

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Senator Roger D. Moe, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 1999, in Room 107 of the State Capitol.

Members present:

Moe, R.D., Chair	Langseth
Junge, Vice Chair	Larson
Belanger	Lessard
Berg	Novak
Berglin	Olson
Cohen	Piper
Day	Pogemiller
Flynn	Samuelson
Frederickson	Solon
Johnson, D.E.	Spear
Johnson, D.J.	Stumpf

Member absent:

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Metzen

A quorum was present.

Senator Moe presented resolution SC6062 relating to mileage, living, and telecommunication expenses incurred by members of the Senate (see resolution SC6062). Senator Solon moved adoption of the resolution. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

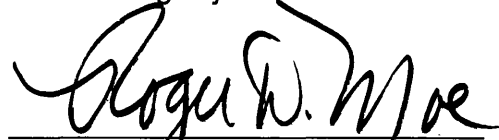
Senator Junge presented a report outlining the findings and conclusions of the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct pertaining to Senator Dallas Sams' work as a consultant for Media Integrated Training Services (MITS), as part of a contract between MITS and the University of Minnesota College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences (COAFES), and whether or not said contract constituted a conflict of interest (see Advisory Opinion dated 1-29-99).

Senator Frederickson outlined the recommendations of the Subcommittee as follows:

- 1) Senator Sams be reprimanded by the Minnesota Senate.
- 2) Senator Sams be ordered to issue a public apology to the Minnesota Senate, his constituents, and the public.
- 3) Senator Sams be removed as a member and vice-chair of the Human Resources Finance Committee.

Senator Spear moved that the resolution relating to the conduct of Senator Dallas C. Sams (see resolution SRES-14-99) be recommended for introduction by the chair on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

  
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Senator Roger D. Moe, Chairman

  
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Laura DeRose, Committee Clerk

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## A committee resolution

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relating to mileage, living, and telecommunication  
expenses incurred by members of the Senate.

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committee on Rules and

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Administration:

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1. Each member of the Senate who resides more than 50

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miles from the state capitol shall be reimbursed for necessary

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travel in going to and returning from the place of meeting to

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the member's place of residence for each trip during the 81st

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Legislature. Mileage for travel by automobile must be at the

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rate of 32.5 cents per mile, or any greater or lesser amount

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authorized by the Internal Revenue Service for employees.

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Mileage for travel by private aircraft must be at the rate of 55

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cents per mile. Commercial airfare must be the actual cost.

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2. Each member of the Senate shall be paid per diem living

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expenses for meals, incidental expenses, and lodging in an

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amount up to \$56 for each calendar day during the sessions of

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the 81st Legislature.

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3. In addition to per diem living expenses, each member of

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the Senate who resides more than 50 miles from the state capitol

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shall be reimbursed up to \$800 per month for actual lodging

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expenses during the sessions of the 81st Legislature. The total

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reimbursement for those members, per diem plus lodging, may not

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exceed the amount per legislative day allowed by the Internal

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Revenue Service for an accountable plan.

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4. Each member of the Senate shall be reimbursed up to

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\$100 per month for actual expenses for telecommunications.

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5. Each member of the Senate shall certify in writing to

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the Secretary of the Senate for the actual travel, living, and

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telecommunication expenses for which the member seeks

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reimbursement.

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6. The Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and issue

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warrants from the Senate legislative expense fund in payment of

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expenses to each member of the Senate.