

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 08, 2013
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW20
MEMBERS: Chairman Wood(27), Vice Chairman Perry, Representatives Hancey, Henderson, Hixon, Malek, Morse, Romrell, Vander Woude, Rusche, Chew
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None.
GUESTS: Peter Shearer, Freedom Foundation, and Tony Smith, Benton Ellis.

Chairman Wood(27) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Wood(27) welcomed the committee members, introduced the page, Rebekah Ritthaler, and invited each member to talk briefly about his/her background.

Chairman Wood(27) explained that the committee would be using parliamentary procedures during meetings and debate, instructed the committee on some of the basics, and asked that each member study and become familiar with the process. He indicated that respect during emotional testimony was paramount, and that parliamentary procedure is an important tool in maintaining that respect.

He stressed that homework is necessary and required to be effective and successful in this committee, and the need to address questions to sponsors or presenters prior to meetings. He also talked about the intent of print hearings, their duration, sidebar conversation parameters, silencing cell phones, and keeping texting to a minimum. Agendas and legislation will be distributed electronically, except for RS'. **Chairman Wood(27)** explained why members must be present and in their seats to vote on a bill.

Chairman Wood(27) advised that the legislation introduction cut off date is March 1st. Speaker permission will be required for any introductions after that date and only legislation within the committee's purview will be heard.

He briefly discussed constituent-relations protocol. **Rep. Rusche** shared his experience and offered his help in directing issues to agencies.

The next two meetings will include presentations to help new members understand the function of the Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) and the various rules up for review. **Chairman Wood(27)** advised that the normal rule review subcommittee model has been temporarily removed to allow for the new members.

Chairman Wood(27) invited the Committee Secretary, **Irene Moore**, to discuss the committee folder layout, procedures for handouts, and additional help she provides to committee members.

Chairman Wood(27) then advised the committee that he will be discussing any RS' with it's sponsor prior to acceptance by the committee.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Representative Wood(27)
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary