

Meeting Minutes
Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee
Taxation and Budget Reform Commission
Senate Office Building, Room 37
Tallahassee, Florida
Monday, February 25, 2008
8:30 a.m. – Noon

Committee Members: *Alan Levine, Chair; Mike Hogan; Julia Johnson; Carlos Lacasa; Patricia Levesque; Jacinta Mathis; Nancy Riley; Darryl Rouson; Greg Turbeville; Ken Wilkinson; Brian Yablonski*

Commissioners Present:

Mike Hogan
Julia Johnson
Patricia Levesque
Jacinta Mathis
Nancy Riley
Greg Turbeville
Ken Wilkinson
Brian Yablonski

Excused Absences:

Carlos Lacasa
Darryl Rouson
Alan Levine

Acting Chair Greg Turbeville called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Staff called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

Chair Turbeville stated that the first item on the agenda was Constitutional Proposal 0007 by the Finance and Taxation Committee. Questions and comments from members were entertained. The following speakers appeared before the committee: Nancy Stephens, Robert Weissert, and Al Stimac.

Traveling Amendments 1-3 were acknowledged and, upon a roll call vote, Constitutional Proposal 0007 was reported favorably with the traveling amendments by a vote of 4-3.

Next on the agenda was Constitutional Proposal 0022 sponsored by Commissioner Rouson. Chair Turbeville recommended that with Commissioner Rouson not available to present his proposal, the item should be temporarily postponed. The members agreed and Constitutional Proposal 0022 was temporarily postponed.

Chair Turbeville presented Constitutional Proposal 0026 and entertained questions and comments from committee members. The following speaker appeared before the committee: Hamilton Hansen.

The committee agreed to take up amendments on Constitutional Proposal 0026. Traveling Amendment 1 was acknowledged and a timely filed Amendment to Amendment 1 by Commissioner Gelber was not adopted. Upon a roll call vote, Constitutional Proposal 0026 was reported favorably with the traveling amendment by a unanimous vote (8-0).

The committee then took up Statutory Recommendation 0029 by the Finance and Taxation Committee. Staff gave a brief summary of the proposal and its analysis, and questions and comments from members were entertained. The following speakers appeared before the committee: Robert Weissert, Nancy Stephens, and Al Stimac.

Traveling Amendment 1 was acknowledged and, upon a roll call vote, Statutory Recommendation 0029 was reported favorably with the traveling amendment by a vote of 6-2.

Next on the agenda was Constitutional Proposal 0042 sponsored by Commissioner Barney Barnett. Chair Turbeville recommended that with Commissioner Barnett not available to present his proposal, the item should be temporarily postponed. The members agreed and Constitutional Proposal 0042 was temporarily postponed.

Chair Turbeville stated that the next item on the agenda was Constitutional Proposal 0040 by the Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee. Questions and comments from members were entertained. No speakers requested to address the members on this proposal.

The committee agreed to take up amendments on Constitutional Proposal 0040. A late filed Amendment 1 by Commissioner Levesque was approved to be heard and adopted without objection. Upon a roll call vote, Constitutional Proposal 0040 was reported favorably as amended by a unanimous vote (8-0). Commissioner Levesque moved that the proposal be made a Committee Substitute, and the motion was adopted.

Chair Turbeville stated that the last item on the agenda was Constitutional Proposal 0046 sponsored by Commissioner Hogan. At the request of the sponsor, the proposal was temporarily postponed. Because they were in attendance and wished to speak at this time, the following speakers appeared before the committee: Sandy Mortham, Hamilton Hansen, and Lance de Haven Smith.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.