

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST MEETING
EIGHTY-SECOND 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 4:35 p.m on Monday, January 8, 2001, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Clerk noted the roll.

Members present:

PAWLENTY, Tim, Chair
SEIFERT, Marty, Vice Chair
ABRAMS, Ron
DORN, John
GERLACH, Chris
HUNTLEY, Tom
KNOBLACH, Jim
MARES, Harry
McGUIRE, Mary Jo
MILBERT, Bob
MOLNAU, Carol

OLSON, Mark
OZMENT, Dennis
PAULSEN, Erik
PETERSON, Doug
PUGH, Thomas
SOLBERG, Loren
SVIGGUM, Steve
TUMA, John
WAGENIUS, Jean
WINTER, Ted

A quorum was present.

Rep. Pawlenty noted that there would be a change in the order of the agenda for the meeting. Items 2 and 3 will be combined for discussion and the order of items 5 and 6 will be reversed.

The first matter under consideration was the approval of the minutes from the November 16, 2000 meeting.

Rep. Pawlenty moved that the minutes be approved.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.**

The second matter under consideration was the Calendar for the Day for Thursday, January 11, 2001.

Rep. Pawlenty moved that the Calendar for the Day be approved.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE CALENDAR FOR THE DAY WAS APPROVED.**

The third matter under consideration was the packet of House Policies and Resolutions.

The first policy was the Policy on Tuition Reimbursement (2001-P1).

Discussion.

Rep. Pawlenty moved 2001-P1.

Rep. Pawlenty moved that 2001-P1 be amended by deleting the word "remain" and insert the word "be" after the word "must" and by adding the words "to be eligible for the reimbursement" after the word "course" on line 19, page 1.

Discussion.

Thomas Todd, Director of House Research, offered an alternative amendment to line 19, page 1 by deleting the line and inserting "The employee may not receive the reimbursement unless the employee remains a House employee until completing the course."

Rep. Pawlenty withdrew his amendment and moved an amendment reflecting Mr. Todd's language.

Discussion.

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

Rep. Pawlenty moved to amend line 11, page 1 by changing the word "an" to "a" and inserting the word "permanent" before the word "employee".

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

Discussion.

Rep. Pawlenty moved that 2001-P1 be adopted as amended

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE POLICY ON TUITION REIMBURSEMENT (2001-P1) WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

The next policy was the Policy on Service Award Program (2001-P2).

Rep. Ozment moved that 2001-P2 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE POLICY ON SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (2001-P2) WAS ADOPTED.**

The next policy was the Policy on Donated Vacation Time (2001-P3).

Rep. Wagenius moved that 2001-P3 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE POLICY ON DONATED VACATION TIME (2001-P3) WAS ADOPTED.**

The first resolution was the Resolution on House Chaplain (2001-R1).

Discussion.

Rep. Sviggum moved that 2001-R1 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE RESOLUTION ON HOUSE CHAPLAIN (2001-R1) WAS ADOPTED.**

The next resolution was the Resolution on Leadership Compensation (2001-R2).

Rep. Abrams moved that 2001-R2 be adopted.

Discussion.

Representatives Pawlenty, Sviggum and Pugh abstained from voting.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE RESOLUTION ON LEADERSHIP COMPENSATION (2001-R2) WAS ADOPTED.**

The next resolution was the Resolution on Expense Reimbursements (2001-R3).

Rep. Pawlenty moved that 2001-R3 be adopted.

Rep. Peterson offered an amendment that puts House rural members on the same level as Senate rural members with year round housing as an optional situation (see Peterson amendment).

Discussion.

Rep. Peterson renewed his motion to amend 2001-R3.

The **MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Rep. Solberg moved to amend 2002-R3 to allow rural members to rent an apartment for a six month period in the second year of the biennium (see Solberg amendment).

Discussion.

Rep. Solberg withdrew his amendment.

Discussion.

Rep. Pawlenty renewed his motion that 2001-R3 be adopted.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE RESOLUTION ON EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

The next resolution was the Resolution on Member's Personalized Stationery Allocation (2001-R4).

Rep. Pawlenty moved that 2001-R4 be adopted.

Rep. Pugh offered an amendment to 2001-R4 to allow each member to select a printer to produce the member's stationery(see Pugh amendment).

Discussion.

The **MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Rep. Wagenius moved to amend 2001-R4, line 11, by inserting the words "or equivalent in memo cards" after the words "matching envelopes".

Discussion.

Rep. Wagenius moved to amend her amendment to add the words "and envelopes" after the word "cards".

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

Rep. Pawlenty renewed his motion to adopt 2001-R4.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE RESOLUTION ON MEMBER'S PERSONALIZED STATIONERY ALLOCATION (2001-R4) WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

The next resolution was the Resolution on Postal Allocation (2001-R5).

Rep. Pawlenty moved that 2001-R5 be adopted.

Discussion.

Rep. Pawlenty renewed his motion to adopt 2001-R5.

The **MOTION PREVAILED; THE RESOLUTION ON POSTAL ALLOCATION (2001-R5) WAS ADOPTED.**

The next resolution was the Resolution on Reimbursement of Member Communications Expenses (2001-R6).

Rep. Pawlenty moved that 2001-R6 be adopted.

Discussion.

Rep. Pawlenty renewed his motion to adopt 2001-R6.

The MOTION PREVAILED; THE RESOLUTION ON REIMBURSEMENT OF MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS EXPENSES (2001-R6) WAS ADOPTED.

The next resolution was the Resolution on Administration of High School Page Program (2001-R7).

Rep. Solberg moved that 2001-R7 be adopted.

The MOTION PREVAILED; THE RESOLUTION ON ADMINISTRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL PAGE PROGRAM (2001-R7) WAS ADOPTED.

The next resolution was the Resolution on Photographic Equipment Usage Credit (2001-R8).

Rep. Milbert moved that 2001-R8 be adopted.

Discussion.

The MOTION PREVAILED; THE RESOLUTION ON PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT USAGE CREDIT (2001-R8) WAS ADOPTED.

The next resolution was the Resolution on the Payment of Legal Fees and Expenses (2001-R9).

Discussion.

Rep. Solberg moved that 2001-R9 be adopted.

The MOTION PREVAILED; THE RESOLUTION ON THE PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES (2001-R9) WAS ADOPTED.

The next resolution was 2001-M-OstermanL authorizing payment of legal fees for candidate Lynne Osterman.

Rep. Pawlenty moved that payment of legal fees for 2001-M-OstermanL be approved.

Discussion.

Rep. Pawlenty renewed his motion regarding 2001-M-OstermanL.

The MOTION PREVAILED; PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES FOR 2001-M-OSTERMANL WAS APPROVED.

The next resolution was 2001-M-WesterbergA authorizing payment of legal fees for candidate Andy Westergerg.

Rep. Pawlenty moved that payment of legal fees for 2001-M-WesterbergA be approved.

The MOTION PREVAILED; PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES FOR 2001-M-WESTERBERGA WAS APPROVED.

The next resolution was 2001-M-SeifertJ authorizing payment of legal fees for candidate James Seifert.

Rep. Pawlenty moved that payment of legal fees for 2001-M-SeifertJ be approved.

The MOTION PREVAILED; PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES FOR 2001-M-SEIFERTJ WAS APPROVED.

The fourth matter under consideration was the Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment.

Kelly Knight, House Administrative Services, presented the background information regarding changes to the policy.

Discussion.

Judith Zollar, House Research, provided additional information regarding the policy.

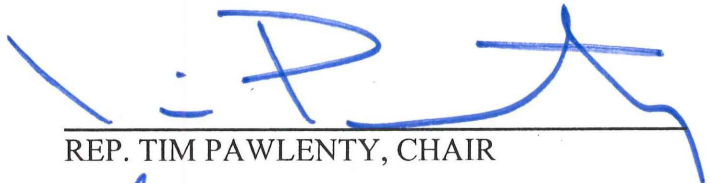
The fifth matter under consideration was the Miscellaneous Personnel Report.

Ms. Knight presented information regarding the Miscellaneous Personnel Report.

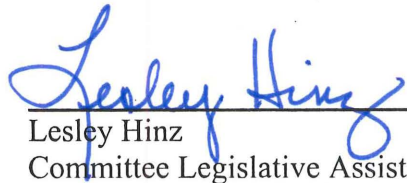
Rep. Pawlenty moved that the Miscellaneous Personnel Report be adopted.

The MOTION PREVAILED; THE MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL REPORT WAS ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m..



REP. TIM PAWLENTY, CHAIR



Lesley Hinz
Committee Legislative Assistant


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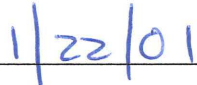
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION ON LEADERSHIP COMPENSATION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the following leadership positions are designated to receive the compensation indicated, effective January 3, 2001.

The Speaker of the House, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration and the House Minority Leader are each designated to receive 140 percent of the compensation of other members.


TIM PAWLENTY, CHAIR


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