

# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Minutes of the

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday and Friday, November 16-17, 2000  
House Chamber, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Senator Gary J. Nelson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Members present:** Senators Gary J. Nelson, Randel Christmann, Aaron Krauter, Elroy N. Lindaas, David E. Nething, Larry J. Robinson, Wayne Stenehjem; Representatives Merle Boucher, William R. Devlin, Eliot Glassheim, John Mahoney, Clara Sue Price, Francis J. Wald, John M. Warner

### OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Nelson welcomed legislators and other persons to the meeting. Newly elected members of the Legislative Assembly were congratulated and members of the Legislative Assembly who will not be returning to serve as members of the 57th Legislative Assembly were thanked for their past service to the citizens of North Dakota. He introduced the members of the Legislative Council and thanked them for their service as committee chairmen during the 1999-2000 interim. He said committee chairmen will present the reports of their committees, and Legislative Council staff members will assist the chairmen in answering questions. He said members of the Legislative Council are the only legislators allowed to make motions or vote on the reports; however, any legislator or legislator-elect in attendance may ask questions concerning the reports. He said the motions on the reports should be to accept, amend, or reject all or a portion of each report.

Chairman Nelson announced that the report of the State Employees Compensation Commission has been filed with the Legislative Council, and copies are being mailed to all legislators by the commission.

Chairman Nelson called on Mr. John D. Olsrud, Director, Legislative Council, who said 23 reports will be presented, including 21 interim Legislative Council committees, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and the Regulatory Reform Review Commission. He said the committees are recommending a total of 61 measures (51 bills and 10 resolutions), compared to 74 measures recommended to the 56th Legislative Assembly and 84 measures recommended to the 55th Legislative Assembly. He said the bills and resolutions recommended by the committees and approved by the Legislative Council will be available in the bill room shortly after the organizational session in early

December and will be available through the legislative branch web site as soon as bill numbers are assigned.

Mr. Olsrud recognized Mr. Michael H. McCabe and Ms. Laura Tomaka of the Midwestern Office of the Council of State Governments and Mr. Bruce Feustel of the National Conference of State Legislatures who were in attendance.

### INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee

Representative Francis J. Wald, Chairman, Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Wald said the committee studied and reviewed the state's financial transactions to assure the collection of state revenues and expenditure of state moneys was in compliance with law, legislative intent, and sound financial practices. He said the committee received 184 audit reports during the 1999-2000 interim, including four performance audit and evaluation reports, 101 financial or information technology application audit reports, and 79 audit reports that were filed with and accepted by the committee, but were not formally presented.

**It was moved by Representative Wald, seconded by Senator Robinson, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, Wald, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

Chairman Nelson announced that he had asked Representative William R. Devlin to preside during any portions of the meeting when the chairman was away from the chair.

#### Higher Education Committee

Senator David E. Nething, Chairman, Higher Education Committee, presented the committee's report. Senator Nething said the committee studied higher education funding, including input from the Governor, State Board of Higher Education, executive branch, University System campuses, and

representatives of business and industry. He said the committee also studied the role, mission, operation, and privatization of the Division of Independent Study.

**It was moved by Senator Nething, seconded by Senator Lindaas, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Higher Education Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### **Budget Section**

Representative Jack Dalrymple, Chairman, Budget Section, presented the Budget Section's report. Representative Dalrymple said the Budget Section received reports from the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the state general fund and tobacco settlement proceeds. He said the Budget Section approved the distribution of funds from the preliminary planning fund for five capital improvement projects recommended by the Office of Management and Budget. He said the Budget Section requested that the budget data prepared by the Office of Management and Budget include a form that provides an analysis of the feasibility and desirability of locating new positions, new programs, or new capital construction away from a central office setting. He said the Budget Section received reports from the State Water Commission on the status of water projects. He said the Budget Section approved a loan from the Bank of North Dakota to provide the state match for additional federal Medicaid funding provided from the intergovernmental transfer program. He said the Budget Section recommends a bill requiring a preapproval process before submitting an application to the federal government or a private entity for a grant that has not been approved or appropriated by the Legislative Assembly. He said the Budget Section considered 73 requests for increased spending authority or transfers of spending authority which were approved by the Emergency Commission. He said all requests were approved, with the exception of the Attorney General's request to transfer funds for local gaming enforcement grants.

**It was moved by Senator Robinson, seconded by Senator Nething, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Budget Section.** Senators Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### **Budget Committee on Government Services**

Senator Aaron Krauter, Chairman, Budget Committee on Government Services, presented the committee's report. Senator Krauter said the committee studied the State Department of Health's master plan for its facilities, state agency office space

needs, the Industrial Commission, and privatizing and contracting for services provided by state agencies. He said the committee also monitored the status of state agency appropriations and received reports from the Department of Human Services on hiring of additional full-time equivalent positions at the human service centers, State Hospital, and Developmental Center.

**It was moved by Senator Krauter, seconded by Representative Boucher, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Budget Committee on Government Services.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, Wald, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### **Budget Committee on Institutional Services**

Representative Merle Boucher, Chairman, Budget Committee on Institutional Services, presented the committee's report. Representative Boucher said the committee studied the feasibility and desirability of collocating the Developmental Center and the State Hospital at one location, the feasibility and desirability of consolidating under the School for the Blind all programs and services provided to children and adults who are blind or visually impaired, and residential treatment centers and residential child care facilities. He said the committee also received reports from the Department of Human Services regarding grants awarded and loans approved for alternative nursing facility programs, on the establishment of a traumatic brain-injured facility in western North Dakota, and on the progress of the Alzheimer's and related dementia projects.

**It was moved by Representative Boucher, seconded by Representative Warner, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Budget Committee on Institutional Services.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, Wald, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### **Budget Committee on Health Care**

Representative Clara Sue Price, Chairman, Budget Committee on Health Care, presented the committee's report. Representative Price said the committee studied the State Department of Health's plan for a community health grant program; health care delivery, access, quality, and cost; and the possibility of creating an incentive package to assist rural nursing facilities in closing, significantly reducing bed capacity, or providing alternative long-term care services. She said the committee also received reports related to the children's health insurance program and nurse licensure exemptions for medication administration.

**It was moved by Representative Price, seconded by Senator Nething, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Budget Committee on Health Care.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Lindaas, Nething, and Robinson and Representatives Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Budget Committee on Human Services**

Representative Jeff Delzer, Chairman, Budget Committee on Human Services, presented the committee's report. Representative Delzer said the committee studied the services provided by the Department of Human Services regional human service centers, the implementation of the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program, and issues regarding tribal TANF proposals. He said the committee monitored the Department of Human Services implementation of recommended changes to improve the department's administrative structure and to enhance its budget presentation methods and also received reports regarding the Department of Human Services review of program funding issues.

**It was moved by Representative Devlin, seconded by Senator Robinson, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Budget Committee on Human Services.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

The Council recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Legislative Management Committee**

Representative Mike Timm, Chairman, Legislative Management Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Timm said the committee exercised many responsibilities in making arrangements for the 57th Legislative Assembly. He said the committee recommends several legislative rules changes to improve the efficiency of the legislative process; recommends third-party contracts (privatization) of secretarial services and telephone message services during the 2001 legislative session; approved replacement of the voting systems and the sound systems in the legislative chambers; and recommends a bill authorizing session compensation for legislators attending committee meetings between the legislative organizational session and the regular session, a bill providing the procedure for the Governor to file bills with the Secretary of State, and a concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study and develop a legislative redistricting plan for use in the 2002 primary election.

**It was moved by Senator Nething, seconded by Senator Stenehjem, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Legislative**

**Management Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Judiciary Committee**

Senator Wayne Stenehjem, Chairman, Judiciary Committee, presented the committee's report. Senator Stenehjem said the committee studied the impacts of court unification on the judicial system and on the effective provision of judicial services to state residents. He said the committee reviewed and monitored the implementation of legislation enacted by the 56th Legislative Assembly which provided for the delivery of clerk of district court services through state funding and alternative methods. He said the committee, in conjunction with the Joint Family Law Task Force of the State Bar Association, studied the family law process in North Dakota with a focus on a review of existing statutes, the coordination of procedures, and the further implementation of alternative dispute resolution methods. He said the committee studied voter registration and residency requirements. He said the committee also reviewed uniform laws recommended to the Legislative Council by the Commission on Uniform State Laws, undertook statutory and constitutional revision responsibilities, and conducted public hearings on statewide primary and general election ballot measures.

**It was moved by Senator Stenehjem, seconded by Representative Mahoney, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Judiciary Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Criminal Justice Committee**

Representative John Mahoney, Chairman, Criminal Justice Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Mahoney said the committee studied the correctional system in North Dakota, including its functions, responsibilities, funding, and operation and the causes of past and projected future increases in the state's adult inmate population, including the impact of sentencing laws. He said the committee also studied issues related to public safety and state liability in connection with the interstate transfer of convicted felons. He said the committee studied the classification of criminal offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code. He said the committee also studied the feasibility and desirability of revising the sections of the North Dakota Century Code which relate to sexual offenses, sentencing of sexual offenders, and sexual offender commitment treatment.

**It was moved by Representative Mahoney, seconded by Representative Warner, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Criminal Justice Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Administrative Rules Committee**

Representative William R. Devlin, Chairman, Administrative Rules Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Devlin said the Administrative Rules Committee is a statutory committee with responsibility to review administrative agency rules and statutes relating to administrative rules.

In response to questions from Senator Nething, Representative Devlin said the impetus for administrative rulemaking can come from legislative action, agency initiative, or federal requirements. He said the volume of rulemaking has diminished in recent years. Senator Nething said that is commendable and incentives should be considered to encourage agencies to repeal obsolete existing rules.

**It was moved by Representative Devlin, seconded by Representative Price, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Administrative Rules Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, and Robinson and Representatives Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Taxation Committee**

Senator Randel Christmann, Chairman, Taxation Committee, presented the committee's report. Senator Christmann said the committee studied taxation and regulatory incentives for the lignite industry, fuels tax laws, farm and ranch retirement, and agricultural business investment.

**It was moved by Senator Christmann, seconded by Representative Glassheim, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Taxation Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Devlin, Glassheim, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Electric Industry Competition Committee**

Representative Al Carlson, Chairman, Electric Industry Competition Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Carlson said the committee studied the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state. He said the committee reviewed electric industry restructuring initiatives in other states, electric utility taxation in other states,

and federal restructuring initiatives. He said the committee studied the Territorial Integrity Act, reviewed previous Territorial Integrity Act studies, and reviewed the exclusive electric service area laws of surrounding states.

**It was moved by Senator Robinson, seconded by Senator Christmann, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Electric Industry Competition Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Employee Benefits Programs Committee**

Representative Jim Poolman, Chairman, Employee Benefits Programs Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Poolman said the committee has jurisdiction over legislative measures affecting retirement, health insurance, and retiree health insurance programs of public employees. He said the committee conducted a study of the defined contribution retirement plan and deferred compensation program vendors.

**It was moved by Representative Mahoney, seconded by Representative Devlin, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Employee Benefits Programs Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Garrison Diversion Overview Committee**

At the request of Chairman Nelson, committee counsel presented the Garrison Diversion Overview Committee report. Committee counsel said the committee received updates concerning the project from representatives of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, State Water Commission, and the United States Bureau of Reclamation. He said the committee received information on the Dakota Water Resources Act, Devils Lake flooding, Devils Lake litigation, the Section 404 program, the Farmland or Ranchland Acquisition Advisory Committee, and the state aid distribution fund. He said the committee received a report from the State Engineer on its study of the feasibility and desirability of constructing dams and other impoundments in the Pembina River watershed for the purpose of reducing flows in the lower reaches of the Pembina River, and periodic reports from the State Engineer regarding implementation of the comprehensive statewide water development program and state water management plan and the issuance of and sources for repayment of bonds to finance construction of flood control projects, the Southwest Pipeline Project, a Devils Lake outlet, and a statewide water development program during the 1999-2000 interim. He said the committee also

studied issues related to the Missouri River in North Dakota.

**It was moved by Representative Glasheim, seconded by Senator Krauter, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Garrison Diversion Overview Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glasheim, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### **Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations**

Senator Elroy N. Lindaas, Chairman, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, presented the commission's report. Senator Lindaas said the commission's statutory authority provides for the study of local government structure, fiscal and other powers and functions of local governments, relationships between and among local governments and the state or any other government, allocation of state and local resources, and interstate issues involving local governments. He said the 12 areas of interest the commission focused on are park district mill levy consolidation, commission membership, city and county public employee tobacco education and cessation, institutions of public charity property tax exemptions, municipal court fine collection, disaster relief, the Leadership Initiative for Community Strategic Planning, governmental services at the local level, road maintenance, the United States Census 2000, revenue sharing and personal property tax replacement, and e-commerce taxation.

Senator Nething questioned the intent of the commission approval and recommendation of a bill to increase commission membership to include a representative of the North Dakota School Boards Association. Senator Lindaas responded the commission intent was to include school board representation because school boards have taxing authority, and although it is true not all commission issues may pertain to school boards, this is no different from other citizen members because not all issues necessarily concern all members.

**It was moved by Senator Lindaas, seconded by Senator Robinson, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Devlin, Glasheim, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### **Commerce and Labor Committee**

Representative Eliot Glasheim, Chairman, Commerce and Labor Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Glasheim said the committee studied the economic development efforts in the state, including the provision of

economic development services statewide and the related effectiveness, the potential for the privatization of the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and the appropriate location of the North Dakota Development Fund, including the potential transfer of the fund to the Bank of North Dakota. He said the committee also studied heritage tourism and the relationships among the State Historical Society, Parks and Recreation Department, Tourism Department, Department of Economic Development and Finance, and private sector promoters and developers of heritage tourism in the state. He said the committee received reports from Job Service North Dakota regarding incentives to encourage an employee to decrease the length of time that employee receives unemployment compensation benefits and to encourage a negative employer to become a positive employer; received annual reports from the Division of Community Services on renaissance zone progress and from the Department of Economic Development and Finance; and received three reports from the Workers Compensation Bureau regarding the bureau's safety audit of Roughrider Industries work programs and the bureau's performance audit of the modified workers' compensation coverage program, regarding the results of the bureau's study of the awards provided to injured employees with permanent impairments caused by compensable work injuries, and regarding the bureau's recommendations from the bureau's study of the benefits available to persons receiving long-term disability or death benefits.

**It was moved by Representative Glasheim, seconded by Senator Nething, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Commerce and Labor Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glasheim, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

The Council recessed at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2000.

### **Education Finance Committee**

Representative RaeAnn G. Kelsch, Vice Chairman, Education Finance Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Kelsch said the committee conducted four studies. She said the first was a study regarding the provision of education to public school students in this state and the manner in which education to public school students will be delivered in the coming 5, 10, and 20 years. She said the second was a study of accreditation standards for elementary and secondary schools. She said the third was a study of state special education funding, and the fourth was a study regarding state academic content standards and assessments. She said the committee recommends a bill that requires each school district and nonpublic school in this state to

either adopt state academic content standards or develop their own.

**It was moved by Senator Christmann, seconded by Representative Warner, and carried on a roll call vote that the report of the Education Finance Committee be accepted.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glasheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Education Services Committee**

Representative David Monson, Vice Chairman, Education Services Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Monson said the committee rewrote those remaining portions of Title 15 that relate to elementary and secondary education. He said the committee recommends two bills related to the rewrite of Title 15 and a resolution for a Legislative Council study to review the completed rewrite.

**It was moved by Representative Mahoney, seconded by Senator Nething, and carried on a roll call vote that the report of the Education Services Committee be accepted.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glasheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Information Technology Committee**

Senator Larry J. Robinson, Chairman, Information Technology Committee, presented the committee's report. Senator Robinson said the Information Technology Committee received reports from the state Chief Information Officer, reviewed the business plan of the Information Technology Department, reviewed the activities of the Information Technology Department, reviewed the statewide information technology standards, reviewed the statewide information technology plan, and reviewed the cost-benefit analyses of major information technology projects. He said the committee also received quarterly reports regarding the progress of major information technology projects and reviewed the process for the implementation of a new statewide wide area network.

**It was moved by Senator Robinson, seconded by Senator Krauter, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Information Technology Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, and Robinson and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glasheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Crop Harmonization Committee**

Mr. John D. Bjornson, Legislative Council staff, presented the report of the Crop Harmonization Committee. Mr. Bjornson said the Crop Harmonization Committee received reports from the Agriculture Commissioner regarding the efforts of the

commissioner to develop a single uniform process for the joint North American labeling of crop protection products. He said the committee reviewed the efforts of the Agriculture Commissioner, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, the crop protection manufacturing industry, and others to move forward the process of harmonizing crop protection product registrations in the United States and Canada. He said the committee also studied the chemical application industry to develop a method for assessing or determining damages due to misapplication and for the resolution of disputes through mediation.

**It was moved by Senator Christmann, seconded by Representative Mahoney, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Crop Harmonization Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, and Robinson and Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Glasheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Regulatory Reform Review Commission**

Representative Mick Grosz, Chairman, Regulatory Reform Review Commission, presented the commission's report. Representative Grosz said the commission studied the providing of a state universal service fund in response to federal action. He said the federal action needed to make a definitive decision on a state universal service fund is expected during the legislative session.

In response to a question from Senator Nething, Representative Grosz said the Regulatory Reform Review Commission will expire after the next interim. He said the Regulatory Reform Review Commission has become more of a research committee than an oversight commission.

**It was moved by Senator Nething, seconded by Senator Robinson, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the Regulatory Reform Review Commission.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, Robinson, and Stenehjem and Representatives Devlin, Glasheim, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

#### **Agriculture Committee**

Representative John M. Warner, Chairman, Agriculture Committee, presented the committee's report. Representative Warner said the committee studied damage caused by hunters and depredation caused by wild animals and focused on depredation caused by deer and prairie dogs. He said the committee investigated possible protections for farmers in credit-sale contracts. He said the committee studied agricultural marketing and focused on agricultural anti-trust violations and grain grading.

**It was moved by Representative Warner, seconded by Senator Krauter, and carried on a roll call vote to accept the report of the**

**Agriculture Committee.** Senators Nelson, Christmann, Krauter, Lindaas, Nething, and Robinson and Representatives Devlin, Glassheim, Mahoney, Price, and Warner voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Chairman Nelson said the committees had a productive interim. He said committees that do not recommend any bill draft may be as successful as those that do because in both cases the area of study has been researched, and the committee members have learned in the process and concluded that legislation is not recommended.

Chairman Nelson thanked the chairmen of each of the committees. He also thanked the Legislative Council staff for their support and assistance to members of the Legislative Council, legislators, and the legislative process.

No further business appearing, Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2000.

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John D. Olsrud  
Director