

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST MEETING  
EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Representative Tim Pawlenty, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, called the first meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 6, 1999, in Room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Clerk noted the roll.

Members present:

PAWLENTY, Tim, Chair	PUGH, Thomas
ABRAMS, Ron	SEIFERT, Marty
BRADLEY, Fran	SOLBERG, Loren
CARRUTHERS, Phil	SVIGGUM, Steve
KNOBLACH, Jim	SYKORA, Barb
LEIGHTON, Rob	TUMA, John
MCCOLLUM, Betty	WEJCMAN, Linda
OZMENT, Dennis	WINTER, Ted
PAULSEN, Erik	

Members excused: MILBERT, Bob

A quorum was present.

Opening remarks and introductions of the Staff for the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration were made by Representative Tim Pawlenty, Chair.

The first item on today's Agenda was ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE.

Speaking to the Resolutions today was:

Paul Schweizer, House Controller, Minnesota House of Representatives.

The first Resolution to be heard was R99-1, Resolution on House Chaplain.

Discussion was held.

Rep. Paulsen moved that R99-1 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-2, Resolution on Orientation Reimbursement.

Rep. Winter moved that R99-2 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-3, Resolution on Photographic Equipment Usage and Credit.

Rep. Winter moved that R99-3 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-4, Resolution on Leadership Compensation.

Rep. Ozment moved that R99-4 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was P99-1, Policy on House Tuition Reimbursement.

Rep. Winter moved that P99-1 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; POLICY WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-5, Resolution on Member Expense Reimbursement Limits.

Discussion was held.

Rep. Winter moved that R99-5 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-6, Resolution on House Stationery Allocation.

Discussion was held.

Rep. Pawlenty moved to amend R99-6 as follows:

Page 1, Lines 11-12, strike sentence beginning with "A member may ...."; and on Lines 13-14, strike words after "may" and before "equivalent" and insert "be furnished with a different assortment of these standard stationery items of"; and after "equivalent" and before "cost" insert "total".

The **MOTION PREVAILED; AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Rep. Pugh moved that R99-6, as amended, be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-7, Resolution on Postal Allocation.

Rep. Solberg moved that R99-7 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-8, Resolution on Administration of High School Page Program.

Rep. Winter moved that R99-8 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-9, Resolution on Donated Vacation Time.

Rep. Knobloch moved that R99-9 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-10, Resolution on Reimbursement of Member Communication Expenses.

Discussion.

Rep. Winter moved that R99-10 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-11, Resolution on Fiscal Analysis Department.

Speaking to the Resolution was Rep. Bishop and Bill Marx, Chief Fiscal Analyst.

Rep. Pawlenty moved to amend R99-11 as follows:

Line 12, insert "shall" between "staff" and "work".

The **MOTION PREVAILED; AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Rep. Solberg moved that R99-11 be adopted.

Discussion.

Rep. Carruthers moved to amend R99-11 as follows:

Line 10, strike "House leadership" and insert "leadership of the caucuses of the House".

Discussion.

Rep. Carruthers withdrew his amendment.

Rep. Pawlenty moved to amend R99-11 as follows:

Line 10, after "to" and before "and", insert "the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader".

Discussion.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Rep. Solbert moved that R99-11, as amended, be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-12, Resolution on Service Award Program.

Rep. Winter moved that R99-12 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was R99-15, Resolution on the Payment of Legal Fees and Expenses.

Rep. Solberg moved that R99-15 be amended as follows:

Line 10, after "hour" and before "to", insert "up".

The **MOTION PREVAILED; AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Discussion.

Rep. Solberg moved that R99-15 be amended as follow:

Line 10, delete "up".

The **MOTION PREVAILED; AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Rep. Abrams moved that R99-15 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was a motion to pay legal fees (TT-1).

Rep. Abrams moved that TT-1 be adopted.

Rep. Pawlenty moved that TT-1 be amended as follows:

Line 6, after "Representative" and before "Seifert", insert "James".

The **MOTION PREVAILED; AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Discussion.

Rep. Abrams moved that TT-1, as amended, be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Scheduled next was R99-13, Resolution on Compensation for Hours of Work.

Rep. Winter moved that R99-13 be adopted.

Discussion.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was the Miscellaneous Personnel Report.

Rep. Pawlenty, Chair, explained the report.

Discussion.

Rep. Winter moved that the Miscellaneous Personnel Report be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL REPORT ADOPTED.**

Scheduled next was the Permanent Staff Roster.

Rep. Bradley moved that the Permanent Staff Roster be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; PERMANENT STAFF ROSTER WAS ADOPTED.**

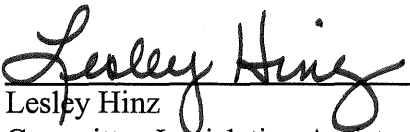
The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

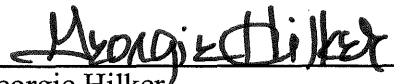


REP. TIM PAWLENTY

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First Meeting

  
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Lesley Hinz  
Committee Legislative Assistant

  
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Georgie Hilker  
Committee Administrator

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4 COMMITTEE ON RULES AND LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION5  
6 RESOLUTION ON MEMBER EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT LIMITS

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8 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, that the  
9 House Controller is authorized and directed to prepare and issue warrants in payment of living  
10 expenses to each member of the House from the Legislative Expense Fund each calendar day of  
11 the Sessions of the 81st Legislature.

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13 PROVIDED FURTHER, that each member of the House who moves from his or her  
14 usual place of lodging for a substantial part of the Sessions of the 81st Legislature must be  
15 reimbursed for the member's actual lodging expenses during the Sessions of the 81st Legislature,  
16 up to the following amounts per month: \$757 in 1999, and \$780 in 2000. The term "lodging  
17 expenses" includes, in addition to rent, the following lodging-related expenses at the place of  
18 lodging: furniture rental, local telephone service, utilities, renter's insurance and parking. Each  
19 member requesting reimbursement shall file the member's housing contract with House  
20 Administrative Services and shall include a receipt or other verification of payment, with each  
21 monthly request for reimbursement. Each member requesting the lodging reimbursement shall  
22 certify in writing to the House Controller, before the issuance of the first monthly warrant for  
23 each of the Sessions of the 81st Legislature, that he or she has moved from the usual place of  
24 lodging and is eligible for the lodging reimbursement authorized by this resolution.

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26 PROVIDED FURTHER, during the Sessions of the 81st Legislature, a member may be  
27 reimbursed for the expense of overnight lodging in the vicinity of the Capitol Complex on a night  
28 when the member is required to remain at the Capitol Complex to conduct legislative business or  
29 for reasons of safety. The reimbursement may not exceed \$70.00 per night. The reimbursement  
30 request must be in writing, accompanied by a receipt or other verification of payment, and  
31 approved by the Speaker.

1           PROVIDED FURTHER, that each member of the House, upon request, must be paid per  
2 diem living expenses in an amount up to \$56.00 for each calendar day during the Sessions of the  
3 81st Legislature.

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5           PROVIDED FURTHER, that each member of the House who moves from his or her  
6 usual place of residence for the Sessions of the 81st Legislature must be reimbursed for travel to  
7 and from the member's place of residence at the same rate per mile as the standard federal mileage  
8 rate, not to exceed one round trip per week of the Sessions.

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10          PROVIDED FURTHER, that each member of the House who resides more than 125  
11 miles from the State Capitol may be reimbursed for the actual expense of air travel between his or  
12 her place of residence and the State Capitol instead of actual mileage for the travel, upon  
13 presentation of a voucher. During sessions, a qualifying member is entitled to this reimbursement  
14 upon request; during interims, a qualifying member may be reimbursed only with the approval of a  
15 Committee Chair or the Speaker.

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17          PROVIDED FURTHER, that when a member or employee is traveling within the state on  
18 the business of the House of Representatives, reimbursement for lodging may not exceed \$70.00  
19 per night. However, when members or employees are attending a mini-session or conference  
20 within the state, they may be reimbursed up to \$85.00 per night at the site of the mini-session or  
21 conference.

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23          PROVIDED FURTHER, that during the 1999 and 2000 interims of the 81st Legislature  
24 each member of the House may receive, upon written request, a legislative district travel  
25 allowance based upon the actual size of his or her legislative district. The allowance must be  
26 computed at the standard federal mileage rate per square mile per month, with a minimum  
27 allowance of \$60.00 and a maximum allowance of \$550.00 per month.

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29          PROVIDED FURTHER, that during the 1999 and 2000 sessions and during the interims  
30 of the 81st Legislature, the Speaker's advance approval is required for per diem and re-  
1 reimbursement of expenses for all out-of-state travel by a member or employee.

1 PROVIDED FURTHER, that during the 1999 and 2000 interims, a member of the House  
2 who is traveling away from the member's home with the approval of a Committee Chair or the  
3 Speaker must be reimbursed for actual expenses in the same manner as state employees. The  
4 reimbursement is in addition to per diem expense allowances. During sessions and interims, a  
5 member may not receive reimbursement for food expenses on any day that the member receives  
6 per diem.  
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