

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**April 28, 2005**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Legislative Council was called to order at 8:12 a.m. by Chairman Pete Kott in the Senate Finance Committee Room and via teleconference.

The roll was taken. In attendance were Council members: Representatives Kott, Coghill, Gatto, Harris, Rokeberg, Weyhrauch, Berkowitz, Senators Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wilken, Wagoner and Davis. Staff present: Varni, Ohmer, Maher, Popely, Collins, Clothier, Cook, Ibesate, Price and Schofield.

**2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 21, 2005 MINUTES**

Senator Therriault moved Legislative Council approve the minutes of the April 21, 2005 Council meeting.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM POLICY APPROVAL**

Chairman Kott stated the Travel and Per Diem Policy was tabled at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and Legislative Council agreed, at the request of Senator Wilken to come back and discuss the policy as it was proposed and/or to bring any future ideas forward.

Discussion followed.

Senator Therriault moved to table the Travel and Per Diem Policy until a later date.

Discussion followed.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. ACTUARIAL SERVICE COMPANY, P.C. CONTRACT AMENDMENT APPROVAL**

Chairman Kott carried forward the Actuarial Service contract between Legislative Council and Mr. Esuchanko that had been tabled at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Kott stated that he would keep this matter on the table for a later date.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Senator Therriault offered a proposed change to the Drafting Manual regarding language of Intent and submitted a Legislative Research Report on the growing trend toward Findings or Intent language, stating this did not need to be pushed through for a final decision today.

Ms Cook, Director, Legislative Legal and Research Services stated that the existing language in the Drafting Manual has always had some direction related to avoiding statements of Intent and making sure statutes are drafted clearly enough to accomplish intent as a matter of statutory law. She affirmed the proposed changes would be helpful. Ms. Cook stated that the Manual is published every two years and if Council elects to adopt the amendment, the Agency would insert the proposed change in the Drafting Manual for the beginning of the next Legislative session.

Chairman Kott tabled the Drafting Manual language of Intent and stated it would be brought up at a later date.

Senator Therriault moved that Legislative Council go into Executive Session under Rule 22(b)(4) for purposes of discussing a matter of the public knowledge of which would adversely affect the security of the state, or adversely affect the security of the state government.

Chairman Kott requested that Ms. Varni, Ms. Cook, and Mr. Popely attend the Executive Session.

Legislative Council went into Executive Session.

Legislative Council came out of Executive Session.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.