

**REPORT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

May 18, 2012

Co-Chairs:

We, your Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 12:00 noon. on Thursday, May 17, 2012 in the Room 205 in the State Capitol Building.

Representative Baker made a motion to convene in executive session to discuss the salary recommendation for the new director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

Following the executive session, **Representative Baker made a motion to recommend that the new director's annual salary remain at the current annual salary of \$148,106.00 and that in ninety (90) days the Executive Subcommittee would meet to review the director's performance and discuss whether to recommend a change in salary. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

The subcommittee discussed the recent increase by the General Services Administration (GSA) in the mileage rate to \$0.555 per mile. **Representative Webb made a motion to maintain the current mileage rate of \$0.51 per mile for payments to members of the General Assembly by the Bureau of Legislative Research. The motion was seconded by Representative Rice and passed by voice vote.**

The subcommittee also discussed the Executive Branch request to block Bureau carryover funds during the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Members recalled that the previous discussion with the Executive Branch pertained only to a one-year block for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and did not include the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The subcommittee decided to table discussion of this issue until the next subcommittee meeting to give members time to consider the request.

The subcommittee discussed whether the Legislative Council Rules should be updated. It was noted that the differences between the rules of Legislative Council and the rules of the Joint Budget Committee are confusing and that the membership of Legislative Council subcommittees and Joint Budget Committee subcommittees often have no members in common.

The subcommittee instructed staff to provide the Executive Subcommittee with a copy of the rules and a comparison of the Legislative Council Rules and the Joint Budget Committee Rules for their consideration prior to the next Executive Subcommittee meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Mary Anne Salmon  
Senate Co-Chair

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Representative Tommy Lee Baker  
House Co-Chair

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