NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Minutes of the

BUDGET SECTION

Thursday, June 23, 2005 Senate Chamber, State Capitol Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Ken Svedjan, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Representatives Ken Svedjan, Larry Bellew, Rick Berg, Tom Brusegaard, Ron Carlisle, Al Carlson, Jeff Delzer, Keith Kempenich, James Kerzman, Matthew M. Klein, Joe Kroeber, Bob Martinson, Ralph Metcalf, Chet Pollert, Earl Rennerfeldt, Bob Skarphol, Blair Thoreson, Francis J. Wald, Alon C. Wieland, Clark Williams; Senators John M. Andrist, Bill L. Bowman, Randel Christmann, Tom Fischer, Ray Holmberg, Aaron Krauter, Ed Kringstad, Tim Mathern, David O'Connell, Larry J. Robinson, Russell T. Thane

Members absent: Representatives Ole Aarsvold, Merle Boucher, Eliot Glassheim, Pam Gulleson, Scot Kelsh, David Monson, Mike Timm; Senators Michael A. Every, Tony Grindberg, Ralph L. Kilzer, Elroy N. Lindaas, Randy A. Schobinger, Bob Stenehjem, Harvey Tallackson

Others present: See Appendix A

RULES OF OPERATION AND PROCEDURE

At the request of Chairman Svedjan, the legislative budget analyst and auditor presented a memorandum entitled <u>Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Council.</u>

It was moved by Representative Wald, seconded by Representative Skarphol, and carried on a voice vote that the Budget Section adopt the supplementary rules of operation and procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Council.

STATUS OF THE STATE GENERAL FUND

At the request of Chairman Svedjan, Ms. Pam Sharp, Director, Office of Management and Budget, presented a report on the status of the state general fund. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Ms. Sharp said the consumer price index (CPI) in May 2005 was 2.8 percent, which was down .1 percent for the month and down .3 percent compared to May 2004, and the CPI is expected to average 2.6 percent during 2005. Ms. Sharp said North Dakota's unemployment rate for April 2005 was 3.2 percent, which was the same as April 2004. She said North Dakota's unemployment rate was lower than the national rate of 5.2 percent in

April 2005. Ms. Sharp said personal income in North Dakota grew at a rate of 8.9 percent during 2004 and is expected to grow by 4.4 percent in 2005, 3.6 percent in 2006, and 3.8 percent in 2007. Ms. Sharp said North Dakota oil production in April 2005 fell slightly from the March level of over 95,000 barrels per day to approximately 92,500 barrels per day. She said the average price for North Dakota crude oil decreased slightly in April 2005 to just under \$48 per barrel, compared to the March average of over \$49 per barrel. She said current oil prices are approximately \$53 per barrel and the rig count was 22.

Ms. Sharp presented the following information on the status of the state general fund for the 2003-05 biennium based on revenue collections through May 2005:

Unobligated general fund balance - July 1, 2003	\$14,790,311
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Actual collections through May 31, 2005	\$1,778,581,611
Remaining forecasted general fund revenue for the 2003-05 biennium (based on March 2005 legislative forecast)	106,339,000
Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 payments	50,000,000
Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 Medicaid federal medical assis- tance percentage	6,456,581
Total estimated general fund revenue for the 2003-05 biennium	\$1,956,167,503
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2003-05 biennium general fund appropriations	\$1,803,661,161
2003-05 biennium deficiency appropriations	13,224,344
2003-05 biennium adjusted general fund appropriations	\$1,816,885,505
Estimated general fund balance - June 30, 2005, excluding agency turnback	\$139,281,998
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Estimated agency turnback	12,907,520
Estimated general fund balance - June 30, 2005, before transfer to the budget stabilization fund (\$141,936,609 more than the 2003 legislative estimate of \$10,252,909)	\$152,189,518
Less Transfer to the budget stabilization fund	87,189,518
Estimated general fund balance - June 30, 2005 (\$54,747,091 more than the 2003 legislative estimate of \$10,252,909)	\$65,000,000

Ms. Sharp presented the following information on the status of the permanent oil tax trust fund for the 2003-05 biennium:

Beginning permanent oil tax trust fund balance - July 1, 2003	\$12,800,761
Less Transfer to general fund - Section 6 of 2003 SB 2015	11,910,000
Add Transfer from the general fund - Oil and gas tax collections reserved in general fund that are above the \$71 million statutory general fund limit	41,596,104
Anticipated oil and gas tax collections - June 2005	8,500,000
Estimated ending permanent oil tax trust fund balance - June 30, 2005	\$50,986,865

Ms. Sharp said excluding the federal funds relief payments, total revenues and transfers for the biennium through May 2005 approximately \$83 million above the March 2003 legislative forecast. She said the majority of the increase is due to increased revenues from sales tax, which was approximately \$45 million more than projected; individual income tax, which was approximately \$16 million more than projected; and corporate income tax, which was approximately \$11 million more than projected. She said oil and gas tax collections for the 2003-05 biennium through May 2005 exceed the \$71 million general fund statutory limit by \$41.6 million and, therefore, \$41.6 million has been reserved for transfer to the permanent oil tax trust fund at the end of the 2003-05 biennium. She said an additional \$8.5 million is anticipated to be collected from oil and gas taxes in June 2005, which will also be transferred to the permanent oil tax trust fund.

Representative Berg requested the Legislative Council office to track the actual motor vehicle excise tax collections for the 2005-07 biennium and provide a report to the Budget Section regarding how Section 11 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2012 would have affected the distribution of the collections if it had not been vetoed by the Governor. Section 11 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2012 amended North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 57-40.3-10 relating to the transfer of motor vehicle excise tax to provide that the first \$150 million of motor vehicle excise tax received during a biennium be deposited in the state general fund, the next \$37.5 million be deposited in the state highway fund, and any amount received in excess of the first \$187.5 million be allocated 80 percent to the state general fund and 20 percent to the state highway fund.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

Ms. Sharp presented information on the status of tobacco settlement proceeds received by North Dakota. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Ms. Sharp said the state received two payments in April 2005 totaling

approximately \$23.1 million, which brings the total the state has received in tobacco settlement funds to approximately \$152.8 million.

FISCAL IRREGULARITIES

Pursuant to NDCC Section 54-14-03.1, Ms. Sharp presented information on irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Ms. Sharp said the state agencies with fiscal irregularities are:

Agency	Amount	Reason
Secretary of State	\$1,500.00	One-time pay adjustment for a special project
Highway Patrol	\$12,403.03	Pay adjustments required per United States Labor Depart- ment audit for hours worked from October 22, 2002, through October 12, 2004
Department of Commerce	\$10,875.00	Pay adjustment for a special project, temporary pay increases for workload due to vacant positions, and temporary increase for workload due to coworker's maternity leave
Department of Transportation	\$3,150.00	Three-month temporary increase for a special project

CONNECTND BUDGET SURPLUS

At the request of Chairman Svedjan, Ms. Sharp reviewed a projected budget surplus for the ConnectND project for the 2003-05 biennium. Ms. Sharp distributed a letter from Dr. Robert L. Potts, Chancellor, North Dakota University System, regarding the ConnectND budget. A copy of the letter is on file in the Legislative Council office. Ms. Sharp said during the 2003-05 biennium, the North Dakota University System requested and received \$150,000 from the Emergency Commission's contingency fund in support of the ConnectND project. She said during the 2005 legislative session, the University System requested and received a deficiency appropriation of \$617,520 to help cover additional consulting costs. She said planning assumptions have changed and the ConnectND budget now anticipates a carryover balance at the end of fiscal year 2005 of \$835,000. She said the \$150,000 from the contingency fund will be returned, but the University System would like the Budget Section's guidance regarding the use of the deficiency appropriation of \$617,520. She said the University System no longer needs the deficiency appropriation for ConnectND costs, which was the reason for the appropriation, but the University System has other needs that the deficiency appropriation could be used

Representative Delzer said he believes the University System should return the deficiency appropriation to the general fund if it will not be used for the purpose for which it was appropriated.

Senator Mathern said he believes the University System should be allowed to keep the deficiency appropriation and use it for other purposes.

Representative Svedjan said he is concerned with the precedence that will be set if the University System is allowed to keep the deficiency appropriation and use it for purposes other than for that in which it was appropriated.

It was moved by Representative Berg, seconded by Representative Bellew, and carried on a roll call vote that the Budget Section ask that the chairman of the Legislative Council send a letter to the chancellor of the North Dakota University System encouraging the North Dakota University System to return the 2003-05 biennium deficiency appropriation of \$617,520 ConnectND costs to the general fund. Representatives Svedjan, Bellew, Berg, Brusegaard, Carlisle, Carlson, Delzer, Kempenich, Kerzman, Klein, Kroeber, Martinson, Metcalf, Pollert, Rennerfeldt, Skarphol, Thoreson, Wald, Wieland, and Williams and Senators Andrist, Bowman, Christmann, Fischer, Holmberg, Krauter, Kringstad, Robinson, and Thane voted "aye." Senators Mathern and O'Connell voted "nay."

In response to a question from Senator O'Connell, Chancellor Potts said he feels the deficiency appropriation amount of \$617,520 should be returned to the general fund since it is no longer needed for ConnectND expenses, which was the purpose for which it was appropriated.

In response to a question from Representative Berg, Chancellor Potts said the University System would not have requested the deficiency appropriation if it would have known at the time of the request that it would not be needed to cover ConnectND expenses.

AGENCY REQUESTS AUTHORIZED BY THE EMERGENCY COMMISSION

Chairman Svedjan directed the committee to consider agency requests which have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and forwarded to the Budget Section, pursuant to NDCC Section 54-16-04.1. The information relating to the requests was sent to Budget Section members prior to the meeting and is on file in the Legislative Council office.

In response to a question from Representative Skarphol, Ms. Sharp said Emergency Commission Request #1542 for the Department of Transportation is to allow the department to accept and spend \$860,000 of additional federal grant funding for traffic safety programs. Representative Skarphol requested that the Emergency Commission requests be voted on separately.

It was moved by Senator Mathern, seconded by Senator O'Connell, and carried on a roll call vote that pursuant to NDCC Section 54-16-04.1, the Budget Section approve the following request which has been authorized by the Emergency Commission:

Department of Transportation (Request #1542) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$860,000 of funds available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for grants relating to seatbelt usage, blood alcohol .08 incentives, and impaired driving.

Representatives Svedjan, Berg, Brusegaard, Carlisle, Carlson, Delzer, Kempenich, Kerzman, Klein, Kroeber, Martinson, Metcalf, Pollert, Rennerfeldt, Thoreson, Wald, and Wieland and Senators Andrist, Christmann, Fischer, Holmberg, Krauter, Kringstad, Mathern, O'Connell, Robinson, and Thane voted "aye." Representatives Bellew and Skarphol and Senator Bowman voted "nay."

Ms. Sharp said Emergency Commission Request #1543 is to increase special funds spending authority for the Department of Public Instruction by \$25 million to accept federal funds from the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 for grants to school districts prior to the end of the 2003-05 biennium.

It was moved by Senator Robinson, seconded by Senator Mathern, and carried on a roll call vote that pursuant to NDCC Section 54-16-04.1, the Budget Section approve the following request which has been authorized by the Emergency Commission:

 Department of Public Instruction (Request #1543) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$25 million to accept federal funds from the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 for grants to school districts prior to the end of the 2003-05 biennium.

Representatives Svedjan, Bellew, Berg, Brusegaard, Carlisle, Kerzman, Klein, Kroeber, Martinson, Metcalf, Pollert, Thoreson, Wald, and Wieland and Senators Andrist, Bowman, Christmann, Fischer, Holmberg, Krauter, Kringstad, Mathern, O'Connell, Robinson, and Thane voted "aye." Representatives Carlson, Delzer, Kempenich, Rennerfeldt, and Skarphol voted "nay."

BUDGET SECTION DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE 2005-07 BIENNIUM

At the request of Chairman Svedjan, the Legislative Council staff presented a memorandum entitled <u>Budget Section Duties and Responsibilities</u> <u>for the 2005-07 Biennium</u>. The memorandum listed the following Budget Section duties for the 2005-07 biennium:

- Receive a status report on the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (Section 4-05.1-19(10)).
- Receive statement from ethanol plants that received production incentives (Section 4-14.1-07).

- 3. Consider requests for higher education campus improvements and building construction (Section 15-10-12.1).
- Receive report on sources of local funds received for construction projects of entities under the State Board of Higher Education (Section 15-10-12.3).
- 5. Receive annual reports on transfers to the state tuition fund (Section 15.1-02-14).
- 6. Consider Game and Fish Department land acquisitions (Section 20.1-02-05.1).
- Receive report on annual audits of renaissance fund organizations (Section 40-63-07(9)).
- 8. Consider requests to change or expand state building construction projects (Section 48-02-20).
- Receive annual reports on payments received and expenditures from the performance assurance fund (Section 49-21-31).
- Receive report on job insurance trust fund (Section 52-02-17).
- 11. Receive report on irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state (Section 54-14-03.1).
- 12. Consider requests for transfers exceeding \$50,000 (Section 54-16-04(2)).
- 13. Consider requests to accept and spend more than \$50,000 of federal funds which were not appropriated (Section 54-16-04.1).
- 14. Consider requests to accept and spend more than \$50,000 of other funds which were not appropriated (Section 54-16-04.2).
- 15. Consider requests for transfers of spending authority from the state contingencies appropriation exceeding \$50,000 (Section 54-16-09).
- 16. Consider requests to use money in the capital improvements preliminary planning revolving fund (Section 54-27-22).
- 17. Receive report on tobacco settlement funds (Section 54-44-04(23)).
- 18. Prescribe form of budget data (Section 54-44.1-07).
- 19. Receive a report from the Information Technology Department (Section 54-59-19).
- 20. Receive annual reports on money spent to administer an Internet web site that provides career guidance and job opportunity services (Section 54-60-10).
- 21. Receive report on Workforce Safety and Insurance building maintenance account (Section 65-02-05.1).
- 22. Receive periodic reports on the status of the risk management workers' compensation program (Section 65-04-03.1(5)).
- Receive report on specified commodities and services exempted from the procurement requirements of Chapter 54-44.4 (Section 42 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 2015).

- 24. Review and report on budget data (Legislative Council directive).
- Consider requests to use money in the State Forester reserve account (Section 4-19-01.2).
- 26. Consider requests by the Board of University and School Lands to invest in real property (Section 15-03-04).
- 27. Consider requests by the Game and Fish Department to reduce the balance of the game and fish fund below \$15 million (Section 20.1-02-16.1).
- 28. Consider the provision of contract services by the Developmental Center (Section 25-04-02.2).
- Consider a waiver of exemption of special assessments levied for flood control purposes on state property (Section 40-23-22.1).
- 30. Receive report identifying every state agency that has not submitted a claim for property belonging to that agency (Section 47-30.1-24.1).
- 31. Consider relinquishment of agency rights to recover property (Section 47-30.1-24.1).
- 32. Consider requests to terminate the food stamp program (Section 50-06-05.1(17)).
- 33. Consider requests to terminate the energy assistance program (Section 50-06-05.1(19)).
- 34. Consider requests for transfers which will result in program elimination (Section 54-16-04(1)).
- 35. Receive reports on new correctional programs which exceed \$100,000 of cost during a biennium (Section 54-23.3-09).
- Consider requests to use cashflow financing (Section 54-27-23).
- 37. Receive report on transfers from the budget stabilization fund (Section 54-27.2-03).
- Receive reports on purchases of "put" options (Section 54-44-16).
- 39. Consider objecting to budget allotments or expenditures (Section 54-44.1-12.1).
- 40. Consider the reduction of budgets due to initiative or referendum action (Section 54-44.1-13.1).
- 41. Consider requests for the distribution of Children's Services Coordinating Committee grants (Section 54-56-03).
- 42. Consider request by the Information Technology Department to finance the purchase of software, equipment, or implementation of services (Section 54-59-05(4)).
- 43. Consider request for approval of expenditures exceeding \$130,000 from the Department of Commerce operating fund for web site maintenance (Section 54-60-10).

- 44. Consider the provision of extraterritorial workers' compensation insurance (Section 65-08.1-02).
- 45. Hold legislative hearings for federal block grants (2005 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4001).
- Consider request for construction of equipment and storage buildings in Towner and Bottineau (Section 11 of 2003 House Bill No. 1003).
- Receive statement from ethanol plants in operation before July 1, 1995, that received production incentives (Section 4-14.1-07.1 and 2005 Senate Bill No. 2270, Section 1).
- 48. Consider designation of a center of excellence (Section 15-69-02 and 2005 Senate Bill No. 2032, Section 4).
- 49. Receive annual audits from center of excellence awarded funds under Chapter 15-69 (Section 15-69-05 and 2005 Senate Bill No. 2032, Section 4).
- 50. Consider requests to accept federal funds for a specific purpose or program which were not appropriated (Section 54-16-04.1(4) and 2005 House Bill No. 1278, Section 1).
- Consider request to hire additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for Medicaid program (Section 4 of 2005 House Bill No. 1012).
- 52. Receive report regarding any transfers between line items and between subdivisions in excess of \$50,000 (Section 6 of 2005 House Bill No. 1012).
- 53. Consider request for up to 21 additional FTE positions at the State Hospital (Section 42 of 2005 House Bill No. 1015).
- 54. Consider request for Department of Emergency Services to borrow up to \$900,000 from the Bank of North Dakota (Section 6 of 2005 House Bill No. 1016).
- 55. Receive report detailing use of federal homeland security funds at the state and local level and any discrepancies relating to needs assessments (Section 7 of 2005 House Bill No. 1016).
- 56. Receive report on positions affected by Department of Emergency Services reorganization and justification of any prior salary increases (Section 10 of 2005 House Bill No. 1016).
- 57. Consider request to provide salary increases to positions affected by Department of Emergency Services reorganization (Section 10 of 2005 House Bill No. 1016).
- Receive report on any additional expenditures made or employees hired for North Dakota lottery (Section 11 of 2005 House Bill No. 1259).
- 59. Receive report regarding the allocation of the higher education equity pool (Section 9 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2003).

- Receive periodic report on status of the higher education review of long-term finance plan (Section 17 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2003).
- 61. Receive report on additional FTE positions hired for highway construction (Section 4 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2012).
- 62. Consider request for construction of additional footings for the new Bank of North Dakota building (Section 6 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2014).
- 63. Receive annual report from State Mill and Elevator Association (Section 35 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2014).
- 64. Consider request for the Office of Management and Budget to borrow \$5 million from the Bank of North Dakota for centers of excellence (Section 13 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018).
- 65. Receive report on use of grant funds provided to the Rural Development Council (Section 21 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018).
- Receive report on use of grant funds provided to the Red River Valley Research Corridor (Section 25 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018).
- Receive report on use of grant funds provided to the North Dakota center for technology program (Section 26 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018).
- 68. Receive report on use of funding for grants in the partners in marketing grant program (Section 27 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018).
- 69. Receive annual report on North Dakota economic goals and associated benchmarks (Section 53 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018).
- Consider request for receipt and expenditure of additional funds for treatment services under the substance abuse treatment pilot program (Section 3 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2373).
- 71. Conduct budget tours and receive budget tour group reports.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ANALYSIS OF CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET -2005-07 BIENNIUM

At the request of Chairman Svedjan, Mr. Allen H. Knudson, Assistant Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor, Legislative Council, presented the Legislative Council report entitled 59th Legislative Assembly Analysis of Changes to the Executive Budget 2005-07 Biennium. The report provides information on legislative changes to the executive budget, full-time equivalent changes, major programs, and related legislation for each state agency. The report also includes the analysis of various special funds and statistical information on state appropriations.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR THE 2005-07 BIENNIUM

At the request of Chairman Svedjan, Mr. Knudson presented the Legislative Council report entitled 59th Legislative Assembly Budget Status Report for the 2005-07 Biennium. The report provides information on the status of the general fund and estimated June 30, 2005, ending balance, legislative changes to general fund revenues, and legislative appropriation changes to the executive recommendation.

STATE AGENCY UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Chairman Svedjan called on Ms. Linda Fisher, Administrator, Unclaimed Property Division, Land Department, to present a report regarding state agencies that have not submitted a claim for unclaimed property belonging to that agency, pursuant to NDCC Section 47-30.1-24.1. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Ms. Fisher said the North Dakota Uniform Unclaimed Property Act has been in effect since 1975 and since that time, North Dakota state agencies have been reported as being owners of unclaimed property. She said the 2003 Legislative Assembly took an interest in state agency unclaimed property and enacted Section 47-30.1-24.1 in an effort to resolve the issue of state agency unclaimed property. She said this section provides that within one year of receipt of state agency property, the administrator of unclaimed property shall notify the agency by certified mail; the commissioner of the University and School Lands shall present a report to the Budget Section identifying every state agency that has not submitted a claim for property belonging to that agency within one year of the receipt of the date of the certified mail receipt; and upon approval of the Budget Section, the agency relinquishes its right to recover its property.

Ms. Fisher said in January 2004 the Unclaimed Property Division reviewed its data base and identified 28 state agencies with unclaimed property and certified letters were mailed to those agencies. She said of the 28 state agencies which confirmed receipt of the certified mailing, 7 agencies claimed the property, 8 agencies signed off on the property, and 13 agencies did not respond. She presented the Budget Section with a list of the 13 state agencies that did not respond to the certified mailing (Appendix B).

In response to a request from Senator Robinson, Ms. Fisher provided the Legislative Council office with a list of the state agencies that signed off on the property, and that list was forwarded on to Budget Section members. A copy of the information provided is on file in the Legislative Council office.

It was moved by Representative Carlisle, seconded by Representative Skarphol, and carried on a roll call vote that pursuant to NDCC Section 47-30.1-24.1, the Budget Section approve the list provided by the Land Department of state agencies relinquishing their rights to recover

unclaimed property. Representatives Svedjan, Bellew, Brusegaard, Carlisle, Kempenich, Klein, Martinson, Rennerfeldt, Skarphol, Thoreson, Wald, and Wieland and Senators Andrist, Bowman, Christmann, Fischer, Holmberg, Krauter, Kringstad, Mathern, O'Connell, and Thane voted "aye." Representatives Kerzman, Kroeber, and Metcalf and Senator Robinson voted "nay."

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ETHANOL PLANTS

NDCC Section Pursuant to correspondence from North Dakota ethanol plants receiving production incentives from the state was distributed to the committee members. correspondence relates to the Alchem, Ltd., LLP, and Archer Daniels Midland Company plants and indicates that both plants produced a loss for the year ending December 31, 2004, after deducting the payments received from the North Dakota ethanol production incentive program. A copy of the correspondence is on file in the Legislative Council office.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF DIRECTIVES

Chairman Svedjan said he will work with the Legislative Council staff to assign budget tours to various interim committees. The legislative budget analyst and auditor said the Budget Section may want to review Budget Section statutory duties that are outdated for possible repeal.

Chairman Svedjan requested the Legislative Council staff to prepare information on Budget Section duties and responsibilities that have not been utilized in the previous biennium and other duties that may no longer be necessary or relevant and present the information to the Budget Section at a future meeting for the Budget Section's consideration.

Chairman Svedjan said the next Budget Section meeting is anticipated to be scheduled for either September 2005 or early October 2005.

It was moved by Representative Brusegaard, seconded by Representative Carlisle, and carried on a voice vote that the Budget Section meeting be adjourned subject to the call of the chair. Chairman Svedjan adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Stephanie A. Johnson Fiscal Analyst

Jim W. Smith Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor

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