



## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, Room 245-N  
Statehouse, at 11:05 a.m. on February 21, 2000.

After discussion by the committee Senator Goodwin stated that she would like to have the resolution changed to request 10 copies be provided to her. Senator Harrington moved to amend the resolution requesting 10 copies be provided to Senator Goodwin and that the resolution be passed favorably to the full senate. Senator Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Senator Harrington became presiding chair and opened hearing on:

### **SB 525 – Legislative session**

Chairman Harrington recognized Senator Oleen, a proponent to **SB 525**. Senator Oleen stated that this bill would indicate that legislators would be in session, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Fridays could be devoted to constituent work, travel to the home districts, meetings with constituents and to attend to jobs of citizen legislators. Senator Oleen stated that the bill did provide for affirmative vote by 2/3 of the members elected of either house for a legislative committee of such house to meet on Fridays' or other days during a legislative session. Senator Oleen stated that one of the reasons for this bill is that quality people have left the legislature and others will not consider running because of a need to attend to personal careers that cannot be abandoned for three or four months. Another reason is the considerable driving time that some legislators have if they return to their districts to attend meetings and meet with constituents. Senator Oleen stated that many other states have adopted this style of session to accommodate legislators and constituents' needs. (Attachment 3). Senator Oleen stated that this would be a better way to represent and work for the constituents in a legislator's district.

After questions and comments on the bill from the committee members, Chairman Harrington closed the hearing on the bill.

Senator Oleen resumed chair and announced that a meeting of the subcommittee on **SUB HB 2013** is scheduled today after adjournment of the Senate.

Chairman Oleen called for action on the minutes for February 9, February 15, February 16 and February 16 at the rail. Senator Vratil moved to accept the minutes as noted. Senator Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be February 22, at 11:00 a.m.