

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Minutes of the

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 5, 2000
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Mike Timm, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed Senator Layton Freborg as a new member of the committee.

Members present: Representatives Mike Timm, Rick Berg, Merle Boucher, Pam Gulleson; Senators Layton Freborg, Joel C. Heitkamp, Gary J. Nelson, David E. Nething

Members absent: Representatives John Dorso, David Monson; Senator Aaron Krauter

Others present: Jack McDonald, Mary Van Sickle; Community Access Television, Bismarck
Kent Blickensderfer, Qwest, Bismarck

Maryann F. Trauger, Karen J. Mund; Legislative Council, Bismarck

MINUTES

It was moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Senator Heitkamp, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the August 30, 2000, meeting be approved as distributed.

CONTRACTS FOR PRINTING LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS

Bills, Resolutions, and Journals and Bill and Journal Room Contract

At the request of Chairman Timm, the assistant director reviewed the bid received for printing bills, resolutions, and journals and operating the bill and journal room. He said Quality Printing Service, Bismarck, submitted the only bid. He said the bid for operating the bill and journal room is \$510 per day for 88 days--19 days before the Legislative Assembly convenes (beginning December 11, 2000), an estimated 67 legislative days, and two days during the February recess when the Legislative Assembly is not in session--and \$440 per day for each additional day of bill and journal room service beyond 67 legislative days. He said the 1999 contract price was \$440 per day and the 1997 contract price was \$445 per day.

In response to a question from Senator Nething, the director said the total contract price for 88 days is \$44,880. Based on 1999 legislative session employee pay of \$62 a day for legislative assistants, he said, the contract price is roughly equivalent to eight session employees.

It was moved by Senator Nething, seconded by Representative Berg, and carried on a roll call vote that the committee accept the bid by Quality Printing Service to print bills, resolutions, and journals and to operate the bill and journal room and that the contract be for the documents to be printed on recycled paper. Representatives Timm, Berg, Boucher, and Gulleson and Senators Freborg, Heitkamp, Nelson, and Nething voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION ARRANGEMENTS

Photography Contract

At the request of Chairman Timm, the assistant director reviewed the *Invitation to Bid - Legislative Assembly Photography Services*. He said local photographers who bid on the 1999 contract were contacted as suggested at the last meeting, and the Legislative Council staff met with Mr. Scott Berge, President of the North Dakota Association of Photographers. As a result of his suggestions, the invitation to bid was revised to include the following changes:

1. A sentence was added that the decision to accept a bid will depend on the quality of the bid, not necessarily on the lowest bid price.
2. The size of the composite of House members was changed to 50 x 60 inches and the size of the composite of the Senate members was changed to 30 x 40 inches to recognize standard digital production technology sizes.
3. A professional format camera with a portrait lens must be used.
4. The bidder must include with the bid four samples of business portraits that show the type of background, type of lighting, and type of image reflected by the bid.

The assistant director said the invitation to bid was sent to 34 photography firms in an area extending from Bowman to Minot and Crosby to Ellendale. He said two bids were received--\$3,200 by Anderson Photography, Crosby, and \$4,750 by Pam Kendall Photography, Ellendale. He distributed the samples of business portraits for review by committee members. He said Anderson Photography had the

contracts during the 1995, 1997, and 1999 legislative sessions.

It was moved by Senator Nelson and seconded by Representative Berg that the committee accept the proposal by Anderson Photography, Crosby, to provide photography services to the 57th Legislative Assembly. Representative Gulleson said a number of members have expressed concern over the quality of the pictures. Senator Heitkamp said he also has heard members express concern over the pictures. Senator Nething said the samples submitted do not illustrate any noticeable variation in quality between the bidders. Representative Timm said the quality of the composites has improved each session, and he noted the substantial difference in price. After this discussion, **the motion carried on a roll call vote.** Representatives Timm and Berg and Senators Freborg, Nelson, and Nething voted "aye." Representatives Boucher and Gulleson and Senator Heitkamp voted "nay."

Television Coverage

Chairman Timm recognized Ms. Mary Van Sickle, Community Access Television, Bismarck. Ms. Van Sickle distributed a written presentation describing the coverage of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly which has been provided by Community Access Television. A copy of her presentation is on file in the Legislative Council office.

Ms. Van Sickle said a number of questions have arisen which require reexamination of the involvement by Community Access Television in legislative broadcasts. She said the local cable provider, Midcontinent Communications, has provided the primary funding required to broadcast the floor sessions in the past, and the current management is reexamining its commitment to this area. She said Community Access Television may be required to purchase additional equipment to handle signal switching at the station. She said the 1999 legislative session was broadcast for 71 days. She said hiring a temporary, part-time, dependable employee and supervising from a remote location is difficult. She said the North Dakota Interactive Video Network is considering a pilot project to provide live video/audio streaming of the floor sessions on the Internet using the video signal from Community Access Television. She said this may be the time to determine the value of the broadcasts and to explore the feasibility of a partnership to provide quality broadcasts to the people of the state.

The assistant director distributed a letter from Mr. Jerry Rostad, Academic Coordinator, North Dakota Interactive Video Network, proposing a pilot project of using the video signal from Community Access Television, integrating the signal with the House and Senate audio signal, and broadcasting the transmission on the Internet and making it available through the Interactive Video Network home page. A

copy of his letter is on file in the Legislative Council office.

Ms. Van Sickle said the proposal of Community Access Television is to continue to provide equipment and local air time but to ask the state to provide the individual or the funding for an individual to operate the camera. She estimated the cost from \$2,900 to \$4,000.

Representative Timm said it is difficult to recommend state funding to provide television broadcasts to local cable subscribers. Ms. Van Sickle said the proposal of the Interactive Video Network would result in coverage being extended to everyone with access to the Internet.

Senator Nething said it is difficult for him to support a project of such limited focus. He said not everyone has access to the Internet so members of the public would not necessarily receive video coverage of legislative sessions.

In response to a question from Senator Heitkamp, Ms. Van Sickle said the proposal of the Interactive Video Network depends on the video feed from Community Access Television. She said they would continue to investigate costs to see if there is some method of providing this coverage. She said the purpose of bringing this before the committee is to point out that this may be an opportune time for development of a partnership among interested parties.

Senator Heitkamp said the proposed pilot project by the Interactive Video Network is exciting and would provide legislative session coverage to schools that have access to the Internet. Senator Nething questioned whether this would eliminate tours by high schools because students visiting the Capitol during the legislative session also tour the Capitol and attend committee hearings.

It was moved by Representative Berg, seconded by Senator Heitkamp, and carried on a voice vote that the committee authorize Community Access Television to provide coverage of the 57th Legislative Assembly as provided during the 1999 legislative session with coverage of each house to alternate between the House and the Senate on a weekly basis or to include morning sessions of the House and afternoon sessions of the Senate, if that process is continued, and that the committee authorize the pilot project as proposed by the North Dakota Interactive Video Network, at the expense of those parties and with specific arrangements approved by the director of the Legislative Council.

Organizational Session Agenda

The assistant director reviewed the proposed agenda for the legislative organizational session. He said the agenda was based on the 1998 organizational session agenda. He said the major changes were assigning caucuses to the regular rooms used by the caucuses during the 1999 session and

replacing the LAWS training sessions with concurrent computer training sessions on e-mail, the Internet, and word processing on Wednesday and Thursday. He said Mr. Bill Goetz, Governor's office, said the Governor would not be requesting time for a farewell state-of-the-state address during the organizational session. He said LAWS training would be provided on Friday, January 5, and Monday, January 8, 2001, during four 3-hour sessions, and legislators could pick any of those sessions to attend.

Senator Nelson said the one-half hour period for caucuses beginning at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday used to be needed to elect leadership, but leadership is elected before the organizational session convenes. Senator Heitkamp agreed. Representative Boucher said the 10:15 a.m. item could be eliminated and maybe tours of local state facilities could be provided. Senator Nelson said tours used to be provided but were dropped because of lack of interest and participation by legislators.

It was moved by Senator Nething and seconded by Representative Boucher that the agenda be changed by eliminating the 10:15 a.m. caucuses and rescheduling the 10:45 a.m. activities to 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2000. Senator Nething said this would make additional time available for legislators to be scheduled for photographs. The director noted that the schedule would have to be revised if there is an election contest.

After this discussion, **the motion carried on a voice vote.**

Senator Nething said the Higher Education Committee Roundtable recommended that the University System should appear before the Legislative Assembly and report on the status of higher education. He said time could be set aside at the organizational session for a report from the University System. He suggested this could be scheduled during the joint session on Wednesday, December 6, when the recommendations of the Legislative Council are presented.

In response to a question from Representative Timm, Senator Nething said he envisions a report similar to a report made at the Legislative Council meeting, except the chancellor would make the report.

Senator Nelson said he hesitates to create a precedent of scheduling an executive branch official for a presentation during the organizational session. He said he could foresee requests from the Attorney General with respect to criminal justice issues and the Agriculture Commissioner with respect to agriculture issues, and he suggested this issue be delayed until the November meeting of the committee.

Representative Berg said this may be appropriate to be scheduled with the Legislative Council report, but this should be a report by the Legislative Council, not by the University System.

Representative Gulleson suggested that the 10:45 a.m. item (presentations on the legislative process) on Wednesday, December 6, could be moved to Tuesday, December 5, during the time made available as a result of eliminating the caucuses on Tuesday.

Representative Berg said a time could be worked out, but he would not want the chancellor of the University System to make a presentation during the period the Legislative Council report is presented.

It was moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Senator Heitkamp, and carried on a voice vote that the 10:45 a.m. item (presentations on legislative rules and procedures) scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, be moved to Tuesday, December 5.

Chairman Timm requested the Legislative Council staff to present a revised agenda to the committee at its November meeting.

LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING STUDY

State of the Law on Legislative Redistricting

Chairman Timm recognized Mr. John D. Bjornson, Counsel, Legislative Council, for presentation of a memorandum entitled *Legislative Redistricting - Background Memorandum*. The memorandum reviews North Dakota constitutional and statutory provisions with respect to legislative redistricting and notes that because of the change in the term of office of members of the House of Representatives to four years and the provisions in North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-03-01.10 for the staggering of terms of representatives, the staggering of House terms must be addressed in future redistricting plans (similar to the staggering of terms of senators). The memorandum also reviews federal court cases dealing with population equality (generally, the overall range allowed for a redistricting plan is 10 percent); partisan gerrymandering (although the issue is justiciable, proving unconstitutional discrimination appears to be very difficult); multimember districts (not unconstitutional per se, but the United States Supreme Court prefers single-member districts for court-fashioned plans and multimember plans are subject to challenges under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act); and racial gerrymandering (if race is a primary consideration in creating districts, a plan may be held to be unconstitutional). The memorandum also reviews redistricting activities in North Dakota from 1963 through 1995.

Mr. Bjornson reviewed a proposed concurrent resolution draft directing the Legislative Council to study and develop a legislative redistricting plan for use in the 2002 primary election. He referred to NDCC Section 54-03-01.5, which establishes requirements for redistricting plans. At issue is the requirement that the Senate must consist of 49 members and the House must consist of 98 members. With this statutory directive, it would be difficult for an interim

committee to develop any plan based on any other size parameters.

Senator Nelson said although the statute is in effect, if a plan is recommended by the committee which provides for a size of the Legislative Assembly other than that designated, perhaps the committee could also recommend amending the statute accordingly.

Senator Nething said perhaps the resolution draft could be amended to include a clause allowing the committee to develop plans as appropriate, notwithstanding the requirements of NDCC Section 54-03-01.5.

It was moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Senator Heitkamp, and carried on a roll call vote that the concurrent resolution draft directing a Legislative Council study and development of a legislative redistricting plan be approved and recommended to the Legislative Council. Representatives Timm, Boucher, and Gulleson and Senators Freborg, Heitkamp, Nelson, and Nething voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

SESSION ARRANGEMENTS

Tour Guide Program - Attire of Floor Guests

The assistant director reviewed a memorandum entitled *Attire for Floor Guests - Proposed Language*. He said the memorandum was revised as the result of committee members' suggestions at the August 30, 2000, meeting of the committee. He said the memorandum proposes a statement to be included in the packet of tour guide materials sent to schools informing the schools of the proper attire students must wear to be admitted as guests on the floor. He said the revised proposed language is based on excerpts from the dress codes of the Fargo and Bismarck School Districts and provides that suitable attire does not include articles of clothing that depict, promote, or advertise violence or the use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs, or that display pictures, writing, or representations that are obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, or sexually suggestive. He said suitable attire is not described as specific items of clothing, but a suggested sentence if specific attire is to be prohibited is "suitable attire does not include clothing with rips, tears, or holes; clothing that is tight-fitting; and T-shirts."

Senator Heitkamp said the proposed statement is appropriate, and he prefers adding language that suitable attire does not include clothing with rips, tears, or holes.

Representative Boucher said individual legislators should take the responsibility of ensuring suitable attire when determining which students are to receive guest passes.

It was moved by Senator Heitkamp, seconded by Representative Boucher, and carried on a voice vote that the committee recommend that the Legislative Council include in the packet of tour

guide materials a statement that substantially provides:

A legislator is allowed to have one guest sit with that legislator on the floor of the chamber. In order to maintain proper decorum, a student sitting as a guest on the floor must be suitably attired. Suitable attire does not include articles of clothing that depict, promote, or advertise violence or the use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs, or that display pictures, writing, or representations that are obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, or sexually suggestive, or that have rips, tears, or holes.

LEGISLATIVE RULES

Rules Changes Approved by the Committee

The assistant director reviewed a memorandum entitled *Legislative Rules Changes Approved by the Legislative Management Committee*. He said the memorandum compiles the rules changes that have been approved by the committee to date and is revised after each committee meeting to include any approved rules amendments. He said the memorandum is the basis for the information presented to the Rules Committees during the organizational session.

President and President Pro Tempore

The assistant director reviewed *Proposed Amendments to Senate Rules 201 and 202 and Joint Rules 207, 208, 501(4), and 802* to transfer day-to-day responsibilities of presiding over the Senate to the President Pro Tempore and to provide that the duties of the President are those of convening the organizational session, administering the oath of office to new members, presiding over joint sessions, presiding over the Senate as requested by the President Pro Tempore, making statutory appointments, and determining arrangements for Senate security.

Senator Nelson requested deferral of further consideration of this proposed rules amendment.

Motions for Reconsideration

The assistant director described *Proposed Amendments to Senate and House Rules 347* to provide that reconsideration of amendments after the end of the next legislative day would require a two-thirds vote of the members-elect. Without this amendment, he said, the vote for reconsideration regardless of when made is arguably a majority of the members present.

Representative Berg said the issue to decide is whether amendments, which may be adopted by a majority of the members present, should be able to be reconsidered by two-thirds of the members present rather than two-thirds of the members-elect.

Chairman Timm said if no motion is made to approve a rules amendment, the amendment would no longer be under consideration by the committee.

Minority Reports

The assistant director described *Proposed Amendments to Senate and House Rules 601* to provide that if the minority report is adopted, that report is substituted for the majority report and is placed on the calendar on the 11th or 14th order of business without a vote on the majority report; and if the minority report is not adopted, the majority report is deemed adopted and is placed on the calendar on the 11th or 14th order of business. He said this amendment implements the procedure followed by the House of Representatives during the 1999 legislative session.

It was moved by Senator Nething and seconded by Representative Boucher that the committee approve the proposed amendments of Senate and House Rules 601 relating to the procedure to substitute minority for majority reports.

Representative Berg said his concern is that there is no clear procedure to follow when there is more than one minority report. He said majority reports should be discussed before discussing and voting on minority reports. He said minority reports can be considered if a majority report is not adopted.

Representative Timm said he also sees a problem with emphasizing the minority report over the majority report, but the current procedure gives the minority a chance to be heard.

Representative Boucher said he will support the motion because the rules amendment clarifies the procedure.

After this discussion, **the motion carried on a voice vote**. Representative Berg requested that his negative vote be recorded.

The assistant director described *Proposed Amendments to Senate and House Rules 506 and 602* to provide that recorded roll call votes must be taken in committee on majority and minority reports in order to identify those who voted for majority reports and to include the votes in the minutes. He said this rule addresses a question raised during the 1999 legislative session as to how the presiding officer can determine who voted against the majority report for purposes of complying with House Rule 602, which provides that a minority report must be signed by members who voted against the majority report.

The assistant director said a related amendment is *Proposed Amendments to Senate and House Rules 602* to provide that a member may not vote for a report and refuse to sign that report and a minority report may not be signed by a member who has voted for or signed any other report. He said this amendment is in response to a question on whether a member could vote for and sign a majority report and then vote for but not sign a minority report and whether committee members could sign more than one minority report or vote for more than one minority report but sign only one.

It was moved by Representative Berg, seconded by Senator Nelson, and carried on a

voice vote that the committee approve the proposed amendments of Senate and House Rules 506 and 602 relating to recorded roll call votes on majority reports and minority reports and to voting for and signing reports.

The assistant director described *Proposed Amendments to Senate and House Rules 602* to permit only one minority report. He said this proposed rules amendment is somewhat related to the amendment allowing a member to vote for and sign only one report but takes the approach of limiting the number of total reports rather than limiting the number of reports a member can sign.

Representative Boucher said this would unduly tie the hands of members who may support different components or issues on huge bills.

Representative Gulleson said she has not seen an instance when allowing more than one minority report has impeded the process.

Republication of Rules Book

The assistant director said the rules book has been republished before each session to incorporate rules changes approved at the organizational session, to renumber rules as appropriate, and to make style and grammar changes as necessary.

It was moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Senator Heitkamp, and carried on a voice vote that the committee approve republication of the rules book with appropriate correction of obsolete references, renumbering of rules, correction of grammatical and typographical errors, and use of colored pages to identify different sections.

SESSION ARRANGEMENTS

Session Employment Coordinators

The assistant director explained that personnel traditionally have been hired to coordinate the receipt of applications for legislative employment. In 1998, he said, each political party had one person to screen prospective employees to determine whether they had the appropriate skills. Unless otherwise directed by the committee, he said, one employment coordinator would be employed from each party, rather than each house. He said the employment coordinators usually have been the secretaries to the leaders. Based on the session employee training schedule approved by the committee, he said, these persons should be employed by November 20.

It was moved by Senator Nething, seconded by Senator Nelson, and carried on a voice vote that the Legislative Council staff, in consultation with the legislative leaders, be authorized to hire one person to represent each political party to screen employees before the convening of the Legislative Assembly and to report to the Employment Committees, and that the two persons hired be paid from Legislative Assembly funds.

Legislators' Stationery

The assistant director reviewed the policy regarding stationery provided to legislators. He said each legislator receives 500 sheets of regular (8½" x 11") stationery and 500 envelopes and the Speaker, leaders, and assistant leaders also receive 500 sheets of Monarch (7½" x 10½") stationery and 500 Monarch envelopes. He said the leaders receive as much regular stationery as they need, and other legislators can request an additional 500 sheets of stationery and 500 envelopes.

It was moved by Senator Nelson, seconded by Senator Heitkamp, and carried on a voice vote that the committee approve the use of laser print stationery of the same type as that used during the 1999 legislative session and that the policy on stationery be continued during the 2001 legislative session.

Letter Files

The assistant director reviewed the policy of providing letter files to legislators. He said letter files have been authorized for legislators after each election since 1984. He said letter files are provided to new legislators as well as holdover legislators who request them. He said a request form is placed in the information packet distributed to legislators at the organizational session. He said legislators who desire a letter file need to return that request form to the Legislative Council office.

It was moved by Senator Heitkamp, seconded by Senator Nelson, and carried on a voice vote that the Legislative Council staff continue the policy of providing letter files to new and holdover legislators after each election with each legislator to request the letter file.

Journal Distribution Policy

The assistant director reviewed recent journal distribution policies. Under the policy in effect until 1985, he said, legislators were provided with a form to identify up to 15 individuals who could receive daily journals at no cost. Under the policy established for the 1985 through 1993 Legislative Assemblies, he said, during the organizational session the desk forces announced to legislators that legislators could have daily journals sent, without charge, to as many as 15 persons. Under the policy established for the 1995 through 1999 Legislative Assemblies, he said, the desk forces announced to legislators that a legislator could have daily journals sent, without charge, to as many as three persons and that any additional sets would have to receive the approval of the legislator's leader. For the 1999 legislative session, he said, each legislator who wanted this service was requested to ask the person to whom the journals were to be sent whether that person had Internet access because the journals were available on the legislative branch web page.

It was moved by Senator Nething, seconded by Senator Heitkamp, and carried on a voice vote that the journal distribution policy for the 57th Legislative Assembly be that the desk force of each house inform legislators that a legislator may have daily journals sent, without charge, to as many as three persons, that any additional sets would have to receive the approval of the legislator's leader, and that a legislator be requested to ask the person to whom the journals are sent whether that person has Internet access.

Legislators' Expense Reimbursement Policy

The assistant director reviewed the policy on items reimbursable as lodging expenses of legislators for the 1999 Legislative Assembly. Reimbursable expenses were utilities--electricity and heat, water (including garbage collection and sewer charges), basic telephone service, and telephone installation charges; and furniture--rental of furniture and appliances and transit charges for moving rental furniture and appliances. He said legislators must voucher the expenses, and the total reimbursable expense for lodging is limited by NDCC Section 54-03-20 to \$650 per calendar month.

It was moved by Senator Heitkamp, seconded by Representative Boucher, and carried on a voice vote that the legislative expense reimbursement policy for the 57th Legislative Assembly be the same as that followed for the 56th Legislative Assembly.

State Capitol Access

The assistant director said afterhours access to the Capitol has been by entry through a locked door after display of an identification card to the security person who then unlocks the door. In 1998, he said, the Legislative Management Committee approved an option that a legislator could receive a photo identification card from the Office of Management and Budget to assist security persons in identifying legislators. Since October 1999, he said, the Capitol has operated under a security key card system. Under this system, he said, access to the Capitol on weekends or on weekdays before 6:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. requires use of a credit card-style key. Sign-in logs are no longer maintained for those who have those cards. He said a reader is located at the west door of the north entrance to the Capitol and presenting the key card to within eight inches of a reader allows the door to be opened for either entrance or exit without setting off security alarms. He said each key card is coded, and a computerized record is kept on who is in the Capitol as well as the times of entrance and exit. For security purposes, he said, personnel working in the Capitol after 6:00 p.m. are requested to go to the north door and scan their key card so that security persons know who is in the Capitol after hours. He inquired whether the

committee would wish to establish a policy of issuing key cards to all members, with the cards of leaders effective throughout the year and those of members effective during the session, after which they could be returned for reuse by Facility Management.

It was moved by Senator Heitkamp, seconded by Representative Gulleston, and carried on a voice vote that every legislator be given a security key card for access to the State Capitol, that the leaders' cards be effective throughout the year, and that the cards of other members be effective during the session.

Senator Nelson requested the Legislative Council staff to request Facility Management to unlock the west doors to the Capitol before 6:00 a.m. and not lock those doors until 7:00 p.m. during a legislative session to allow early-arriving and late-departing legislators to have ready access to the west parking lot.

Incoming WATS Line Service

The assistant director said six incoming WATS lines are provided for persons within the state to call toll free to the legislative telephone room and either receive information on legislative activity or leave messages for legislators. During the 1999 legislative session, he said, callers had an option of holding for the next available attendant or leaving a voice mail message. He said this message feature was in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The assistant director proposed enhancement of the system to include interactive voice response applications to improve the information left when an attendant does not answer the call immediately, e.g., rather

than a lengthy statement asking the caller to give the caller's legislative district number, name, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and message, a separate statement would ask for this information individually. He said another application would provide bill status and committee hearing information. He said a person calling the telephone room and not connecting immediately with a telephone attendant would be given the option to receive current bill status or committee hearing information through entering the bill number. He said a computer-generated voice would then provide the last bill status action or the next scheduled committee hearing date.

It was moved by Senator Nething, seconded by Senator Heitkamp, and carried on a voice vote that the incoming WATS line service be enhanced to include interactive voice response applications for leaving voice mail and for obtaining bill status and committee hearing information.

No further business appearing, Chairman Timm adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

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