

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-Third Session
May 25, 2005**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order at 8:16 a.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. Chairman Morse Arberry Jr. presided in Room 3137 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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Morse Arberry Jr., Chairman
Ms. Chris Giunchigliani, Vice Chairwoman
Mr. Mo Denis
Mrs. Heidi S. Gansert
Mr. Lynn Hettrick
Mr. Joseph M. Hogan
Mrs. Ellen Koivisto
Ms. Sheila Leslie
Mr. John Marvel
Ms. Kathy McClain
Mr. Richard Perkins
Mr. Bob Seale
Mrs. Debbie Smith
Ms. Valerie Weber

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Steve Abba, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Bob Atkinson, Senior Program Analyst
Mindy Braun, Education Program Analyst
Laura Freed, Program Analyst
Carol Thomsen, Committee Attaché
Connie Davis, Committee Attaché

Chairman Arberry called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m. and asked Ms. Giunchigliani to present the closing report regarding the Distributive School Account (DSA) to the full Committee.

Assemblywoman Giunchigliani, Chairwoman, Joint Subcommittee on K-12/Human Resources, presented the following closing report regarding the DSA to the Committee:

THE K-12/HUMAN RESOURCES JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEWED THE BUDGET FOR THE DISTRIBUTIVE SCHOOL ACCOUNT AND MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CLOSING OF THAT ACCOUNT. THE PROGRAM-RELATED SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS RESULT IN INCREASED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55.6 MILLION FOR FY 2005-06 AND \$78.4 MILLION FOR FY 2006-07 AND ARE DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED WORKSHEET. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A 5 PERCENT SALARY INCREASE EACH YEAR AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$61.3 MILLION IN FY 2005-06 AND \$131.7 MILLION IN FY 2006-07.

THE BUDGET OFFICE SUBMITTED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS FOR INFLATIONARY INCREASES IN UTILITIES OF \$8.3 MILLION FOR THE BIENNIUM; AND FOR CORRECTION OF THE SALARY INCREASE RELATED TO THE PERS RATE DECREASE AT A COST OF \$10.4 MILLION FOR THE BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO INFLATIONARY INCREASE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET FOR TEXTBOOKS AND RECOMMENDED \$4.4 MILLION OVER THE BIENNIUM TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE OF 4.66 PERCENT PER YEAR BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR EDUCATIONAL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECEIVED INFORMATION ON AN OMISSION OF \$34.6 MILLION EACH YEAR THAT OCCURRED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET, AND WHILE NO FORMAL BUDGET AMENDMENT WAS PRESENTED, THE BUDGET OFFICE INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR CORRECTION OF THAT OMISSION AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE AN AMENDMENT THAT WAS PROPOSED TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING PROVIDED FOR GROUP INSURANCE, BUT RATHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE FUNDING BE INCREASED IN FY 2006-07 BY \$14.3 MILLION.

THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET INCLUDED A 2 PERCENT SALARY INCREASE EACH YEAR OF THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE ADDITION OF \$61.3 MILLION FOR FY 2005-06 AND \$131.7 MILLION IN FY 2006-07 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SALARY INCREASES OF 5 PERCENT EACH YEAR.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE

CONTINUATION OF ALL CURRENT EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A LONGITUDINAL EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM AND ADDED LANGUAGE TO THE SCHOOL FUNDING LEGISLATION THAT WILL REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW THE OUTCOME INDICATORS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH MINIMUM PERFORMANCE LEVELS AND INCREASE THE EXPECTED PERFORMANCE RATES, AS APPROPRIATE.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR RETIREMENT CREDITS FOR HIGH IMPACT POSITIONS (MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SPECIAL EDUCATION, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL), AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY) AND PERSONNEL IN AT-RISK SCHOOLS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM BASED UPON UPDATED PROJECTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT. THIS DECISION REQUIRED ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUNDS OF \$11.9 MILLION IN FY 2005-06 AND \$13.7 MILLION IN FY 2006-07. DECISIONS CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PERSONNEL IN AT-RISK SCHOOLS WERE NOT MADE BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND MEMBERS NOTED THAT LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE RETIREMENT CREDITS WOULD DETERMINE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE CLASS-SIZE REDUCTION (CSR) PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. IN MAKING THIS DECISION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR 23.5 AT-RISK KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS AND FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE THE CSR FUNDS FOR RURAL COUNTIES. THE PUPIL-TEACHER RATIOS FOR CSR FLEXIBILITY WOULD REMAIN AT NO MORE THAN 22:1 IN GRADES 1, 2, AND 3 AND NO MORE THAN 25:1 IN GRADES 4 AND 5 OR GRADES 4, 5, AND 6 IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT INCLUDE GRADE 6 IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (RPDPS) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, EXCEPT FOR THE NORTHEASTERN RPDP. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING FOR THE NORTHEASTERN RPDP, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, EXCEPT THE MEMBERS AUTHORIZED THE NORTHEASTERN RPDP TO PURCHASE FOUR VEHICLES IN LIEU OF LEASING VEHICLES. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A LETTER OF INTENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE NORTHEASTERN RPDP INDICATING THAT IF ADDITIONAL VEHICLES ARE NEEDED, THE REQUEST MUST COME TO THE IFC FOR APPROVAL. FINALLY, THE SUBCOMMITTEE AUTHORIZED THE RPDPS TO MAINTAIN AN ENDING FUND BALANCE OF NO MORE THAT 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET OVER THE 2005-07 BIENNIUM.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED TWO MODIFICATIONS TO THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR THE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM. FIRST, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A REQUEST BY THE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THIS PROGRAM TO THE CONTINUING EDUCATION BUDGET ACCOUNT FOR THE CREATION OF A

POSITION TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM RATHER THAN CONTRACTING FOR THOSE SERVICES. SECOND, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED AN ADDITIONAL \$1.9 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM AT THE YOUTHFUL OFFENDER FACILITY WHEN IT OPENS IN FY 2007.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, THE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION HAS WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION TO RE-PROJECT THE IMPACT OF THE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF APPROVED IN AB 489. BASED ON ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS RELATING TO THE VALUE OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AND THE IMPACT OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY, THE REVISED PROJECTIONS RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN THE ANTICIPATED AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS OF 9.5 PERCENT IN FY 2005-06 OVER THE FY 2004-05 AMOUNT; AND AN ADDITIONAL 7.7 PERCENT IN FY 2006-07. THIS RESULTS IN A DECREASE IN THE GENERAL FUND REQUIREMENT OF \$4 MILLION IN FY 2005-06 AND AN INCREASE OF \$4.1 MILLION IN FY 2006-07 WHEN COMPARED TO THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION.

STAFF HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE OTHER REVENUE SOURCES IN THE DSA AS DETAILED AT THE END OF THE ATTACHED WORKSHEET. IN ADDITION, STAFF RECOMMENDS THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING PROVIDED TO REIMBURSE THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE COST OF SUBSIDIES FOR GROUP INSURANCE FOR RETIREES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS PROGRAM BE ADJUSTED BASED ON THE ACTUAL COSTS IN FY 2004-05, ADJUSTED FOR THE APPROVED INCREASE IN THE BASE SUBSIDY AMOUNT.

Ms. Giunchigliani thanked Bob Atkinson, Senior Program Analyst, and Mindy Braun, Education Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), for their hard work regarding the DSA.

Assemblyman Seale asked about the source of the funding for the increases, particularly in the area of salary. Ms. Giunchigliani indicated that the subcommittee hoped the increases would be available from the General Fund, however, it was still under negotiation. A 5 percent salary increase in each year of the biennium was the ideal percentage per the subcommittee, and Ms. Giunchigliani believed there would be sufficient revenue. She noted that property tax revenue had increased, which would free up additional revenue in the General Fund.

Mr. Seale asked for clarification regarding the "omission" of \$34.6 million in each year of the biennium, which had occurred during preparation of The Executive Budget. Ms. Giunchigliani explained that when The Executive Budget had been prepared, the ending fund balance line had not carried over and, therefore, the \$34.6 million did not carry forward for the two urban areas. LCB staff had double-checked and found that it was an error.

Bob Atkinson, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, further explained that when the Budget Office constructed The Executive Budget for the DSA, it started with the report that was submitted to the Legislature, the Budget Office, and the Department of Education. The Department of Education compiled the reports of all school districts into the report required by

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 387. Mr. Atkinson indicated that the information reported by the Clark and Washoe County School Districts incorrectly listed amounts on the line for ending fund balance that should have been included in the "other obligations" line. By doing that, explained Mr. Atkinson, the figure of \$34.6 million was not picked up as ongoing costs. The error was corrected, which increased the ongoing costs in each year of the upcoming biennium by \$34.6 million.

Mr. Seale asked whether it would actually cost the State an additional \$34.6 million or whether it was simply a reporting error. According to Mr. Atkinson, because the amount had been omitted from The Executive Budget, those expenditures had not been built-in for the 2 years of the upcoming biennium and the amount had been added to each year. Mr. Atkinson reported it would be an increase that was added to the DSA in each year of the biennium.

Ms. Giunchigliani noted that if the amount had not affected the base budget, it would not have cost the State additional revenue but, in the current case, the amount had to be added to the base budget, which impacted ongoing funding.

Assemblywoman Weber referenced the 5 percent salary increase in each year of the biennium for teachers and she asked whether there were other groups, such as nurses, who had been recommended for a salary increase at that level. Ms. Giunchigliani indicated that the 5 percent salary increase would cover all school employees, administrators, nurses, librarians, et cetera. She noted that the Committee would review legislation that proposed a 5 percent salary increase for all state employees.

Assemblyman Marvel asked whether the Budget Office concurred with the subcommittee regarding the addition of \$34.6 million in each year of the biennium and Ms. Giunchigliani replied in the affirmative, however, the Budget Office had not sent a budget amendment. Mr. Marvel asked how the subcommittee voted on the DSA budget. Ms. Giunchigliani reported that the Assembly had closed differently from the Senate regarding the salary increases and the issue of health care. She indicated that the subcommittee had received budget amendment No. 7, which treated school district health care like the Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP). Ms. Giunchigliani said that had never been done in the past and the PEBP had shown a decrease while the school districts had not.

Ultimately, said Ms. Giunchigliani, the Assembly rejected budget amendment No. 7 and the Senate had accepted the budget amendment. The Assembly had added an additional \$14 million, based on actual numbers. According to Ms. Giunchigliani, the figures would be reviewed by Mr. Atkinson and there might be slight differences.

The Assembly and Senate had also closed differently regarding textbook inflation, said Ms. Giunchigliani, as the Assembly felt it was important to increase funding by the inflation factor of 4.66 percent and the Senate did not concur. Class-size reduction was another area of difference regarding flexibility for urban school districts, which the Senate approved and the Assembly did not, however, the funding was agreed upon.

Mr. Marvel asked whether the 2-year hold harmless provision had been discussed by the subcommittee. Ms. Giunchigliani replied in the affirmative, the previous agreement was for a 1-year hold harmless provision and the subcommittee had concurred with the 1-year hold harmless agreement for the

upcoming biennium. The difference had been regarding charter schools, explained Ms. Giunchigliani, and the Senate had voted to maintain the seven charter schools and the Assembly had not. She indicated that the Assembly felt that the point of hold harmless was for "school districts" that suffered a decrease in enrollment, rather than "schools."

Mr. Marvel asked how many school districts would be eligible for hold harmless in the second year of the biennium. Mr. Atkinson stated that in FY2005 with the 2-year hold harmless, 8 school districts and 7 charter schools had qualified under the hold harmless provision. The cost of that provision was approximately \$2.9 million. Had the hold harmless provision been for 1-year, Mr. Atkinson said it would have included 6 school districts rather than 8, and 5 charter schools rather than 7, for a cost of \$1.7 million rather than \$2.9 million for FY2005.

Mr. Marvel asked whether any of the school districts would be hurt by the 1-year hold harmless provision. Mr. Atkinson said it would depend on the enrollment during the next 2 years, but had there been a change in FY2005, 6 districts rather than 8 districts would have been held harmless.

Chairman Arberry indicated that he would accept a motion regarding the closing report for the DSA.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CLOSING
REPORT FROM THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON K-12/HUMAN
RESOURCES REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTIVE SCHOOL ACCOUNT
(DSA).

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Gansert was not
present for the vote.)

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The Chair declared the Committee in recess, and called it back to order at 8:34 a.m. The Chair advised that the Committee would review budgets that contained closing differences.

Washington Office, BA 1011

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, reported that BA 1011, Washington Office, had been closed by the Senate as recommended by the Governor. The Assembly had closed the budget with elimination of funding, which would close the office.

Assemblywoman Giunchigliani indicated that she would recommend closure with elimination of funding. Her point was that the Washington offices all claimed credit for raising the same dollars, such as the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), which received transportation funding because it had a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., but the Washington Office usually claimed credit for those dollars. Ms. Giunchigliani stated that it seemed like the office was only used by individuals who flew into Washington, D.C.

Assemblywoman Smith expressed concern regarding the information presented regarding the budget. The Committee so closely scrutinized every other budget in the State, but it did not appear that the budget for BA 1011 had been scrutinized, and that budget apparently was not held to the same standards as other State entities.

Assemblyman Marvel stated that he would be in favor of retaining the Washington Office. He believed it was impossible to complete a line-item budget because that office operated on an ad hoc basis. He noted that the Washington Office had been very helpful to him when he had been in Washington, D.C. Mr. Marvel emphasized that he was very supportive of the office.

Assemblyman Seale indicated that he would speak in favor of the Washington Office. Mr. Seale noted that when he had visited Washington, D.C., as the State Treasurer, the office had proven very helpful. He voiced some concerns regarding the budget being vague, but he believed the office should remain open.

Chairman Arberry indicated that the Committee would hold further action on BA 1011, Washington Office.

Lieutenant Governor, BA 1020

Mr. Stevens indicated that the Senate had closed the budget with technical adjustments and the Assembly had closed the budget with the same technical adjustments, but had reduced the in-state travel increase in the first year of the biennium by 50 percent, compared to actual expenses in FY2004. Mr. Stevens stated that would still provide an increase in in-state travel of 32 percent in FY2007 over actual expenses in FY2004.

Assemblyman Seale stated he was comfortable with the Assembly closure. It seemed like the increase was rather significant and he was not sure that it was well justified. The Assembly closure split the difference and Mr. Seale believed that the Committee should stand firm in its closing action regarding BA 1020.

Controller's Office, BA 1130

Mr. Stevens indicated that there were two differences in BA 1130. The Executive Budget recommended a two-grade increase for certain accounting positions within the office, and the Senate had approved that increase, but the Assembly had approved a one-grade increase.

The second item was the approval by the Senate to provide \$6,004 included in The Executive Budget for additional office space in the Grant Sawyer Office Building, however the Assembly had not approved the additional funding.

Assemblyman Seale commented that he was unconvinced that the upgrades were justified because of the expertise required by the accounting positions, such as the requirement for certified public accountants (CPAs). He noted that there were CPAs within other State entities and, although the expertise for the Controller's Office might be slightly different, it was not significantly different to justify the proposed upgrades. Mr. Seale also did not believe the Committee should concur with additional space in the Grant Sawyer Office Building in Las Vegas, as he could not understand the need for a Controller's Office in Las Vegas, much less expanding that office.

Assemblywoman Weber asked whether the one- or two-grade increase would be on par with the Treasurer's Office, since it appeared that comparisons would be made between the two agencies. Mr. Stevens explained that the positions within the Treasurer's Office were unclassified and the accounting positions within the Controller's Office were classified, which would make it difficult to make a direct comparison between salaries.

Education State Programs, BA 2673

Mr. Stevens indicated that the Senate had approved General Fund support for a Grants Writer position within BA 2673, and the Assembly had not approved that position.

Assemblywoman Leslie stated she had done a great deal of grant writing and was uncomfortable with the position; it sounded good, but she was not convinced that the position would generate a significant amount of revenue. Ms. Leslie said some grants were provided with the condition of continuing the program with other funding sources. She pointed out that the position had not been requested in The Executive Budget and had not been addressed during budget hearings. Ms. Leslie did not believe that the position would solve the education funding problems. Many times grant writers utilized the expertise of technical people in the field in order to write a competitive grant because one person would not have that technical expertise. Ms. Leslie believed that a grant writer would create additional work for everyone else within the organization and she was not personally convinced that the end result would be worth the funding for the position.

Assemblywoman Giunchigliani believed that Senator Cegavske had requested the additional position. Ms. Giunchigliani believed there was a grant writer position in the Governor's budget that had not been utilized and perhaps that position could be shifted to BA 2673. Ms. Giunchigliani believed that the Education Department would have preferred to have a parent involvement coordinator position rather than a grant writer position.

Nevada State Library, BA 2891

Mr. Stevens reported that the Senate had closed the budget with technical adjustments, and the Assembly had closed with the same technical adjustments and increased the General Fund appropriation in FY2006 by \$1.2 million for "library collection development funding."

WICHE Administration, BA 2995

Mr. Stevens indicated that the Senate had not approved the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) volunteer, but had approved an individual being assigned from Great Basin Primary Care who would be dedicated to assisting Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). WICHE would accommodate that person by allocating \$6,000 per year for rent. The Assembly did not approve either the VISTA volunteer or the person from Great Basin Primary Care; instead, additional in-state travel funds were approved to provide six trips to Las Vegas for WICHE staff.

WICHE Loan and Stipend, BA 2681

Mr. Stevens indicated that in the dental slot area, the Assembly eliminated the seven new dental slots per year and the Senate approved the new dental slots, with two dedicated to the Federal Matching Grant Program.

Regarding the mental health slots, Mr. Stevens reported that the Assembly had eliminated the five new mental health slots; WICHE had authority to fill those slots during the current biennium, but had not filled them. The Senate approved the five new mental health slots.

Mr. Stevens noted that the Assembly had eliminated the five pharmacy slots, which the Senate had approved with a Letter of Intent urging the WICHE to review the newly accredited pharmacy school in Nevada.

Mr. Stevens reported that the Assembly closing resulted in a General Fund savings of \$140,853 in FY2006 and \$236,002 in FY2007. The Senate closure resulted in additional General Fund support of \$18,547 in FY2006 and \$50,798 in FY2007.

Division of Child and Family Services

Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services, BA 3281

Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services, BA 3646

The main issue in the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) budget was Wraparound in Nevada (WIN) contract staff versus State staff, which Mr. Stevens noted would impact both the Northern and Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budgets. Basically, the Assembly had voted to convert contract staff to State staff in the WIN program, which would add 26 positions versus contract positions in Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services and 40 positions in Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services. The cost for the Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services would be \$475,518 over the biennium, and the cost for the Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services would be \$54,923.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program, BA 3215

Mr. Stevens indicated that the Assembly closed the budget adding General Fund dollars for the projected caseload for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which would provide AIDS medications for 38 additional clients per month for FY2006 and 65 additional clients in FY2007. The Senate had closed the budget issuing a Letter of Intent to the Health Division to approach the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) if a waiting list developed in the ADAP and additional funding was required.

Assistance to Aged and Blind, BA 3232

Mr. Stevens stated that the Assembly closed the budget including a rate increase for adult group care facilities totaling \$16.60 per month, which would create an increase in General Fund support of \$82,867 per fiscal year. The Senate had not approved the increase in its budget closure for BA 3232.

Nevada Equal Rights Commission, BA 2580

Mr. Stevens explained that the Senate had closed the budget as recommended by the Governor and the Assembly had eliminated the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dollars that had been recommended in BA 2580, which would allow the Commission to begin work on federal housing discrimination complaints. The Assembly closure replaced that HUD funding with federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) funds, basically indicating that the Equal Rights Commission would not pursue housing discrimination complaint investigations in the upcoming biennium.

Commission on Tourism, BA 1522

Mr. Stevens indicated there were numerous changes regarding the Commission on Tourism. He explained that staff hoped BA 1522 could be reconciled today because BA 1522 would determine how much additional room tax money would potentially be available for transfer to other State agencies, which would save General Fund dollars that could be allocated elsewhere.

Mr. Stevens explained that both the Senate and Assembly had concurred with the revised revenue projection submitted by the Commission on Tourism, which increased projected room tax revenues by \$653,104 in FY2005, \$1.27 million in FY2006, and \$1.9 million in FY2007.

The budget closing differences were mainly in the expenditure areas that were recommended in The Executive Budget; the major difference was in television advertising. Mr. Stevens stated that the Assembly closed the budget including elimination of \$1.1 million in FY2006 and \$1 million in FY2007 that was recommended for additional television advertising. The Assembly closure provided a 10 percent increase over what was currently being spent, and the Senate decreased the amount that was recommended in The Executive Budget by 20 percent. Mr. Stevens stated there was a significant increase in the television contract amount that was being recommended in The Executive Budget.

According to Mr. Stevens, the other major closing differences approved by the Senate and Assembly compared to the amounts recommended in The Executive Budget were as follows:

1. Ad Placement: The Senate decreased the amount recommended in The Executive Budget by 20 percent.
2. In-State Travel: The Assembly eliminated additional sporting program events and the Tourism University.
3. Mexico Office: The Assembly eliminated funding recommended for the Mexico office.
4. Email Blasts: The Assembly reduced the amount recommended in FY2007 by 50 percent.
5. E-Subscription: The Assembly reduced the amount recommended by 50 percent.
6. Rural Grants: The Senate reduced the amount recommended by 33 percent.
7. Accounting Position: The Assembly did not approve the new accounting position recommended in the budget.
8. Winter Olympics: The Senate increased the amount recommended in the budget by \$50,000 per year.
9. Wildlife: The Assembly approved a transfer of \$200,000 per year to support the Department of Wildlife. The Senate approved a transfer of \$400,000.

Assemblyman Marvel asked why the Senate had reduced the amount recommended for rural grants. Mr. Stevens did not know why the Senate had recommended a 33 percent reduction in rural grants. Mr. Stevens emphasized that it would be very helpful to staff if BA 1522 could be resolved today.

Economic Development, BA 1526

The main difference in BA 1526, said Mr. Stevens, was the \$5 million per year in new funding for the Regional Development Authorities. The Senate had approved that funding with the requirement that quarterly reports be provided to the IFC. Mr. Stevens indicated that the Assembly had eliminated the \$5 million per year and had also eliminated the increased travel and training funds of \$11,266 per year over the upcoming biennium.

Procurement Outreach Program, BA 4867

Mr. Stevens indicated that the Assembly had not increased General Fund support to make up the anticipated grant shortfall, per budget amendment No. 68, and the Senate had added General Fund support to make up that shortfall. The amount added was \$10,734 in FY2006 and \$17,454 in FY2007.

Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Center, BA 3761

Mr. Stevens stated that the Assembly closure had added \$250,000 per year for transitional housing services for female inmates in southern Nevada. The closure had also specifically identified the Educational and Vocational Opportunities Leading to Valuable Experience (EVOLVE) program, operated by the City of Las Vegas, as the preferred transitional housing service. The Senate closure had not approved that funding.

High Desert State Prison, BA 3762

Mr. Stevens reported that the Assembly had closed BA 3762 by deleting General Funds in the amount of \$513,739 in FY2006 and \$894,543 in FY2007, as recommended by the Governor for 17 positions related to unit management at that facility.

Division of Water Resources, BA 4171

Mr. Stevens said the Senate had increased General Fund support by \$1.1 million in FY2006 and by \$894,543 in FY2007, which would add 11 new full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and technology investment. The additional funding was not included in The Executive Budget and was intended to reduce the Division's backlog. The Assembly closure had not approved that action and no additional funding was approved in the Assembly closure.

Department of Wildlife, BA 4452

Mr. Stevens indicated that the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety, Natural Resources, and Transportation recommended that, of the \$300,000 recommended in The Executive Budget for sage grouse habitat projects, half of that amount be funded with upland game fees currently available to the Department. The Assembly agreed with that recommendation from the subcommittee and the Senate had not agreed, replacing the funding with General Fund dollars.

Wildlife Obligated Reserve, BA 4458

Mr. Stevens indicated that the difference consisted of the \$150,000 that the Assembly recommended be funded with upland game fee revenue and the Senate recommended General Fund dollars.

National Guard Benefits, BA 3653

Mr. Stevens noted that the Assembly and Senate had basically closed BA 3653 together and the outstanding issue was the Assembly's action regarding S.B. 78. Both the Senate and Assembly had authorized staff to remove the General Fund support for the program, with the exception of \$20,000 per year for summer school. The Senate had approved S.B. 78, which resulted in the removal of funding, and the funding would be removed if S.B. 78 was approved by the Assembly.

University and Community College System of Nevada (UCCSN)

Mr. Stevens explained that the areas of closing difference within the UCCSN were as follows:

Merit Beyond Maximum Salary Scale: A 2.5 percent merit pool was included for professional employees, excluding positions at or above the Assistant Dean's level. The Executive Budget continued partial limits on funding for professional salaries at or beyond the maximum salary scale level, as approved by the 2003 Legislature. The Assembly determined that if a professional was at the maximum salary, the position's salary should not be included in the total amount utilized to calculate the professional merit pool, resulting in General Fund savings of \$842,061 in FY2006 and \$1.71 million in FY2007. The Senate approved professional merit increases as recommended by the Governor.

Dental School Enrollment: The Governor recommended \$2.88 million per year, including \$1.81 million in General Fund, for enrollment growth from 225 students to the target of 300 students, which would include fourth-year dental students. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), indicated that fourth-year students were more costly to educate and, therefore, additional faculty was recommended in addition to the staff recommended for second- and third-year students. The Senate approved the Dental School enrollment funding as recommended by the Governor and the Assembly closure funded fourth-year enrollment at the average of the amounts provided for second- and third-year enrollments, which LCB staff calculated would result in General Fund savings of approximately \$1.02 million. The UNLV had calculated that the savings would only be approximately \$200,000.

Professional COLAs: The Governor recommended General Fund appropriations of \$5.44 million in FY2006 and \$10.99 million in FY2007 for professional salary adjustments to fund the annual 2 percent COLA increases. The Senate added General Fund appropriations of \$992,931 in FY2006 and \$2.01 million in FY2007 to address the COLA funding shortfall. In the past, UCCSN professionals received 100 percent of the amount calculated for the 2 percent COLA salary increase, but in the upcoming biennium the Governor recommended funding COLAs at 80 percent, which was the traditional percentage set for salary increases for State employees and university classified employees. That money was pooled and State agencies could then access up to 100 percent of their need, providing the agency could justify the need. Basically, it was taken into account that there would be salary savings generated during the year and, therefore, the amount needed for COLA funding should not be over-appropriated.

The Governor had applied that 80 percent factor to the university professionals in The Executive Budget and the Senate attempted to fund the COLA directly to the Board of Regents for more than 80 percent. The Assembly closing left the

funding at the 80 percent level while allowing the university to access up to 100 percent funding if the need could be justified. The money would be pooled and, based on the amount of money the UCCSN could justify to pay the salary increase, up to 100 percent of the funding would be available.

Indirect Cost Recovery Revenue Replacement: The Governor proposed to allow the UCCSN to retain 100 percent of Indirect Cost Recoveries (ICR). Currently, the State retained 25 percent of the ICR and the UCCSN retained 75 percent. There was an error in The Executive Budget and some of the revenue had remained within UCCSN budgets. The Senate agreed with the Governor's recommendation to allow the UCCSN to retain 100 percent of the ICR, but left the amounts that were included in The Executive Budget of approximately \$1 million per year in the UCCSN budget in order to save General Fund. The Assembly closure would retain the 25 percent portion of the ICR for the State, which amounted to approximately \$5 million per year.

CCSN Faculty Salaries: The funding formula provided equal salary amounts for all new positions generated by type of institution. However, there were significant differences in the average salaries for existing instructional faculty at the community colleges. The salary differences likely resulted from the period when enrollments at the Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) had significantly exceeded budgeted levels. The following table reflects the average salary differences for full-time instructional faculty at the community colleges:

- WNCC: \$61,191 – full-time instructional faculty/FTE
- TMCC: \$58,425 – full-time instructional faculty/FTE
- GBC: \$58,161 – full-time instructional faculty/FTE
- CCSN: \$54,314 – full-time instructional faculty/FTE

The Senate took no action on the issue, and the Assembly recommended appropriations of \$3.09 million in FY2006 and \$6.17 million in FY2007 to bring CCSN instructional faculty salaries to the weighted average of other Nevada community colleges.

Formula Funding: The Governor recommended retention of maintenance formula allocations of 84.09 percent in each year of the biennium. New enrollment projections were 2,068 lower than the Governor's recommended amounts for FY2005-06 and 2,940 lower in FY2006-07. The Senate had reduced the Governor's recommended maintenance formula allocations by \$5.73 million in FY2005-06 and \$7.83 million in FY2006-07. The Senate allowed the UCCSN to retain \$10 million of the Governor's recommended maintenance formula component, which increased the maintenance formula percentage from 84.09 to 84.70 in FY2005-06 and 84.88 in FY2006-07. The Assembly had funded reduced enrollments at the 84.09 percent formula level recommended by the Governor, which resulted in General Fund savings of \$9.97 million in FY2005-06 and \$13.59 million in FY2006-07. The Assembly closure resulted in General Fund savings of \$23.56 million for the 2005-07 biennium and the Senate closure would result in a savings of \$13.56 million.

Special Consideration Items: The UCCSN's list of unfunded one-time and ongoing items totaled \$130.45 million for the biennium. Other actions taken by the Senate Committee on Finance resulted in savings that enabled the Committee to fund the following items:

Item Description	FY2006	FY2007	Total
Nursing Initiatives			
Nursing Ratio	\$1,367,280	\$1,328,480	\$2,695,760
Summer Session	406,080	0	406,080
Bach of Science/Nursing – GBC	105,840	114,080	219,920
PhD/Nursing – UNLV	280,800	397,440	678,240
Nursing Subtotal	\$2,160,000	\$1,840,000	\$4,000,000
UNSOM enrollment increases and enhancement initiatives	\$1,513,600	\$2,786,400	\$4,300,000
Tech operating for system Enrollment growth	\$ 7,89,547	\$1,410,453	\$2,200,000
SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TOTAL	\$4,463,147	\$6,036,853	\$10,500,000

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means took no action regarding the UCCSN unfunded items list.

Assemblywoman McClain referenced BA 3761, Southern Nevada Women’s Correctional Center, which the Assembly had closed with additional General Fund support of \$250,000 per year for the EVOLVE program. Ms. McClain asked that the Committee not change its closing action regarding BA 3761 and Chairman Arberry concurred with that request.

Ms. McClain referenced BA 4452, Wildlife, and BA 4458, Wildlife Obligated Reserves, and indicated that she would not object to closing with the Senate closure to restore the Governor’s recommendation for 100 percent General Fund support for the sage grouse habitat projects.

Regarding BA 3762, High Desert State Prison, Ms. McClain commented that she would support the Assembly closing the budget as recommended by the Governor, which would allocate General Fund revenue in the amount of \$513,739 in FY2006 and \$1,047,606 in FY2007 for the support of 17 positions to implement “unit management” at that facility. That closure would concur with the Senate closure.

Ms. McClain indicated that she would concur with closing BA 2681, WICHE Loan and Stipend, including the Governor-recommended dental slots, mental health slots, and pharmacy slots, which would concur with the Senate closure.

Assemblywoman Giunchigliani noted that the UNLV had created a dental school, therefore, WICHE no longer needed dental slots. The State was spending money to support the dental school and for out-of-state dental slots. Ms. Giunchigliani commented that the audit for WICHE had been less than acceptable and until the audit recommendations were addressed, she did not believe WICHE should receive further slots. Ms. Giunchigliani believed that Mrs. Koivisto wanted to clarify her objection to the pharmacy slots.

Mrs. Koivisto explained that she had not wanted to remove the five pharmacy slots, but had wanted to ensure that the slots were not used for the newly accredited pharmacy school in Nevada. She pointed out that the only requirement for entrance into that pharmacy school was whether or not the student had access to a sufficient amount of money. Entrance had little to do with a student’s qualifications or grades; she reiterated that the pharmacy slots could remain in the WICHE budget for use at accredited pharmacy schools.

Chairman Arberry asked if Mrs. Koivisto wanted to retain the slots, which had been removed in the original closure of the budget, as long as those slots were not used at the new pharmacy school in Las Vegas and were used for out-of-state pharmacy schools.

Mrs. Koivisto indicated that the school in Las Vegas was accredited, but the requirements to enroll in that school were not as high as out-of-state, university-based pharmacy schools.

Assemblyman Marvel stated that, in his position as Chairman of the Audit Subcommittee, he had followed the audit recommendations very closely regarding WICHE and a great deal of corrective action had been taken to date.

Assemblywoman Leslie advised that she had checked into the mental health slots and the difference was that the students in those slots would be working with the Division of Mental Health. That did not excuse the fact that WICHE had failed to fill the mental health slots approved by the 2003 Legislature, but Ms. Leslie believed there was a better plan currently in place for those slots and she recommended that the mental health slots be approved.

Assemblywoman Giunchigliani said if the issue with dental slots were the two slots dedicated to the Federal Matching Grant Program, which would be assigned to rural areas, she believed restoration of those two slots could be restored as a compromise with the Senate. Regarding the mental health slots, the five new mental health slots were all dedicated to the Federal Matching Grant Program. Her concern was whether WICHE was requesting to add five mental health slots for a total of ten slots, even though the five approved by the 2003 Legislature had never been filled. Mr. Stevens reported that it would be a total of five slots. Ms. Giunchigliani believed that as long as the slots would be used in the rural areas, she would recommend approval.

Ms. Giunchigliani indicated that the Committee could approve the pharmacy slots regarding use for out-of-state schools. She did not believe that the seven new dental slots were necessary, other than the two dedicated to the Federal Matching Grant Program.

Assemblyman Denis asked for clarification regarding the dental slots. He wondered whether any of those slots would be available for Washoe County. Assemblywoman Smith stated it was her understanding that the Health Access Washoe County (HAWC) Clinic and the Saint Mary's Take Care-A-Van utilized dental slots, and provided the only dental care available for people without insurance in Washoe County.

Chairman Arberry asked the Committee what action it would like to take regarding BA 2681. Ms. Giunchigliani indicated that she did not believe that WICHE needed seven new dental slots per year, but it was not her intent to take away existing slots. She suggested that the Committee approve a total of four dental slots, all dedicated to the Federal Matching Grant Program. That would place those slots in the underserved areas.

Ms. Giunchigliani suggested approval by the Committee of the five new mental health slots, all of which would be dedicated to the Federal Matching Grant Program.

Regarding the pharmacy slots, Ms. Giunchigliani recommended approval of the five new pharmacy slots for out-of-state schools.

Chairman Arberry recapped the Committee's recommendations as follows:

- Approve four new dental slots per year, all dedicated to the Federal Matching Grant Program, to ensure those slots were utilized for underserved populations.
- Approve five mental health slots, all dedicated to the Federal Matching Grant Program.
- Approve five pharmacy slots, to be utilized for out-of-state school placement.

Assemblywoman Leslie recommended that full Committee closure of the budget accounts within the Division of Child and Family Services concur with the recommendation of the subcommittee regarding reversion of the WIN contract staff to State staff. She reminded the Committee that the turnover rate in contract workers in some parts of the State was 42 percent. Ms. Leslie explained that the WIN program provided wraparound services for abused and neglected children and the contract positions were simply not working. She noted that people could not access the benefits and, therefore, left the program. The recommendation represented significant funding, but Ms. Leslie stated she would make a "pitch" that the full Committee close as recommended by the subcommittee, which had been based on an interim study and was strongly supported by persons throughout the State.

Regarding BA 3215, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program, Ms. Leslie explained there was a very minor difference between the Assembly and Senate closure of the budget. Both the Assembly and Senate wanted to fund extra money for AIDS patients to provide medications. The disagreement surrounded the issue of the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and when that would commence. Ms. Leslie stated that the MOE would commence when the State actually spent the money, and making the Health Division request Contingency Fund allocations through the IFC would not assist with the MOE issue. Ms. Leslie believed that the Senate closure might possibly delay medications for AIDS patients and she recommended that the Committee close BA 3215 as recommended by the subcommittee.

Regarding BA 3232, Assistance to Aged and Blind, Ms. Leslie reported that the subcommittee had included the rate increase for adult group care facilities at the request of Senator Raggio, but since the Senate had not approved that rate increase, she would recommend that the Committee close BA 3232 in concurrence with the Senate closure.

Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani, acting as Chair of the Committee, concurred with Ms. Leslie's recommendation regarding BA 3215, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program, and noted that the clients who were deemed eligible and approved for medications should not be placed on waiting lists.

Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani referenced BA 2580, Nevada Equal Rights Commission, and suggested that perhaps the Senate was unaware that the Assembly had changed the bill that would modify the Assembly closure.

Assemblywoman McClain asked what the Committee recommendation would be regarding BA 1522, Commission on Tourism, and would the Committee reaffirm its closing action, or possibly close in concurrence with the Senate. Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani indicated that she did not know why the Senate had reduced the Rural Grants by 33 percent. She noted that the Senate closure had added \$50,000 per year to the Winter Olympics.

Mr. Stevens indicated that the major closing difference in BA 1522 was in television advertising, where the Assembly closure provided a 10 percent inflationary increase and the Senate closure decreased the amount recommended in The Executive Budget by 20 percent. Mr. Stevens stated that staff would ask that the Committee reconcile that issue, if at all possible. The other closing issues could be negotiated, but there was a significant difference in closures regarding television advertising.

Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani asked whether the Committee would concur with the Senate closure regarding television advertising, or recommend a closure that would "hit in the middle" of both closures. The other closing issues could be negotiated with the Senate.

Assemblywoman McClain asked the Committee about the closure regarding BA 4452, Wildlife. She noted that when the subcommittee closed the Wildlife budget by utilizing upland game bird fees, money had been taken away from another program. Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani commented that the Wildlife budget had been problematic over the years. Ms. McClain reported that the budget for Wildlife was very "lean" for the upcoming biennium based on the lack of reserve funding. Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani suggested that the Committee consider an increase in the tourism dollars for the Wildlife budget without changing the bottom line regarding General Fund support.

The Committee entered into discussion regarding the Wildlife budget and possible closures for that budget.

Regarding BA 4867, Procurement Outreach Program, Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani asked for clarification. Mr. Stevens explained that the federal grant funds for BA 4867 were being cut and in order to maintain the program at its current level, the funding would have to be replaced with General Fund dollars. He explained that a budget amendment had been received that would provide the additional General Fund support in the amount of \$10,734 in FY2006 and \$17,454 in FY2007, which had been adopted by the Senate, however, the Assembly had not adopted that budget amendment.

Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani asked what the program accomplished. Mr. Stevens explained that the Procurement Outreach Program assisted individuals and companies to procure federal contracts. Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani commented that it had always been legislative policy that if the grant funding disappeared, so did the program.

Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani concurred with Ms. McClain's request to stand firm with the Assembly closure regarding the General Fund support of \$250,000 per year for the EVOLVE program in BA 3761, Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Center.

Regarding BA 3762, High Desert State Prison, Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani noted that closure in concurrence with the Senate would represent a total funding change, which would have a long-term impact regarding staffing.

Regarding BA 4171, Division of Water Resources, Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani noted that the Senate closure had included 11 new FTE positions, and the Assembly had voted to approve the joint subcommittee recommendations, which had not included the additional funding for positions and technology. She indicated that the request had not been presented to the subcommittee and Chairman Arberry had made it very clear that the Committee would not consider requests that had circumvented the subcommittees.

Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani explained why the Committee had taken that stance.

Assemblyman Marvel believed that the Division had need for the new positions and technology, and he noted that many legislators had sponsored bills with fiscal notes attached, which were beyond the budget process. He stated that was a legislative prerogative.

Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani referenced BA 3653, National Guard Benefits, and noted that S.B. 78 would be heard by the Committee. That bill would include the \$20,000 per year for summer school.

Vice Chairwoman Giunchigliani stated that the Committee would hear the closing report from the Joint Subcommittee on K-12/Human Resources regarding the Department of Human Resources – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy.

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Chairwoman, Joint Subcommittee on K-12/Human Resources, provided the following closing report for the Committee's consideration:

THE MAJOR ISSUES ADDRESSED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM INCLUDE MEDICAID COSTS THAT WERE RE-PROJECTED IN APRIL THAT ARE HIGHER THAN RECOMMENDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET; A REDUCTION IN THE FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE OR FMAP WHICH INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND REQUIRED TO MATCH FEDERAL TITLE XIX AND TITLE XXI FUNDS; A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND SAVINGS THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET, DUE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG, IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION ACT (MMA); THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO NEW ELIGIBLE GROUPS THROUGH THE HIFA WAIVER; THE PROPOSED RE-DESIGN OF THE CURRENT DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO CAP ENROLLMENT IN THE CHECK UP PROGRAM.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NUMEROUS CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION THAT WILL INCREASE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT FOR THE DIVISION BY APPROXIMATELY \$6.9 MILLION OVER THE 2005-07 BIENNIUM. ALTHOUGH THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION IS TO INCREASE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT, THE INCREASE IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THE \$28.7 MILLION GENERAL FUND SHORTFALL THE DIVISION PROJECTED IN LATE APRIL. THE ADJUSTMENTS TO OFFSET THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL ARE DISCUSSED IN MORE DETAIL BY BUDGET ACCOUNT.

HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY – (101-3158)

THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDS A TOTAL OF TWELVE NEW POSITIONS FOR THE 2005-07 BIENNIUM TO SUPPORT THE DIVISION'S ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO MEET THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE PAYMENT ERROR RATE MEASUREMENT (PERM) PROGRAM. THE NEW POSITIONS

INCLUDE TWO POSITIONS FOR THE BUDGET UNIT, TWO POSITIONS FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT, ONE POSITION FOR THE RATES AND COST CONTAINMENT UNIT, TWO POSITIONS FOR THE ACCOUNTING UNIT, A PROGRAM MANAGER TO DEVELOP PREPARE AND MANAGE THE HIFA WAIVER, AND FOUR POSITIONS FOR THE PERM PROGRAM. PERM MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY OCTOBER 2006 AND REQUIRES THAT STATES MEET NEW AND MORE ONEROUS STANDARDS FOR THE REVIEW OF RECORDS; THE PROGRAM INCLUDES PROCESSING VALIDATION, MEDICAL REVIEWS AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION. THE INTENT OF PERM IS TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTABLE ERROR RATES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVING TEN AND ELIMINATING TWO OF THE TWELVE NEW POSITIONS PROPOSED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET. THE TWO NEW POSITIONS THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ELIMINATING INCLUDE ONE POSITION FOR THE ACCOUNTING UNIT AND ONE POSITION FOR THE PERM PROGRAM.

MEDICAID (101-3243)

IN LATE APRIL, THE DIVISION PRESENTED INFORMATION TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT PROJECTED A GENERAL FUND SHORTFALL IN THE MEDICAID BUDGET OF APPROXIMATELY \$28.7 MILLION FOR THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM. THE SHORTFALL IS COMPRISED OF THREE PRIMARY PARTS: THE PROJECTED INCREASE IN MEDICAID EXPENDITURES FOR THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY \$8.8 MILLION; THE REDUCTION IN THE FMAP RATE THAT INCREASED THE STATE'S MATCH REQUIREMENT BY APPROXIMATELY \$6.2 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND FOR FY 2007; AND THE REVISED ESTIMATE FOR THE "CLAWBACK PROVISION" OF MMA THAT REDUCED THE PROJECTED GENERAL FUND SAVINGS COMPARED TO THE SAVINGS INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET BY APPROXIMATELY \$13.7 MILLION. THE "CLAWBACK PROVISION" IS THE ESTIMATED SAVINGS STATES WILL THEORETICALLY REALIZE FOR NO LONGER HAVING TO PROVIDE PHARMACY COVERAGE FOR DUAL ELIGIBLES WHO ARE MEDICAID RECIPIENTS AND ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE.

TO OFFSET A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE SHORTFALL, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NUMEROUS ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MEDICAID BUDGET THAT REDUCE THE PROJECTED GENERAL FUND SHORTFALL FROM \$28.7 MILLION TO APPROXIMATELY \$10 MILLION. GENERAL FUND SAVINGS IN OTHER DIVISION BUDGETS WILL FURTHER REDUCE THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL TO APPROXIMATELY \$6.9 MILLION OVER THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM. THE OFFSETS IN THE MEDICAID BUDGET INCLUDE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE INFLATION INCREASES RECOMMENDED FOR HMO PROVIDERS THAT WERE OVERSTATED AND PROVIDE A SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$13 MILLION; AN INCREASE IN THE COLLECTION OF DRUG REBATES BASED ON PROJECTED COLLECTIONS FOR FY 2005 THAT PROVIDES A SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$3.5 MILLION; THE ELIMINATION OF WAIVER SLOTS THAT PROVIDES A SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.53 MILLION; AND THE TRANSFER OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION FROM THE

INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER PROGRAM THAT WILL OFFSET GENERAL FUND IN A LIKE AMOUNT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FUNDING THAT WOULD SUPPORT MEDICAID CASELOADS AT 184,024 AVERAGE MONTHLY RECIPIENTS FOR FY 2006 AND 193,339 AVERAGE MONTHLY PARTICIPANTS FOR FY 2007. THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDS A TOTAL OF 20 NEW POSITIONS OVER THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM, PRIMARILY FOR THE DIVISION'S DISTRICT OFFICES TO SUPPORT CASELOAD GROWTH. THE SUBCOMMITTEE, AFTER REVIEWING REVISED CASELOAD PROJECTIONS AND SUPPORTING JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION, RECOMMENDS APPROVING 15 AND ELIMINATING 5 OF THE 20 NEW POSITIONS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVING APPROXIMATELY \$3.3 MILLION IN GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MODIFYING THE CURRENT DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. THE INTENT OF THIS PROPOSAL IS TO ALLOW FOR EARLIER INTERVENTIONS FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND FAMILIES TO AVOID THE ESCALATION OF UNDIAGNOSED AND UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESSES. TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MEET UNMET BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS, THE PROPOSED REDESIGN ALLOWS NON-PUBLIC PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND ESTABLISHES SERVICE LEVELS BASED ON THE INTENSITY OF NEED. IN ADDITION TO EXPANDING ACCESS, THE FUNDING THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS PROVIDES FOR TWO NEW SERVICES, PEER SUPPORT AND FAMILY SUPPORT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FUNDING TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF SLOTS FOR THE COMMUNITY HOME-BASED INITIATIVE (CHIP), THE ADULT GROUP CARE AND THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED WAIVERS. THE EXPANSION WILL ADDRESS GROWTH IN POPULATION AS WELL AS PROJECTED WAITING LISTS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ELIMINATING 70 WAIVER SLOTS FOR THE CHIP PROGRAM AND 17 WAIVER SLOTS FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED WAIVER PROGRAM. THE REDUCTION IN WAIVER SLOTS WILL PROVIDE FOR A GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.53 MILLION OVER THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM AND IS BASED ON REVISED WAITING LIST PROJECTIONS AND THE REVISED CASELOAD MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE DIVISION FOR AGING SERVICES.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS MANDATORY RATE INCREASES FOR HOSPICE, PHARMACY, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND TRIBAL CLINIC PROVIDERS, PURSUANT TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND HMO INCREASES FOR UTILIZATION AND INFLATION. ADDITIONALLY, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS DISCRETIONARY RATE INCREASES FOR AIR AMBULANCE PROVIDERS, PROVIDERS OF MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT SERVICES, HOME INFUSION THERAPY AND PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE SERVICES.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDS CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ADD RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION AND BEHAVIORAL ADULT DAY-CARE SERVICES TO THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED WAIVER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE BRAIN-INJURED POPULATION. THE FUNDING FOR THESE SERVICES IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET, AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ENHANCEMENT BE PLACED ON THE PRIORITY LIST IN THE EVENT THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE.

HIFA MEDICAL (101-3247)

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BASED ON THE FINDINGS DEVELOPED BY THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE EXPANSION OPTIONS. THE PROPOSAL WILL REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO PURSUE A HEALTH INSURANCE FLEXIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY (HIFA) WAIVER FROM THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID (CMS). A HIFA WAIVER PROVIDES STATES FLEXIBILITY TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, WHILE LIMITING FINANCIAL RISK. UNDER HIFA, STATES ARE ALLOWED TO CAP ENROLLMENT, REDUCE BENEFITS, INCREASE COST-SHARING AND REDIRECT FEDERAL TITLE XXI AND TITLE XIX FUNDING TO PAY FOR SERVICES THAT BENEFIT THE POPULATION TARGETED FOR THE EXPANSION.

THE PROPOSED EXPANSION WILL COVER THREE LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS AND INCLUDES PREGNANT WOMEN WITH INCOMES FROM 133 PERCENT OF POVERTY UP TO 185 PERCENT OF POVERTY. THE COVERAGE WILL INCLUDE FULL MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR PREGNANCY-RELATED COSTS AND TWO MONTHS OF POST PARTUM CARE AND WILL COVER APPROXIMATELY 2,000 BIRTHS PER MONTH ONCE FULLY IMPLEMENTED. THE EXPANSION WILL PROVIDE A PREMIUM SUBSIDY FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$100 PER PERSON, PER MONTH, TO EMPLOYEES AND THEIR SPOUSES WHO WORK FOR EMPLOYERS WITH 2 TO 50 EMPLOYEES AND WHO HAVE HOUSEHOLD INCOMES LESS THAN 200 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL. THE COST OF INSURANCE COVERAGE WILL BE SHARED BY THE EMPLOYEE, THE EMPLOYER AND THE STATE. THE EXPANSION IS ALSO DESIGNED TO EXTEND MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR A SINGLE CATASTROPHIC EVENT FOR QUALIFIED PERSONS WITH INCOMES UP TO 150 PERCENT OF POVERTY.

TO FINANCE THE EXPANSION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO USE A COMBINATION OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS, PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM PROPERTY TAX LEVIES THAT CURRENTLY FUND THE INDIGENT SUPPLEMENT ACCOUNT, AND FEDERAL TITLE XIX AND TITLE XXI FUNDS. THE STATE GENERAL FUNDS AND THE PROPERTY TAX PROCEEDS WILL BE USED IN EQUAL PROPORTIONS AND ARE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE HIFA HOLDING ACCOUNT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PREGNANT WOMEN PORTION OF THE HIFA WAIVER UNTIL JULY 2006 TO COINCIDE WITH THE

IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE OTHER TWO COVERAGE GROUPS. THE DELAY WILL GENERATE A GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION OVER THE 2005-07 BIENNIUM.

NEVADA CHECK-UP (101-3178)

THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET, AS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED, RECOMMENDS CAPPING ENROLLMENT IN THE CHECK-UP PROGRAM AT 30,000 CHILDREN FOR FY 2007. DURING THE BUDGET HEARING PROCESS, IT BECAME CLEAR THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CAP ENROLLMENT WILL NEED TO BE LIFTED IN ORDER FOR THE PROPOSED HIFA WAIVER TO BE CONSIDERED FAVORABLY BY CMS. IN RECOGNITION OF THIS CONCERN, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SUBMITTED SEVERAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS REQUESTING CONSIDERATION TO ELIMINATE THE PROPOSED ENROLLMENT CAP. THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST AND RECOMMENDS APPROVING FUNDS TO ALLOW ENROLLMENT IN THE CHECK-UP PROGRAM TO INCREASE TO 29,332 CHILDREN PER MONTH FOR FY 2006 AND 31,229 CHILDREN PER MONTH FOR FY 2007.

SIMILAR TO THE MEDICAID BUDGET, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADJUSTMENTS TO THE INFLATION INCREASES RECOMMENDED FOR HMO PROVIDERS, WHICH WERE OVERSTATED. THE ADJUSTMENTS PROVIDE FOR A GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.7 MILLION OVER THE 2005-07 BIENNIUM.

OTHER ACCOUNTS WITH NO MAJOR CLOSING ISSUES

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWED THE BUDGETS FOR INCREASED QUALITY OF NURSING CARE AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER PROGRAM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THESE BUDGETS BE CLOSED WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

Ms. Leslie thanked Steve Abba, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, for his technical expertise and hard work regarding Medicaid issues. The Medicaid program was extremely important to the people of Nevada, and even though the State offered a "barebones" Medicaid program, Ms. Leslie assured the Committee that it was being run very efficiently and she believed the report outlined a good budget for the upcoming biennium.

Chairman Arberry asked whether there were questions from the Committee and, there being none, stated he would accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CLOSING REPORT FROM THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON K-12/HUMAN RESOURCES REGARDING THE DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY, DHR.

MS. McCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Gansert was not present for the vote.)

The Chair declared the Committee in recess at 9:36 a.m., and called the Committee back to order at 10:42 a.m.

Chairman Arberry indicated that the Committee would review bills for possible action and opened the hearing on A.B. 388.

Assembly Bill 388 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions regarding occupational education. (BDR 34-935)

Assemblywoman Giunchigliani indicated that A.B. 388 would change the name of the State Board for Occupational Education to the State Board for Career and Technical Education. In addition, policy language had been omitted from the bill and an amendment, Exhibit B, was proposed regarding students who took the career and technical education path. Those students would be awarded a high school diploma that contained, "...an endorsement indicating that the pupil has successfully completed the program of career and technical education."

Ms. Giunchigliani stated the suggestion was that the diplomas be changed to designate those students who went above and beyond, or who completed a different program of study. In addition, the amendment indicated how money would be expended should an appropriation be approved, however, she pointed out that the fiscal note would be deleted. Section 22 of the bill would be amended to indicate that within funding appropriated and/or monies received from grants, the Department of Education would administer the funds.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED TO AMEND AND DO
PASS A.B. 388.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblyman Seale noted that the bill contained an appropriation for \$1 million in the second year of the biennium, and he asked whether that amount would remain. Ms. Giunchigliani explained that the funding would be removed and the purpose of the bill was to establish the policy.

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

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The Chair opened the hearing on A.B. 222.

Assembly Bill 222 (1st Reprint): Requires periodic review of school districts to evaluate compliance with certain financial management principles. (BDR 34-10)

Ms. Giunchigliani indicated there was a proposed amendment to A.B. 222, Exhibit C, which would reduce the fiscal note. Page 6, Section 6, subsection 2(b) would read, "Facilities management, including, without limitation, *the plan for funding the rebuilding of older schools and the...*" because some of the school districts had moved into that project area as well.

In addition, stated Ms. Giunchigliani, Section 6, subsection 2(g) would add the following language, "...including *community surveys...*" because the language was somewhat nebulous in that area.

Ms. Giunchigliani indicated that the bill would only appropriate \$300,000 and she was unsure whether the bill should list the districts to be audited, or simply indicate that "within available funding" audits would be conducted within as many school districts as possible. It had been suggested that Lincoln, Mineral, and those school districts of similar size be funded at \$25,000, Nye and similar size districts at \$125,000, Washoe at \$300,000, and Clark County School District at \$500,000. Ms. Giunchigliani indicated those amounts would provide a break out and, should additional money become available, such as gifts and grants, audits would be conducted in additional districts. She noted that language would be added to allow for the acceptance of gifts, grants, and other funds to assist with expanding the number of districts to be audited.

Assemblyman Marvel asked how the \$300,000 would be funded, and Ms. Giunchigliani explained that it would be a one-shot appropriation. The additional language would allow the business community to contribute funds. She also noted that any unexpended funds would revert.

Assemblyman Hettrick stated that if the school districts could accept gifts and grants to assist with the audits, those districts should not be required to revert those funds. Ms. Giunchigliani indicated that only State funding would be subject to reversion.

Assemblywoman Smith asked about the role of the legislative auditor and Ms. Giunchigliani replied that the legislative auditor would coordinate the audits. She did not think that the school districts subject to audit should be listed in the bill. Ms. Giunchigliani indicated that the amendment, [Exhibit C](#), would include the plan for funding the rebuilding of older schools, would include community surveys, would delete (a) through (e) in Section 12, and would allow for acceptance of gifts and grants, and ensure that the legislative auditor would determine which districts were deemed feasible for audit within the available funding, and the fiscal note would be reduced \$300,000.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED TO AMEND AND DO
PASS A.B. 222.

ASSEMBLYMAN PERKINS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chairman Arberry asked what would occur if the audit determined that a school district was underfunded rather than mismanaging its funding, and the Legislature was simply underfunding that district. He asked whether passage of the bill would require that the Legislature furnish additional funding based on the audit. Ms. Giunchigliani stated that was not the intent of the bill, but that could happen, particularly since there had been a recent audit of the Washoe and Clark County School Districts, which indicated that those school districts were managing their funding. Ms. Giunchigliani indicated that the audits referred to in A.B. 222 would be performance audits to determine how a district was expending the money allocated by the Legislature. That would provide background information when school districts asked for an increase in the per-pupil rate, but the bill did not mandate that the Legislature had to make a change in the funding level based on the audit.

Assemblyman Denis believed that the audits would also help the Legislature determine areas where money could be saved. Chairman Arberry stated that he wanted to ensure that future legislators would not be required to add funding based on the audit results. Mr. Denis asked, if more money became available, whether additional funding would be added to the bill, and Ms. Giunchigliani replied in the affirmative.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The Chair opened the hearing on A.B. 53.

Assembly Bill 53: Creates Office of Minority Health within Department of Human Resources. (BDR 18-146)

Assemblywoman Leslie stated that she had reviewed A.B. 53 with Assemblywoman Giunchigliani and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to determine what amendments would be necessary to make the bill consistent with similar areas within the DHR. Ms. Leslie indicated that the bill called for creation of a "Division of Minority Health," and "division" was not the proper level within the DHR for minority health.

Ms. Leslie indicated that the proposed amendments to the bill were depicted in Exhibit D, and included the following:

- ✓ Change "Administrator" to "Manager" in Section 3 and the DHR would hire a Health Program Manager, grade 39, to manage that office.
- ✓ Change "Division of Minority Health" to the "Office of Minority Health" in Section 5 and throughout the bill.
- ✓ Section 9, pages 2 and 3, delete (d), which dealt with advocacy.
- ✓ Delete Section 12, subsection 3, which referred to reporting to the Governor.
- ✓ In Section 13, delete the requirement to submit a report to the Director of the DHR, since the office manager would be working directly for the Director of the DHR. The annual report should be sent to the Governor and the Director of the LCB, to be forwarded to the Legislature.
- ✓ Delete Section 14, which dealt with duties of "Administrator" since the position would be an office manager.
- ✓ Reduce the Advisory Committee from 15 members to 9 members and delete legislative members.
- ✓ Delete references to Division of Minority Health in Sections 20 and 21.
- ✓ Delete Administrative Assistant I and the corresponding costs in the fiscal note.

Ms. Leslie advised that Exhibit D also included a revised fiscal note eliminating the Administrative Assistant I position and related costs, and the reduction in travel and per diem for the reduced number of members of the Advisory Committee.

Assemblywoman Smith questioned the salary for Advisory Committee members because previous testimony indicated that not all advisory boards in the State were paid travel, let alone a salary. Ms. Leslie stated that her initial reaction had been to remove the salary, but in discussion with Michael Willden, Director, DHR, he believed it was appropriate. The members of the Advisory Committee would be from minority communities throughout the State and would be unable to do their job without reimbursement and per diem expenses. Ms. Leslie recommended retaining salary in the bill.

Ms. Smith stated that she concurred with the travel and per diem, but the bill would actually provide a salary of \$80 per day, and she did not believe that a salary was paid to other advisory committees. She asked whether the Committee would consider paying only the per diem and travel reimbursement.

Ms. Leslie said that salary was apparently paid to other committees within the DHR, however, she would not object to removal of the salary from the bill.

Chairman Arberry believed that the Committee should provide any assistance it could to the creation of an Office of Minority Health. If need be, the salary could be removed during the 2007 Legislative Session.

Assemblyman Denis noted that the bill "assumed" that no member of the Advisory Committee would be a State employee, and he asked what would occur if a State employee was appointed to the Committee. Chairman Arberry said there would be no State employees on the Committee.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
A.B. 53.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The Chair opened the hearing o A.B. 321.

Assembly Bill 321: Provides for Nevada Report to Taxpayers on status of state finances. (BDR 31-1198)

Mr. Stevens explained that A.B. 321 would provide a report to taxpayers regarding the status of State finances. The Committee had heard the bill previously and there was a fiscal note attached to the bill for \$20,000 in the first year of the biennium and \$14,000 in the second year. Mr. Stevens advised that since budgets were closed, if the Committee wanted to include the funding, the amount would have to be amended into the bill.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED TO AMEND AND DO
PASS A.B. 321.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblyman Seale asked how the report would be different from the report produced by the Controller's Office. Assemblyman Perkins said that the Nevada Report to Taxpayers combined the report from the Controller's Office, The Executive Budget, and school district budgets, into one central location so a taxpayer would not be required to research several different areas to locate information.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Arberry adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carol Thomsen
Committee Attaché

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chairman

DATE: _____

<u>EXHIBITS</u>			
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Date: <u>May 25, 2005</u>		Time of Meeting: <u>8:00 a.m.</u>	
Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
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AB 388	B	Chris Giunchigliani	Amendment to <u>AB 388</u>
AB 222	C	Chris Giunchigliani	Amendment to <u>AB 222</u>
AB 53	D	Sheila Leslie	Amendment to <u>AB 53</u>