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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Meeting Under s. 13.10

August 27, 2009

Co-chair Pocan presided and called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Present: Senators Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Darling
Representatives Pocan, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby, Montgomery

Absent: Senator Olsen, Representatives Colón and Vos

I. Department of Health Services

Moved by Senator Lehman and seconded by Representative Mason to increase expenditure authority in the Department of Health Services by $1,500,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $1,500,000 in fiscal year 2010-11 in federal ARRA funds to provide a one-time increase in Birth-to-Three county allocations, but allocate funding entirely based on a county's population of children under age three.

Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; Absent, 3 (Olsen, Colón, Vos)

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriation under s. 20.435(7)(m).]

II. Department of Natural Resources

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to approve the expenditure of $16,800 FED in fiscal year 2009-10 of federal economic stimulus funds for a fish habitat restoration project in the Eau Claire Chain of Lakes, including $16,600 in the appropriation under s. 20.370(4)(mz) and $200 in the appropriation under s. 20.370(8)(mz).

Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; Absent, 3 (Olsen, Colón, Vos)

III. Department of Commerce

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to approve the expenditure of $1,656,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 of federal stimulus funds in the appropriation under s. 20.143(2)(o) for grants under the lead hazard control program.

Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; Absent, 3 (Olsen, Colón, Vos)
Moved by Representative Pocan and seconded by Senator Miller to make a technical correction to the August 4, 2009, meeting minutes regarding the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program [Item IX], to provide $200,000 for administrative costs in the appropriation under s. 20.143(2)(m) [rather than in s. 20.143(2)(o)] and $1,144,000 for grants in the appropriation under s. 20.143(2)(o) [rather than in s. 20.143(2)(m)].

Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; Absent, 3 (Olsen, Colón, Vos)

IV. Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to approve the expenditure of $27,200 in fiscal year 2009-10 of federal stimulus funds for aquaculture feed cost grants.

Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; Absent, 3 (Olsen, Colón, Vos)

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriation under s. 20.115(3)(m).]

V. Department of Transportation

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to approve the Governor's request for the following: (a) $4,248,700 for nine transportation enhancement projects; (b) $53,236,600 for 66 local road and bridge projects; and (c) $35,088,600 for ten state highway and bridge projects.

Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; Absent, 3 (Olsen, Colón, Vos)

[Secretary's Note: There is currently $75.4 million of federal economic stimulus funds available for these additional projects. The request has a total estimated cost of $92.6 million. Priority will be given to funding all of the local projects, which total an estimated $57.5 million. Any part of the remaining $35.1 million in estimated costs that cannot be funded with economic stimulus dollars would be funded through the state’s regular appropriations for the state highway program.]

VI. Department of Transportation

Co-chair Miller made a unanimous consent request to approve the Governor's request for the use of $1,800,000 in federal economic stimulus funds awarded specifically for the Cassville ferry replacement project. Without objection, it was so ordered.

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriation under s. 20.395(2)(cs) in fiscal year 2009-10.]

VII. Department of Transportation

Senator Taylor made a unanimous consent request to approve the Governor's request for the use of $664,435 in federal economic stimulus funds awarded specifically for an airport project at General Mitchell International Airport. Without objection, it was so ordered.

[Secretary's Note: The funds would be deposited to and expended from the department's appropriation under s. 20.395(2)(dx) in fiscal year 2009-10.]
VIII. Department of Transportation

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to approve the Department of Transportation's request to transfer $4,005,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 and $603,000 in fiscal year 2010-11 from the state highway rehabilitation SEG appropriation [s. 20.395(3)(cq)] to the major interstate bridge construction SEG appropriation [s. 20.395(3)(dq)].

Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; Absent, 3 (Olsen, Colón, Vos)

IX. Department of Transportation

Moved by Senator Miller and seconded by Representative Pocan to deny the department's request for approval of its deficit plan (the 2007-09 biennium's ending balance in the transportation fund would be negative $33,218,100).

Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; Absent, 3 (Olsen, Colón, Vos)

Kirsten M. Grinde, Secretary

Date: 9/2/2009

Mark Pocan, Co-Chair

Date: 9/2/09

Jim Doyle, Governor

Date: Sept. 9, 2009