

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

46TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

DATE: June 6, 2003

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

ROOM: SHR 109

CHAIRMAN: Senator Burns

VICE CHAIRMAN: Senator Waring

ANALYST: Deborah Johnston
Carolyn Atwater

**COMMITTEE
SECRETARY:** Tracey Moulton

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Anderson	X			HB 2531	DPA
Senator Arzberger	X			HB 2532	DPA
Senator Bee	X			HB 2533	DPA
Senator Cannell	X			HB 2534	DPA
Senator Giffords	X			HB 2535	DPA
Senator Harper	X				
Senator Martin	X				
Senator Mead	X				
Senator Rios	X				
Senator Soltero	X				
Senator Verschoor	X				
Senator Waring, Vice Chairman	X				
Senator Burns, Chairman	X				

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. and attendance was noted.

Senator Burns announced that public testimony would not be heard, as testimony was taken during the subcommittee process. Additionally, he noted that there has been ample time for constituents to write, call, e-mail or meet with their Senators.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Senator Burns moved the minutes of May 14, 2003 be approved. Without objection, the minutes were approved as distributed.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2531 – general appropriations; 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. – DO PASS AMENDED

Senator Waring moved HB 2531 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Waring moved the 18-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 10:15 p.m. be ADOPTED (Attachment A).

Debbie Johnston, Appropriations Committee Research Analyst, explained that the 18-page Burns amendment was discussed in both caucuses yesterday. She stated the amendment makes numerous changes to the funding levels for different agencies. She stated that the following issues were brought up after the caucuses met. She noted that there is a new footnote being added for the Department of Juvenile Corrections to give the agency expenditure authority for the education fund for committed youth; a new trauma center footnote, setting aside \$2 million of the \$5 million appropriation for the University Medical Center; a new elder hotline footnote within the Judiciary budget that protects funding at the FY 2003 level and a new special line item added to the Judiciary budget, which transfers \$20,000 within the Judiciary base to a special water master. She further explained the existing footnotes in the bill include a dental board reporting requirement; the prohibition on community colleges and universities using State money to purchase obscene materials for courses and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) office of highway safety salary cap. The only money change that was not addressed in the caucuses is the \$2 million that was being added for the community colleges for 100% of dual enrollment funding is being shifted to equalization aid.

Senator Waring moved the 3-page Burns amendment dated 6/6/03, 1:22 p.m. to the 18-page Burns amendment be ADOPTED (Attachment B). The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Giffords moved the 4-line Giffords amendment #2 dated 6/6/03, 9:06 a.m. to the 18-page Burns amendment be ADOPTED (Attachment C).

Senator Giffords explained that her 4-line #2 amendment deals with the Heritage Fund. She commented that the Heritage Fund has not received its full \$20 million appropriation since 1998 and opined that taking additional dollars from the Heritage Fund is a mistake.

Senator Burns remarked that it is unfortunate that the State is not operating in normal times or normal circumstances and therefore he would not be able to support the amendment.

Senator Arzberger spoke in support of the amendment and commented that decreasing funding to the Heritage Fund will endanger the continued development and opening of Kartchner Cavern. She noted that the Cavern is already a moneymaking entity for the State, and may eventually create enough revenue to fund the entire Parks system. She opined that this might be a poor time to stop the development of this particular asset of the State.

The motion FAILED by voice vote.

Senator Giffords moved the 4-line Giffords amendment #3 dated 6/6/03, 9:11 a.m. to the 18-page Burns amendment be ADOPTED (Attachment D).

Senator Giffords explained that her #3 amendment prevents the removing of funding for the Game and Fish Department. She commented that there is a possibility that with the removal of funds, there may be a loss of federal dollars from various programs.

Senator Burns stated that he was in opposition to the amendment.

The motion FAILED by voice vote.

Senator Giffords moved the 18-line Giffords amendment #4 dated 6/6/03, 12:22 p.m. to the 18-page Burns amendment be ADOPTED (Attachment E).

Senator Giffords explained that her #4 amendment replaces the enrollment growth for the Universities.

Senator Burns stated that he was in opposition to the amendment.

The motion FAILED by voice vote.

Senator Giffords moved the 7-line Giffords amendment #8 6/6/03, 9:36 a.m. to the 18-page Burns amendment be ADOPTED (Attachment F).

Senator Giffords explained the #8 amendment replaces funds to the art endowments.

Senator Burns stated that he was in opposition to the amendment.

The motion FAILED by voice vote.

Senator Giffords stated that the 11-line Giffords amendment #7 dated 6/6/03, 11:09 a.m. would not be offered (Attachment G).

Senator Soltero moved the 2-page Soltero amendment dated 6/6/03, 11:05 a.m. to the 18-page Burns amendment be ADOPTED (Attachment H).

Senator Soltero explained the 2-page Soltero fully funds growth in community colleges.

Senator Burns stated that he was in opposition to the amendment.

The motion FAILED by voice vote.

Senator Waring moved the 18-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 10:15 a.m. AS AMENDED, be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Waring moved HB 2531 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 12-1-0 (Attachment 1).

Senator Burns announced the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment I).

HB 2532 – capital outlay appropriations; 2003-2004. – DO PASS AMENDED

Senator Waring moved HB 2532 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Carolyn Atwater, Appropriations Committee Research Analyst, explained that the 19-line Burns amendment dated 5/30/03, 2:35 p.m. designates the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Officials public building land fund as a fund source for a 2004 appropriation to the Arizona Department of Administration for plumbing renovations at the Pioneers Home. The amendment eliminates a \$500,000 appropriation for Belmont shooting range development.

Senator Waring moved the 19-line Burns amendment dated 5/30/03, 2:35 p.m. be ADOPTED (Attachment J). The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Waring moved HB 2532 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 12-1-0 (Attachment 2).

HB 2533 – budget reconciliation; public finances. – DO PASS AMENDED

Senator Waring moved HB 2533 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Ms. Johnston explained the 13-page Burns amendment incorporates all of the changes that were discussed in both caucuses yesterday. There are no significant policy issues that were added after the caucuses. The 3-page Burns amendment to the 13-page Burns amendment corrects drafting errors.

Senator Waring moved the 13-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 10:50 p.m. be ADOPTED (Attachment K).

Senator Waring moved the 3-page Burns amendment dated 6/6/03, 1:16 p.m. to the 13-page Burns amendment be ADOPTED (Attachment L). The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Giffords moved the 19-line Giffords amendment dated 6/6/03, 12:55 p.m. to the 13-page Burns amendment be ADOPTED (Attachment M).

Senator Giffords explained that her 19-line amendment would remove the permanent cut to the Housing Trust Fund and in its place, the amendment would place the \$2.5 million cut into session law and make the cut for FY 2004 only.

Senator Burns stated that he was in opposition to the amendment.

The motion FAILED by voice vote.

Senator Waring moved the 13-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 10:50 p.m. AS AMENDED, be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Waring moved HB 2533 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 10-1-2 (Attachment 3).

Senator Burns announced the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment I).

HB 2534 – education; omnibus budget reconciliation; 2003-2004. – DO PASS AMENDED

Senator Waring moved HB 2534 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Ms. Johnston explained the 3-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 8:31 p.m. makes the changes that were discussed in Caucus with one change. The amendment also extends authorization for the family literacy program from January 1, 2004 until January 1, 2014.

Senator Waring moved the 3-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 8:31 p.m. be ADOPTED (Attachment N). The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Ms. Johnston explained the 25-line Rios amendment dated 6/6/03, 10:27 a.m. to the 3-page Burns amendment gives the Flagstaff Unified School District extra time to pay off an overage on its budget. She stated that this has been done for other districts.

Senator Rios moved the 25-line Rios amendment dated 6/6/03, 10:27 a.m. to the 3-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 8:31 p.m. be ADOPTED (Attachment O). The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Burns stated that his was in support of the amendment.

Senator Waring moved the 3-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 8:31 p.m. AS AMENDED, be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Arzberger stated that she would not be offering her 11-line amendment dated 6/6/03, 12:53 p.m. (Attachment P).

Senator Waring moved HB 2534 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 13-0-0 (Attachment 4).

HB 2535 – budget reconciliation; health and welfare. – DO PASS AMENDED

Ms. Johnston explained that there are two amendments to HB 2535. The 12-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 8:35 p.m. incorporates changes to the bill that were discussed in Caucus with one addition. The amendment also leaves the Arizona Disease Control Research Commission administration with the Commission rather than transferring it to the Department of Economic Security.

Ms. Johnston explained the 12-line Burns amendment dated 6/6/03, 12:46 p.m. corrects drafting errors.

Senator Waring moved HB 2535 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Waring moved the 12-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 8:35 p.m. be ADOPTED (Attachment Q).

Senator Waring moved the 12-line Burns amendment dated 6/6/03, 12:46 p.m. to the 12-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 8:35 p.m. be ADOPTED (Attachment R). The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Waring moved the 12-page Burns amendment dated 6/5/03, 8:35 p.m. AS AMENDED, be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Waring moved HB 2535 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 12-1-0 (Attachment 5).

Senator Burns announced the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment I).

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Moulton
Committee Secretary

(Tapes and attachments on file in the Secretary of Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115.)