salaries with the assigned responsibilities. Based upon the Division's supporting documentation and information provided to staff, the reclassification of the three positions appeared reasonable.

Decision Unit E-275 and Decision Unit E-710 recommended General Funds totaling \$277,003 over the biennium to replace a significant number of computers and software for the agency. Ms. Garrett stated the agency was originally on a three-year replacement schedule for all computer hardware and software originally purchased in the 1990s. However, that plan had been interrupted during the past two budget cycles as a result of budgeting constraints and a freeze that had been placed on the purchase of computer equipment. Based upon the Division's testimony and staff's review of the Division's current computer hardware and associated replacement schedule, the request appeared reasonable.

Ms. Garrett said the only other items in the budget account were technical adjustments.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
INSURANCE EXAMINERS (223-3817)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-10

Ms. Garrett stated there were no major closing issues in Budget Account 3817. Staff recommended that the budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments.

Ms. Garrett noted the increase in the budgeted reserve level of \$92,552 in FY2004-05 to \$819,677 in FY2006-07. Staff had reviewed the reserve level and after taking into consideration the technical adjustments related to the Attorney General and statewide cost allocations, and an increased transfer to the Insurance Regulation budget, the reserve levels were back to a reasonable level and no adjustments were recommended.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
CAPTIVE INSURERS (101-3818)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-14

Ms. Garrett stated there were no major closing issues in Budget Account 3818. Staff recommended that the budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments.

Staff noted that the agency had filled the position for the Captive Insurers Program Administrator. The position had been approved at the September IFC meeting.

Ms. Garrett said relating to Budget Account 3818 was A.B. 338, which expanded the definition of Captive Insurers that might come into the state of Nevada. The agency indicated that each captive insurance company that came to Nevada resulted in a \$250,000 boost to the economy.

A.B. 338 would also increase the maximum balance forward in the budget account from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
INSURANCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (101-3824)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-141

Ms. Garrett stated that Budget Account 3824 contained one closing issue, the budgeted reserve level. The reserve category was budgeted to be reduced from the budgeted level in FY2004 of \$725,319 to \$626,420 in FY2006-07. Even though it was being reduced a large reserve level remained and represented 100 percent of the agency's operating costs in that year.

Ms. Garrett presented two options for the Subcommittee's consideration to address the high reserve level.

Ms. Garrett said the first option would be to approve the reserve level as recommended by the Governor. The reserve could be monitored during the interim and during the 2007 Legislature it could be determined if the reserve level was appropriate and actions could be taken at that time.

Ms. Garrett stated the second option would be for the Subcommittee to provide the agency with a Letter of Intent indicating that the agency should review the reserve during the interim and develop a plan to support additional insurance education and research activities that were appropriate, or recommend a reduction in revenues that financed the account in an effort to reduce the reserve to appropriate levels. Ms. Garrett said those recommendations could be included in the agency's FY2007-09 biennial budget request.

Ms. Garrett said another option for the Subcommittee's consideration regarding the reserve would be to consider the fee collected in Budget Account 3824. It was a \$15 fee, set in statute, collected from licensees to fund Budget Account 3824. Ms. Garrett suggested that the Subcommittee might want to consider tentatively approving an amendment to A.B. 338 changing the language in the statute to read "a fee not to exceed \$15" as opposed to a set \$15 fee.

Additional closing items in the budget were requests for additional software support and upgrades to software for COSMOS, the Division's primary database application in Decision Unit E-275, and other equipment in Decision Unit E-710, and technical adjustments.

Mr. Seale referred to Decision Unit E-811 in Budget Account 3813 and asked how an increase of 65 percent in the unclassified position salary increases for an Insurance Counsel/Hearing Officer could be justified.

Chairwoman McClain explained that the issue of unclassified pay increases in Decision Unit E-811 would be decided in a special Subcommittee and it would not be addressed in the General Government Subcommittee meeting.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET
ACCOUNT 3813 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Coffin and Assemblyman Arberry were not present for the vote.)

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ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3817 AS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Coffin and Assemblyman Arberry were not present for the vote.)

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ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3818 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

Senator Beers disclosed that he was peripherally involved with a Captive Insurance Company; however, Budget Account 3818 would not affect that company, so he would be voting.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Coffin and Assemblyman Arberry were not present for the vote.)

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Chairwoman McClain reiterated that in Budget Account 3824 there were three options available; approve the budget as recommended by the Governor leaving a large reserve balance; issue a Letter of Intent indicating the agency should reduce the reserve by offering more research and education; or amend A.B. 338 to change the language in the statute to read "a fee not to exceed \$15," to allow the agency to lower the fee.

ASSEMBLYMAN SEALE MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3824 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPTION C.

SENATOR BEERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblyman Hettrick commented that A.B. 338 was the Insurance Commissioner's bill. He said he could not imagine that bill would not pass and since "a fee not to exceed \$15" was not controversial, that language could be added to A.B. 338.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Coffin and Assemblyman Arberry were not present for the vote.)

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BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
MANUFACTURED HOUSING (271-3814)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-40

Ms. Garrett explained that there were no major closing issues in Budget Account 3814. Staff recommended the budget account be closed as recommended by the Governor, with technical adjustments.

Ms. Garrett pointed out that during the agency's budget hearing there had been discussion regarding their reserve level and the projected reserve in the next biennium was increasing significantly to a reserve level of \$676,806 in FY2005-06, and \$889,312 in FY2006-07. That reserve level represented much more than the agency would need for a 60-day operating reserve, which was estimated to be approximately \$191,000.

In response to the Subcommittee's questions regarding the outlook for the manufactured housing industry over the upcoming biennium, Ms. Garrett said the agency testified that the western states had recovered slightly, but the rest of the nation was still losing business and the manufacture of new homes was at an all time low. Further, the Subcommittee's questions regarding fee reductions and industry feedback were answered by the agency, which responded that the industry had not been complaining about the current fees. The Division and the industry had agreed that when the Division was back to solid funding, fees would be reduced.

Ms. Garrett said the Subcommittee might want to consider issuing a Letter of Intent to the agency to report to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) on a semi-annual basis their revenue and expenditure activity and the impact to the reserve, as well as current feedback from the industry regarding the existing fee structure. The agency could also indicate in the report as to when a reduction in fees was expected to take place.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
MOBILE HOME LOT RENT SUBSIDY (630-3842)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-46

Ms. Garrett stated there were no major closing issues in Budget Account 3842, and staff recommended the budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments.

A closing item of note was the number of individuals receiving the lot rent subsidy. In FY2004 the number was 339 recipients compared to 300 recipients projected for each year of the FY2005-07 biennium. Ms. Garrett said the agency had indicated that the decrease was related to the number of people who would receive the financial assistance over the upcoming biennium, based on the fact that rents increased, and the 20 percent subsidy became a larger number, using more funds, and therefore assisting fewer people. Budget Account 3842 also contained two technical adjustments.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
MOBILE HOME PARKS (271-3843)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-51

Ms. Garrett stated there were no major closing issues in Budget Account 3843, and staff recommended the budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments.

Ms. Garrett said Budget Account 3843 had accumulated a significant reserve level that was projected to be \$190,000 in FY2007. An estimated 60-day operating budget would be approximately \$25,000. In response to the Subcommittee's questions regarding whether any of the surplus funds in the account could be utilized by the Mobile Home Lot Rent Subsidy Budget Account 3842, to increase the funding available for subsidy payments, the agency was in favor of doing so. The agency indicated to staff that during the interim they would review the applicable statutes to identify any revisions that could be required. The agency also indicated they would work with industry representatives and the representatives of mobile home park residents to get their opinions and suggestions.

Ms. Garrett said the overall assessments to the mobile home park owners would not change, the assessments in Budget Account 3843 would potentially be reduced and the funding shifted to Budget Account 3842.

The Subcommittee might want to consider issuing a Letter of Intent for Budget Account 3843 to report to the IFC by September 30, 2006, any recommendations to utilize excess funding in the account to increase the funding available for lot rent subsidy payments in Budget Account 3842.

Ms. Garrett stated Budget Account 3843 also contained three minor technical adjustments.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
MANUFACTURED HOUSING EDUCATION AND RECOVERY (271-3847)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-56

Ms. Garrett stated there were no major closing issues in Budget Account 3847, and staff recommended the budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments.

Chairwoman McClain stated she would entertain a motion to approve Budget Account 3814 as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments, and a Letter of Intent to report to the Interim Finance Committee on a semi-annual basis beginning December 1, 2005, with revenue expenditure data with impact to the reserve, current feedback from the industry on their comfort level with the existing fee structure, and an indication as to when and how a reduction in fees would take place; approve Budget Account 3842 as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments; approve Budget Account 3843 as approved by the Governor with technical adjustments, as well as a Letter of Intent to report to the Interim Finance Committee by September 30, 2006, with a recommendation to utilize excess funding in the budget account to increase funding available for lot rent subsidy payments in Budget Account 3842; approve Budget Account 3847 as recommended by the Governor, with technical adjustments.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3814, BUDGET ACCOUNT 3842, BUDGET ACCOUNT 3843, AND BUDGET ACCOUNT 3847 AS OUTLINED BY CHAIRWOMAN McCLAIN.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mr. Seale inquired as to how many disputes were handled in a year in Budget Account 3843.

Ms. Garrett stated she would check the performance indicators for an answer.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Coffin and Assemblyman
Arberry were not present for the vote.)

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Ms. Garrett informed Mr. Seale, in response to his question, that the number of complaints received from tenants of mobile home parks was projected to be 175 in each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium. In FY2004 there had been 161 complaints.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (210-4680)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-163

Ms. Garrett stated staff recommended Budget Account 4680 be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments.

Ms. Garrett noted for the Subcommittee's information and for the record that the Subcommittee had not approved the Department of Business and Industry's centralized personnel function. Decision Unit E-901 in Budget Account 4680 had been reversed and the two positions that were due to be transferred were restored.

A technical adjustment had been made to increase federal funding, according to Ms. Garrett, in addition to other routine technical adjustments.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ENFORCEMENT (210-4682)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-169

Ms. Garrett stated there was one major closing issue in Budget Account 4682, an information system enhancement. An information system database the agency used to track inspections, elevators, boilers, violations, and the issuance of operating permits, was in need of enhancements. Decision Unit E-275 would provide enhancements to the existing system which would be developed by DoIT staff.

Ms. Garrett said it appeared that the proposal in Decision Unit E-275 was a reasonable request. If the Subcommittee approved funding for the information system enhancement, staff recommended placing the expenditure authority in a distinct expenditure category in lieu of the standard category 26. A separate expenditure category would facilitate tracking of all project-related expenditures.

Other closing items included Decision Unit E-325, a request for travel funds in the amount of \$2,446 in each year of the biennium; Decision Unit E-710, a request for vehicle and computer updates in the amount of \$177,567 in FY2005-06 and \$152,248 in FY2006-07; and, Decision Unit E-720, a request for new equipment for the HAZMAT team in the amount of \$26,072 over the FY2006-07 biennium. Staff recommended approval of all decision units listed above.

Ms. Garrett stated a technical adjustment had been made to correct federal funding from the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
SAFETY CONSULTATION AND TRAINING (210-4685)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-176

Ms. Garrett stated there were no major closing issues in Budget Account 4685, however, there were some technical adjustments.

Decision Unit E-325 recommended \$150,000 from the workers' compensation assessment fund over the FY2005-07 biennium to provide additional funding for the Safety Consultation and Training Media Program. Ms. Garrett said the agency had indicated that the funding would be used to improve the promotion of safety training programs in English and Spanish and to expand on-site consultation services. Staff recommended approval of Decision Unit E-325.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
MINE SAFETY AND TRAINING (210-4686)
BUDGET PAGE B & I-183

Ms. Garrett stated there were no major closing issues in Budget Account 4686. Staff recommended that the budget account be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments.

Chairwoman McClain called for questions.

SENATOR BEERS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 4680; BUDGET ACCOUNT 4682; BUDGET ACCOUNT 4685; AND BUDGET ACCOUNT 4686, AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Arberry was not present for the vote.)

Chairwoman McClain noted this was the last General Government Subcommittee meeting for the session.

Mr. Hettrick complimented the co-chairs for the General Government Subcommittee for a job well-done, and also thanked staff for always doing an outstanding job.

Chairwoman McClain commented that she and Senator Beers, the co-chairman of the Subcommittee, really appreciated all the assistance provided by staff.

Chairwoman McClain adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Anne Bowen
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Kathy A. McClain, Chairwoman

DATE: _____

Senator Bob Beers, Chairman

DATE: _____

<u>EXHIBITS</u>			
Committee Name: <u>Assembly Committee on Ways and Means/Senate Committee on Finance Joint Subcommittee on General Government</u>			
Date: <u>May 18, 2005</u>		Time of Meeting: <u>8:00 a.m.</u>	
Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda