

**EXCERPT FROM DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
AND THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Seventy-Fifth Session
March 5, 2009**

Following is an excerpt of the draft minutes of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance Joint Subcommittee on General Government and Accountability held on March 5, 2009, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was called to order by Chair Moises Denis at 8:10 a.m.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Mo Denis, Chair
Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea

SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Steven A. Horsford
Senator Dean A. Rhoads
Senator Joyce Woodhouse
Senator Warren B. Hardy II

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Assemblyman Marcus Conklin

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Abba, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Brian Burke, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mike Chapman, Senior Program Analyst
Sarah Coffman, Program Analyst
Connie Davis, Committee Secretary
Vickie Kieffer, Committee Assistant

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Chair Denis asked Department of Agriculture representatives whether federal stimulus funding could provide relief to any of the Department's budgets affected by state funding reductions.

Anthony Lesperance, Ph.D., Director, Department of Agriculture, advised that he had submitted a request to the Budget Division for stimulus funding to purchase equipment for the Division of Veterinary Medical Services and that Dr. Rink, Supervisor of the Animal Disease Laboratory, could more fully address the request. Dr. Lesperance advised that after a review of the federal stimulus funding, the purchase of veterinary equipment was the only request the Department could make that did not include conditions.

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Anette Rink, D.V.M., Supervisor, Animal Disease Laboratory, Division of Veterinary Medical Services, Department of Agriculture, testified that she had requested "high throughput equipment" that would update currently existing equipment for DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) and RNA (ribonucleic acid) detection. Dr. Rink indicated the new equipment would streamline test processes and reduce "hands-on" time.

Chair Denis asked again whether there were any other budgets that could be provided funding relief from the federal stimulus package.

Dr. Lesperance reiterated that the Division of Veterinary Medical Services was the only budget that could be provided funding from the stimulus package without the imposition of conditions.

Chair Denis hearing no further questions from the Subcommittee members, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.