REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 17, 2008

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Legislative Council Members:

We, your Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met on Thursday, October 16, 2008 in Room 205 of the State Capitol.

The director introduced three new employees hired since the last meeting. Those employees are: Bart Angel, Legislative Personnel Analyst; Brent Gasper, Staff Attorney in Legal Research and Drafting; and Lorielle Gutting, Editor Supervisor in Statutory Review.

The subcommittee reviewed a revision proposed by the House Management Committee to the policy on the use of committee rooms. The subcommittee instructed staff to provide the revised policy to the Senate Efficiency Committee. Any changes proposed by the Senate Efficiency Committee will be provided to the House Management Committee.

The subcommittee discussed a request to provide time on the budget hearing schedule on October 22, 2008 to present the State Pay Plan recommendations to the members of the Joint Budget Committee. The staff was asked to add a note to the meeting notices to members to announce this presentation would be made.

The subcommittee heard a report regarding instances of theft or vandalism during the Boys State and Girls State mock legislative sessions. Staff was asked to write a letter from the Executive Subcommittee to the American Legion to ask that participants in the Boys State and Girls State mock legislative sessions be cautioned that enhanced security has been put in place to deter theft and that acts of vandalism may be prosecuted under the law.

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The subcommittee heard a progress report concerning legislative space needs and a report on various ongoing projects undertaken by Bureau staff.
Respectfully submitted,
Representative Scott Sullivan, House Co-Chair
Senator Henry "Hank" Wilkins, IV, Senate Co-Chair
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