

**MINUTES**  
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, June 28, 2017**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**Legislative Office Building, Room 643**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Chairmen: Representatives Dollar, Arp, Burr, Faircloth, Lambeth and McGrady**

**Members: Ager, Autry, Ball, Belk, J. Bell, L. Bell, Black, Blackwell, Boles, Boswell, Brockman, Brody, Bumgardner, Clampitt, Cleveland, Cunningham, Davis, Dixon, Dulin, Elmore, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Floyd, Ford, Fraley, Garrison, Gill, G. Graham, Grange, D. Hall, Hardister, Horn, Hunter, Hurley, Iler, Insko, John, Jones, Lucas, Malone, McElraft, McNeill, Michaux, Murphy, Pierce, Pittman, Potts, Presnell, Quick, B. Richardson, W. Richardson, Riddell, Ross, Shephard, Speciale, Strickland, Terry, Torbett, B. Turner, R. Turner, Watford, White, Willingham, Wray**

**I. Call to Order**

Senior Chair, Nelson Dollar presided and called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**II. Introductions**

Chairman Dollar introduced Sergeant-at-Arms Staff assisting with the meeting. Also introduced were students serving as House Pages.

**III. Action Agenda Items**

**A. HB284: 25-Year LEO Retirement Option/Proposed Committee Substitute HB284**

Representative Greg Murphy provided a review of HB284. Representative Allen McNeill presented the Proposed Committee Substitute to HB284 which changes the effective date of the transfer provisions in Section 2 of the Bill and the 25-year retirement option in Section 3 from January 1, 2018 to July 1, 2018. The remainder of the Bill would become effective when it becomes law.

Chairman Dollar opened the Floor for comments from Representatives. Comments or questions were received from: Representatives Speciale, Iler, Black, Ball, Torbett, Boswell, Richard, and Blackwell. Chairman Lambeth shared concerns from city officials and law enforcement agencies within his district. Chairman Faircloth expressed his support of the PCS.

Ed Caldwell, president of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, Major J. Alan Melvin of the NC State Highway Patrol and Fred Baggett, legal counsel for the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police answered questions from committee members and concurred that the effects of the proposed legislation were manageable.

Representative McNeill moved for a favorable report of PCS284; unfavorable to the original bill. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

**B. Proposed Committee Substitute SB338**

Chairman Chuck McGrady provided an overview of the PCS to SB228 which allocates \$100 million to various purposes and programs related to disaster relief from Hurricane Matthew, Tropical Storms Julia and Hermine, and the wildfires in western North Carolina. Chairman McGrady discussed in detail the allocation of funds.

Questions and comments were received from Representatives: Micheux, Shepherd; Clampitt; Horn; Cleveland; McElraft; Davis; Farmer-Butterfield; White; Dixon; and, Floyd. In response to questions asked by Representative Cleveland regarding flood insurance, Charles Perusse, State Budget Director, stated that the two-year subsidy used following Hurricane Floyd in 1999 was bridge money for persons living outside the flood plain. Representative Cleveland asked Mr. Perusse to provide data for the subsidy during the two-to-five-year period following Hurricane Floyd.

Representative Horn moved for a favorable report of PCS SB338; unfavorable to the original bill. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

**C. Proposed Committee Substitute HB894**

Representative John Szoka reviewed PCS to HB894 which would require the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to develop a pilot program in Cumberland County to provide health care services to veterans. The PCS would also provide for a training program on youth suicide awareness and prevention and a risk referral protocol for school personnel.

Representative Horn and Chairman Arp spoke in support of PCS HB894.

Representative Floyd moved for a favorable report of PCS HB894; unfavorable to the original bill. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

**IV. Adjournment**

The House Committee on Appropriations adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Representative Nelson Dollar, Senior Chair

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Panthea Briles, Committee Clerk