

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

49TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: January 22, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

ROOM: SHR3

CHAIRMAN: Senator Gould

VICE CHAIRMAN: Senator S. Allen

ANALYST: Jake Agron

INTERN: Daniel Benson

COMMITTEE

SECRETARY: Bill Ritz

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

Committee Members

Senator Huppenthal

Senator Lopez

Senator Pierce

Senator Rios

Senator S. Allen, Vice Chairman

Senator Gould, Chairman

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Bill Number

Disposition

PRESENTATIONS

Department of Commerce – Rural Community Assistance

Chairman Gould called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and the attendance was noted.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Senator Gould introduced the Retirement and Rural Development Committee Staff for the 2009 Legislative Session:

Jake Agron, Research Analyst
Daniel Benson, Research Intern
Chris Kotterman, Democratic Staff Policy Advisor
Mia Mitchell, Democratic Staff Intern
Javan Mesnard, Majority Staff Policy Advisor
Bill Ritz, Committee Secretary
Ashley Wilcox, Page
Steven Gibson, Page

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES

Senator S. Allen moved the adoption of the Retirement and Rural Development Committee Rules (Attachment A). The motion **CARRIED** by voice vote.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE

Senator Gould announced Senator Gould, Chairman, Senator S. Allen, Senator Pierce, Senator Lopez, and Senator Rios are appointed to the Committee of Reference.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION BY JLBC STAFF

Department of Commerce – Rural Community Assistance

Eric Billings, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), provided an overview of the Department of Commerce's Rural Community Assistance programs, referring to a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Rural Community Assistance – Department of Commerce" (Attachment B). Mr. Billings also answered questions posed by the Committee members.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

Kent Ennis, Interim Director, Arizona Department of Commerce, answered questions posed by the Committee members regarding the Department's Rural Community Assistance programs.

Deb Sydenham, Assistant Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Commerce answered questions posed by the Committee members regarding the Department's Rural Community Assistance programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ritz
Committee Secretary

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