

Committee on Rules and Administration

Monday, December 9, 2013

2:00 PM, Room 107, Capitol

Minutes

Present: Senator Thomas M. Bakk - Chair, Senator Katie Sieben Vice Chair, Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, Senator Paul E. Gazelka, Senator David W. Hann, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator John Marty, Senator James P. Metzen, Senator Scott J. Newman, Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Senator Rod Skoe, Senator LeRoy A. Stumpf

Absent: Senator Richard Cohen

Senator Thomas M. Bakk called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

IT Working Group Recommendations

Senator Saxhaug, State Departments Committee Chair and IT Working Group Chair, testified.

Jim Greenwalt, Senate Information Services, testified.

Barb Jacobs, Environment and Energy Committee Administrator and IT Working Group member, testified.

The Rules Committee received the IT Working Group Recommendations report and spreadsheet and will take recommendations under advisement.

Litigation Payment and Status Update

Senator Metzen moved that Litigation Payment and Status Update, as listed in the invoice be paid to Larkin Hoffman.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senate Resolution on Members Expenditures

Eileen Lunzer, Senate Fiscal Services, testified.

Senator Sieben moved that Senate Resolution on Members Expenditures, be approved.

MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm.



Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Chair



Jacky Brustuen, Legislative Assistant

*12/9 Rule Committee
Suchen moves resolution adopted*

1.1 A committee resolution

1.2 relating to living and telecommunications expenses incurred by members of the

1.3 Senate.

1.4 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committee on Rules and Administration:

1.5 1. In addition to per diem living expenses, each member of the Senate who resides more

1.6 than 50 miles from the State Capitol shall be reimbursed up to \$1,500 per month for actual lodging

1.7 expenses. The total reimbursement for those members, per diem plus lodging, may not exceed the

1.8 amount per legislative day allowed by the Internal Revenue Service for an accountable plan.

1.9 2. Each member shall be reimbursed for up to \$200 per month for expenses for

1.10 telecommunications.

1.11 3. Each member of the Senate shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Senate for

1.12 the actual living and telecommunication expenses for which the member seeks reimbursement.

1.13 The amounts specified for reimbursement in this resolution apply to expenses incurred after

1.14 December 31, 2013.

1.15 4. The Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and issue warrants from the Senate legislative

1.16 expense fund in payment of expenses to each member of the Senate.