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## SUMMARY OF MEETING

### COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES

**January 11, 2013**

The Committee on Legal Services met on Friday, January 11, 2013, at 9:35 a.m. in HCR 0112. The following members were present:

Senator Morse, Chair  
Senator Brophy  
Senator Guzman  
Senator Johnston (present at 9:38 a.m.)  
Senator Roberts  
Representative Foote  
Representative Gardner  
Representative Kagan  
Representative Labuda, Vice-chair  
Representative Scott

Representative Gardner called the meeting to order. He said I want to welcome the new members of the Committee. This is truly one of the most important committees here. I think there are a lot of people who don't know what this Committee does but we do some pretty important policy things from time to time.

**9:36 a.m.** -- The Committee addressed agenda item 1 - Election of Chair and Vice-chair.

**9:37 a.m.**

Representative Gardner nominated Senator Morse to serve as Chair of the Committee.

Representative Labuda seconded the nomination. The motion passed on a 10-0 vote, with Representative Foote, Representative Gardner, Representative Kagan, Representative Labuda, Representative Scott, Senator Brophy, Senator Guzman, Senator Johnston, Senator Morse, and Senator Roberts voting yes.

Senator Morse said this Committee does amazing work and it really does it in a very bipartisan way. We had a meeting on Tuesday and we probably took somewhere along the order of 10 votes. In those 10 votes, there was only one vote cast that was a contrary vote. We really do work together and use the guidelines that are set in statute for this Committee.

**9:42 a.m.**

Representative Foote nominated Representative Labuda to serve as Vice-chair of the Committee.

Representative Kagan moved to appoint Representative Labuda to serve as Vice-chair of the Committee by acclamation. No objections were raised to that motion and it passed unanimously.

**9:43 a.m.** -- The Committee addressed agenda item 2 - Other.

Senator Morse said we do for the first time this year have a scheduled time for this Committee to meet and that is from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the first Friday of every month.

Representative Labuda said last year because of the way the House session ended, the revisor's bill did not pass. Are we going to have a super bill this time?

**9:44 a.m.** -- Jennifer Gilroy, Revisor of Statutes, Office of Legislative Legal Services, addressed the Committee. She said yes. Typically we have introduced the revisor's bill very late in the session, mid-April to end of April. This year, we're going to move it up a couple weeks. We try to use that legislation as a means of correcting errors we have found in bills that are passing in the current session, so that's why we try to keep it toward the end of session. But, this year we're going to move it up a little bit so it's not going to pass on final passage in the very final days of session.

Senator Morse asked if the committee of reference for that bill is this Committee? Ms. Gilroy said no, it's typically the Judiciary committee in both houses.

Senator Morse said we will plan to meet on February 1 and please block out on your calendars from noon to 2:00 p.m. each of the first Fridays in March, April, and May. Also for new members, we meet outside of the session occasionally to do some rule review.

**9:46 a.m.** -- Debbie Haskins, Assistant Director, Office of Legislative Legal Services, addressed the Committee. She said we would like to conduct a one-hour orientation for the new members of the Committee between now and February 1. If the five new members could stay after we adjourn, we can talk about when to schedule that.

**9:47 a.m.**

The Committee adjourned.