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SUMMARY OF MEETING

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES

January 9, 2015

The Committee on Legal Services met on Friday, January 9, 2015, at 8:36 a.m. in SCR 354. The following members were present:

Senator Scheffel, Chair
Senator Roberts
Senator Steadman
Representative Dore
Representative Foote (present at 8:37 a.m.)
Representative McCann, Vice-chair
Representative Willett

Senator Steadman called the meeting to order.

8:36 a.m. – The Committee addressed agenda item 1 – Election of Chair and Vice-chair.

8:37 a.m.

Senator Roberts nominated Senator Scheffel as Chair of the Committee and Representative McCann as Vice-chair of the Committee. No objections were raised to that motion and it passed unanimously.

8:38 a.m. – Debbie Haskins, Assistant Director, Office of Legislative Legal Services, addressed agenda item 2 – Other.

Ms. Haskins said the Committee actually has a dedicated time to meet during the session, which is the first Friday of the month starting in February. We meet at 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. if we need to go that long. Our next meeting is February 6. I expect that we'll be hearing the rule review bill sitting as the Senate committee of reference. The other dates are March 6, April 3, which is Good Friday, and May 1. April 3 may not be good for us so we'll have to monitor that and see what the House and Senate plans are for that day. We usually order box lunches for you if we think the meeting will be more than ½ hour. She asked Senator Scheffel, Representative Dore, and Representative Willett to stay after adjournment of the meeting to schedule orientation for the new Committee members.

Representative Willett asked can we reschedule the Good Friday date now just so we don't have that hanging?

Senator Scheffel said I'm fairly confident that the Senate won't meet that day and typically the House doesn't meet either. If staff could work out an alternative date and let us know we'd appreciate that.

Ms. Haskins said we'll work on an alternative date and let you know at the next meeting.

8:41 a.m.

The Committee adjourned.