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1 **APPEARANCES:**

2 The Honorable William C. Wampler, Jr., Chairman
3 The Honorable Richard D. Brown - Secretary of Finance
4 Delegate Kathy J. Byron
5 Mr. Jordon M. Jenkins, Jr.
6 Delegate Terry G. Kilgore
7 Delegate Daniel W. Marshall, III
8 Mr. Buddy Mayhew
9 Ms. Connie L. Nyholm

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11 COMMISSION STAFF:

12 Mr. Neal E. Noyes, Executive Director
13 Mr. Ned Stephenson, Deputy Director_
14 Mr. Timothy J. Pfohl, Grants Program Administration Manager
15 Ms. Britt E. Nelson, Manager of Program Assessments
16 Ms. Sarah Capps, Grants Program Administrator - Southside Virginia
17 Ms. Sara Williams, Grants Program Administrator - Southwest Virginia

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21 Mr. Francis N. Ferguson, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel for the
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1 SENATOR WAMPLER: Good morning. The
2 Special Projects Committee of the Virginia Tobacco Commission will come
3 to order.

4 I'll ask Neal to call the roll.

5 MR. NOYES: Mr. Barnard?

6 MR. BARNARD: (No response.)

7 MR. NOYES: Secretary Brown

8 SECRETARY BROWN: Here.

9 MR. NOYES: Delegate Byron?

10 DELEGATE BYRON: Here.

11 MR. NOYES: Mr. Jenkins?

12 MR. JENKINS: Here.

13 MR. NOYES: Delegate Kilgore?

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: Here.

15 MR. NOYES: Delegate Marshall?

16 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Here.

17 MR. NOYES: Mr. Mayhew?

18 MR. MAYHEW: Here.

19 MR. NOYES: Ms. Nyholm?

20 MS. NYHOLM: Here.

21 MR. NOYES: Senator Puckett?

22 SENATOR PUCKETT: (No response.)

23 MR. NOYES: Senator Wampler?

24 SENATOR WAMPLER: Here.

25 MR. NOYES: We have a quorum, Mr. Chairman.

1 SENATOR WAMPLER: Thank you all for
2 coming, and good morning, again. I hope we'll have a productive meeting
3 this morning. We'll try to do it in a very efficient manner. We really only
4 have one item on the Agenda that has a recommendation from the Staff.
5 There are a number of applications, and in the substance of those
6 applications what was striking to me were the large amounts of the requests.
7 Our budget is some \$7.1 million or 6.5.

8 MR. NOYES: Plus some carry forwards.

9 SENATOR WAMPLER: There were probably
10 one or two projects that could have eaten all of our money, which makes it
11 very difficult for the Staff to phase, realign, pare down or otherwise modify
12 those requests. Today as you read over the Staff recommendations, I notice
13 that very few received a hundred percent of what they requested. I think the
14 Staff's compliment, those that received a hundred percent in large amounts is
15 because we needed critical mass on those projects at that given time, and
16 phasing in would not work.

17 Another way of trying to decipher what I said for those who are
18 not going to receive a hundred percent of what they requested, we did the
19 best we could with what we had to work with. We're not going out of
20 business, and we will be back, but that's just one person's comment. I would
21 caution everyone to try to find other sources of funds. Don't come to the
22 Tobacco Commission and ask us to be your primary funder. Use us as the
23 critical link to close the gap and do the deal. That may not be a unanimous
24 opinion at this table. We're going to have a big challenge if we continue to
25 have to entertain six and seven million dollars of applications when one of

1 those applications could take a hundred percent of the funding. That's before
2 the coffee metabolizes, and I wanted to get those thoughts out at
3 least of this Chair's thought process.

4 Before we get into the meeting, Mr. Director, do you have any
5 comments you'd like to make?

6 MR. NOYES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A
7 couple of housekeeping matters. After this meeting, lunch will be served in
8 the room adjacent to this room. Please fill out your travel vouchers and
9 leave them at your seat or hand them to Michelle, so we don't have to catch
10 up with that over a period of days. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 SENATOR WAMPLER: Thank you.

12 Next will be approval of the Minutes from the October 30, 2008
13 meeting. Is there a motion to approve the Minutes? It's been moved and
14 seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented. All in favor signify by
15 saying aye? (Ayes.) Opposed, no? (No response.) The ayes have it. The
16 Minutes are adopted.

17 Next we'll get into the presentation of the grant proposals.
18 Without boring the Commission members any further and those sitting in the
19 audience, what I would like to do, if it's acceptable to the Special Projects
20 Committee, is have Mr. Pfohl give a very brief observation on the Staff
21 recommendations. If it's the concurrence of the Committee, we will go over
22 the Staff recommendation and use that as the basis for accepting a motion to
23 adopt the same. If anyone has a modification to that, we can take the
24 proposal out of the block and take it up before we have the final vote on the
25 matter, if that's acceptable to the Commission members.

1 Getting a sense that is acceptable, Tim, go ahead and see where
2 we go.

3 MR. PFOHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll
4 speak from here, and if anybody has any problems hearing me I'll step up to
5 the podium.

6 As a way of introduction, this is the FY2010 Special Projects
7 Grant Cycle. As Neal mentioned, there is 6.5 million budgeted to the
8 Committee in FY2010. There is a carryforward balance of 800,000 from the
9 previous years, so we have about \$7.3 million that we have to work with
10 here today. The application deadline is June 15th, and we have received 26
11 proposals requesting more than \$35 million. Some of those proposals we
12 dealt with with other mechanisms that you will hear about today, and then
13 we were left with 23 proposals requesting more than \$31 million and we
14 have a \$7.3 million balance.

15 Before I launch into those, I want to recognize the efforts of
16 your two regional grant administrators staff, Sara Capps in Southside
17 Virginia and Sarah Williams in Southwest Virginia, and they've played very
18 key roles in bringing you these recommendations we were challenged with
19 today and dealing with a very challenging list of projects, these are all very
20 good projects, and then providing these recommendations to you in about 30
21 days, since that application deadline. So, it's been an interesting month, to
22 say the least.

23 Starting on the top of the list, the Staff is recommending
24 600,000 to the County of Bedford, which is applying on behalf of the
25 Virginia Agricultural Community College to expand implementation of a

1 new associate degree level program at the community colleges across the
2 tobacco region. We recommended partial funding to allow the phased
3 approach for expansion of those programs with equipment going to
4 community colleges for faculty and equipment costs. The Phase II that was
5 funded by the Agribusiness Committee last fall will be enrolling students
6 and starting classes this fall, and that was a request to expand that for
7 additional colleges in the next school year.

8 SENATOR WAMPLER: If any Commission
9 members have questions after hearing the presentation, interrupt him and
10 he'll be glad to answer them.

11 MR. MAYHEW: Tim, do you think the amount
12 appropriated here of 600,000 would ultimately keep the project on its
13 intended course, as if we had funded it fully? In other words, assuming that
14 it becomes successful through the year and next year we come back and
15 continue to work with these folks, you don't see any problem with the
16 amount of money that we've put on the table right now?

17 MR. PFOHL: Well, I think like everyone in the
18 room they would love to have more. The Oversight Committee met by
19 conference call as recently as yesterday afternoon to look at how we could
20 accomplish the most with this recommendation. There are folks here in the
21 room who could speak to that, if you would like.

22 MR. NOYES: If I can speak to it about the
23 discussion among the Staff. What we are anxious to see after the first year is
24 exactly where the demand is, demand meeting expectations. There is no
25 reluctance on the part of the Staff to recommend additional funds going

1 forward; we want to kick the tires for this initial year.

2 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Is this request
3 properly in front of this Committee, or should it be in front of Agribusiness?

4 MR. PFOHL: They have been funded in the first
5 two phases from Agribusiness. The Agribusiness Committee, I think,
6 politely encouraged them to go visit some other committee. We've had
7 numerous conversations over the life of this project as to where this project
8 belongs, Agribusiness versus Education. We felt like it was clearly eligible
9 for Special Projects because it touches the entire tobacco region, and that's
10 one of the stated intents of this program. It's a regional project and serves
11 multiple localities.

12 SENATOR WAMPLER: Delegate Marshall, one
13 of the problems we had, and I'll answer part of this as inside baseball for the
14 moment, is trying to shop the most favorable committee within the Tobacco
15 Commission. In a perfect world, maybe it should go to Agribusiness if they
16 were properly capitalized. I have to defer to Staff as they work with the
17 applicants and encourage them to apply wherever they can find an
18 application right now, and sometimes it is a mismatch. But, I think it made
19 sense to bring it here.

20 DELEGATE MARSHALL: I'm not trying to beat
21 up on this project. Your first comment was that it seemed to be that we had
22 an overload of requests for this Committee. I think by looking at projects
23 like this that could be questionable whether they go to Education or go to
24 Agribusiness, we're actually encouraging people, I think, to make requests
25 here. So, if you can't get money on one committee, let's go to another

1 committee.

2 SENATOR WAMPLER: The Chair's observation,
3 I do not serve on the Agribusiness Committee, or have I, but it has been
4 underfunded in the last cycle, and I think that budget is close to \$2 million at
5 its high water mark, and I think lots of times it's been below that. We simply
6 didn't have the ability to have critical mass on projects. Your point is well
7 taken. That's really for the Executive Committee, I think, to determine how
8 we allocate the budgets for the various committees.

9 MR. NOYES: Agribusiness, as the Chairman
10 points out, has had very limited funds in the past and has supported this
11 effort and encouraged Staff to have the application come to this Committee
12 in this round; that's why it's here. Delegate Johnson is Chairman of that
13 committee and asked that it be heard here.

14 SENATOR WAMPLER: Before Tim gets into the
15 next point, let's simply observe, if it wasn't clear in the beginning, what
16 really struck me was that we didn't have more requests before the Committee
17 this time than we've had before in other rounds. We've had a number of
18 applications, much more than we have today with just large dollar amounts.

19 Without further questions or comments, let's go to our next one.

20 MR. PFOHL: Birthplace of Country Music,
21 Number 1835, requesting, this is for the Birthplace of the Country Music
22 Cultural Heritage Center, Phase III. That's a world-class interactive museum
23 to be built in an existing structure in the Town of Bristol. The Alliance has
24 been to the Commission in the past and has received support of over
25 \$400,000 for start-up and operating expenses and exhibits and some

1 preliminary site work. The applicant has stated that their immediate priority
2 in this large request would be for audio visual production for the exhibits
3 that will be placed in the museum, audio visual software and hardware and
4 artifacts and figures for the museum.

5 Staff is recommending 1.7 million for the AV production
6 software and hardware and the balance of the request be referred to
7 Southwest Economic Development Committee.

8 SENATOR WAMPLER: Did you mention that
9 they are already in the process of obtaining a loan from the federal
10 government to help with their activities? Did you mention that?

11 MR. PFOHL: No, I have not. The Alliance has
12 conducted economic impact studies that projected the museum will attract
13 conservatively 75,000 people per year. You can imagine during NASCAR
14 races there will be a significant number of people. They've also been very
15 aggressive in approaching every potential funding source, including USDA
16 Rural Development, historic tax credits, looking into new market tax credits,
17 and they have done an exemplary fund raising campaign period.

18 The Blue Ridge Foundation, 1825, Enhancement of the
19 Easternmost Stop on the Crooked Road. That will be the Blue Ridge
20 Institute and Museum in western Franklin County and will be an anchor
21 venue of the Crooked Road Heritage Music Trail. They're asking for an
22 improvement to the visitor's center and the Farm Museum. Those two
23 aspects are primarily funded with Housing and Urban Development money.
24 The specific request from the Commission is for 423,000, roughly, for the
25 construction and improvement for an outdoor music and drama performance

1 stage. The Commission has supported the Farm Museum renovations in the
2 past to the tune of \$300,000 in FY06. The outdoor performance stage that
3 will be built, the Staff would suggest there are sufficient Southside
4 Economic Development funds to build this if that's a priority of that
5 Committee. We would point out that the stage serves as an amenity for the
6 college and the community of Ferrum, which should be a low priority, and
7 that would fall in the bailiwick of the Southside Economic Development
8 round. It needs to be looked at to see if it's a proper investment for the
9 Commission. We're not recommending an award from this Committee.

10 Next is Bristol Virginia Utilities, Number 1811, Southwest
11 Virginia Diverse Route to Mid Atlantic Broadband. This is to install 49
12 miles of fiber backbone, and this would create an alternate connection
13 between the network of Bristol Utilities and Mid Atlantic Broadband,
14 ultimately, all of the Broadband providers that the Commission has funded
15 in Southside and Southwest. This would create an architecture to give them
16 redundant uninterruptable connections and an existing fiber route and a
17 revenue sharing agreement for those Broadband providers to share the
18 carrying of long-haul traffic and revenue from that traffic. This would
19 provide redundancy, which is an essential aspect of that.

20 The Staff would point out that the Special Projects Committee
21 does have a matching requirement. This project is requesting 100 percent
22 Commission funding. The BVU folks are aware of that, and they know they
23 need to ultimately approach the Southwest Economic Development
24 Committee for assistance with this project. I think they are prepared to do
25 so, but that would be the Staff's recommendation.

1 SENATOR WAMPLER: This will be the first of
2 six recommendations to refer applications to various committees or to
3 Southwest and to the Southside. This application probably doesn't fit in
4 Special Projects as we know it today. I would argue, and I think accurately,
5 this benefits Southside just as much as it does Southwest, which means that
6 it has, but we're not designed to carry a project of this magnitude.

7 Neal, would you shed a little light on this?

8 MR. NOYES: Mr. Chairman, without wanting to
9 get too much into next week's business in discussions with Chairman
10 Hawkins, he intends to substitute the Technology Committee and have
11 Technology applications heard in the two Economic Development
12 Committees. I couldn't agree with Senator Wampler more, this is a systemic
13 project that you're building a network. This piece is one of many pieces that
14 enables that network to operate. The needs in Southwest and Southside are
15 not at the same place today that they were when the Technology Committee
16 started. The Chairman thinks, and I have recommended to him, that
17 Technology projects would be best heard in the two committees, so that the
18 projects can best reflect priorities in Southwest and Southside. To that end,
19 as budgets are prepared for the next fiscal year, Fiscal Year 11, funds will be
20 incorporated into the budget that will allow Technology projects to go
21 forward.

22 Thank you.

23 SENATOR WAMPLER: Does the Chair of the
24 Southwest Economic Development Committee wish to offer comment?

25 DELEGATE KILGORE: No, I'm just going to add

1 to what Neal said. If projects such as this clearly could benefit both regions,
2 we have to take that into effect when we get to the Executive Committee and
3 set the budget.

4 MR. NOYES: We did that, the budget, and I'm
5 working on it, and it's recommended to the Executive Committee and will
6 reflect the increase in the available funds in both committees to
7 accommodate technology. I'd also point out that with the reserve line item
8 that's established by the Commission, in January we have the capacity to
9 support applications that go to the federal government for Broadband where
10 those applications fit to provide that matching amount. Right now it's set at
11 20 percent. There is no reason why we can't go forward with that right now.
12 We don't have to wait until FY11.

13 DELEGATE KILGORE: The other issue, and I'm
14 not meddling, but we have that formulary out there that when you go to the
15 Southside Economic Development it would keep the dollars from being
16 caught up by one county or another county and not being used for the greater
17 good in Southside as it relates to just technology.

18 MR. NOYES: The idea, and Mr. Owens is here.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: Ed, I'm just trying to
20 figure out how we're going to address that.

21 SENATOR WAMPLER: The Chair might
22 entertain a response, Ed, and I don't know what you're going to say, but just
23 say it.

24 MR. OWENS: Right now we're working out that
25 process; although we do have a formulary in Southside, there may be a line

1 item that says Technology Southside. So, we'll have an opportunity to work
2 on that allocation. We can be level in the actual allocation.

3 SENATOR WAMPLER: That's a good response,
4 thank you.

5 DELEGATE KILGORE: Take off the top, that's
6 fine.

7 SENATOR WAMPLER: Let's find out what's
8 going on in Buckingham County.

9 MR. PFOHL: Buckingham County is requesting
10 assistance for design of the new wastewater treatment plant, proposal
11 number 1849. It will address effluent discharge issues, and DEQ is currently
12 drafting a consent order to require these upgrades and addressing issues to
13 update their plant. Buckingham has received a small allocation, and in the
14 upcoming Southside Economic Development cycle they will have less than
15 \$18,000 in the current fiscal year to work on Economic Development
16 projects.

17 As you may recall, in the past years the Executive Committee
18 has said that Southside localities that have a very low allocation may
19 approach Special Projects by rights, if you will. This is being addressed in
20 an upcoming DEQ consent order, and Staff has asked for a cash flow
21 analysis from the county, and they have provided it. They will be charging
22 their residential users nearly \$40 a month to demonstrate significant efforts
23 to generate revenues from users. This will position them for meeting the
24 requirements for an application to the USDA Rural Development for
25 construction of the plant. The business customer base in Buckingham

1 County for the water and sewer systems is one-third of their total customers.

2 The Staff is recommending roughly one-third funding of this
3 million dollar project and recommending an award of \$350,000.

4 Next, Charlotte County proposal number 1847 is for the prison
5 sewer and water enhancement project to finalize engineering, permitting and
6 construction of a water treatment plant for the Town of Drakes Branch and
7 an upgrade to the Drakes Branch wastewater treatment facility. This will be
8 to serve the proposed 2,000-plus bed correction center. New jobs created at
9 the prison are estimated at 500-plus, and there will be some spin-offs of
10 support and job creation and private capital, and that investment will exceed
11 \$100 million. That will be in addition to serving future water and
12 wastewater customers in the county. This is eligible for Special Projects due
13 to the lack of adequate Southside Economic Development allocation. This is
14 an \$18 million project. The Southside Committee last year provided over
15 820,000 to begin the engineering of the project. The cash flow analysis
16 indicates a substantial effort to generate revenue, and this is proposed to
17 almost triple water and sewer rates to meet the debt obligation which is part
18 of the financing package. The county is asking in this request nine percent
19 of the total project costs. There is significant leverage from other sources.
20 Staff is recommending an award of \$1.5 million.

21 DELEGATE KILGORE: I would say this is one
22 of those special or would-be special eligible awards for this project, because
23 this should help the whole region. We see that with correction facilities in
24 our region, how it helps the whole region; and I just don't see a problem.

25 MR. NOYES: You don't have to worry about

1 performance agreements or clawback provisions.

2 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, we've been
3 working with the appropriate authorities. There are some other chips that
4 need to fall in place, but I think that would fall apart without this piece.

5 SENATOR WAMPLER: The Secretary speaks,
6 and I think that's an affirmative comment on that.

7 MR. PFOHL: Moving on to request number 1822
8 from the Clean Energy Alliance, Incorporated. This is a proposal from the
9 national nonprofit Association of Business Incubators, and this is a nonprofit
10 association of business incubators dedicated to assisting in the growth of
11 start-up and developmental clean-air related businesses. They're
12 headquartered in Golden, Colorado and staff in New Jersey that are
13 proposing to relocate their headquarters to the Riverstone Energy Center in
14 South Boston in Halifax County. They are one of 17 energy incubators
15 throughout the nation. The proposal request is to support an operating
16 budget for the first year. The majority of the personnel who are coming will
17 be used for staffing.

18 The Staff notes that the proposed budget provides operating
19 costs to assist those incubators across the country. They understand the
20 concerns we have with the project, and the Staff has suggested those
21 concerns could be addressed as Halifax County has an upcoming Southside
22 allocation for more than 2.6 million which could essentially assist this
23 project, and at this time the Staff is recommending no award.

24 Moving on to the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial
25 Facility Authority request number 1848 for Project Pharma. There is a

1 request for \$1 million of a \$4.2 million project to construct the first 38,000
2 square foot, multi-suite building for pharmaceutical processing and
3 packaging in the Cyber Park. A prospect company is interested in leasing a
4 majority of the building. Private capital investment is estimated to be at \$7
5 million and job creation starting in the 50-60 job range with the potential of
6 150 jobs within three years, averaging \$50,000 annually. Through a lease-
7 purchase agreement, revenues from the first building would be used to
8 finance subsequent buildings.

9 The Staff would point out that this is a project that targets an
10 industry that has a potential for high wages, but in this case the City of
11 Danville and Pittsylvania County have a combined available allocation of
12 8.2 million in the upcoming Southside Economic Development round. With
13 the local commitment to this project, which is substantial of \$1.6 million
14 from each of those two local governments, we feel like the Staff would be
15 highly supportive of this being considered in the Southside Economic
16 Development round.

17 DELEGATE MARSHALL: I'd like to make an
18 argument to the other side. I think this would be a good fit for Special
19 Projects. If you look at everything Tim has covered and as far as these
20 potential salaries of \$50,000. Fifty thousand dollars in Southside Virginia is
21 a heck of a salary when we talk about our region. One of the problems we
22 have is we probably don't have the people to fill these jobs. With a project
23 we funded just last year, Return to Roots, in Southside this would be a way
24 to bring people from outside back to our area, and we can increase income
25 levels and also be able to increase the population.

1 One of the other reasons I think this fits is because it is a project
2 of the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County that involves the mega fund.
3 We had an announcement today that we are looking at an energy company,
4 and the plans for the Mega Park this week were finalized, 3,200 acres, the
5 largest tract of land in the State of Virginia. The City of Danville and
6 Pittsylvania County are using their allocation trying to secure all of the
7 property, you have to get utilities there. To me, I think it's a good fit for
8 Special Projects.

9 SENATOR WAMPLER: The Chair observes that
10 you're right. I'd also say that we only have the ability to fund \$7.1 million of
11 projects. I'd ask the Committee to reflect on where we're putting the critical
12 mass dollars. There is no other or very limited financial resources to do it.
13 Mr. Secretary's comments about the correctional facility in Charlotte
14 County, to get this released in a timely manner, Special Projects has to do
15 the 1.5 million, otherwise we can't meet our obligations and we can't create
16 500 jobs.

17 Delegate Marshall, I understand the point that you made.

18 MR. NOYES: Mr. Chairman, essentially the
19 reason for the Staff recommendation for no award is because it's a matter of,
20 it's a matter of priorities. We're not arguing that the Mega Park or anything
21 is more important, but there is capacity locally to enter into this project.

22 SENATOR WAMPLER: I'd only make this last
23 observation. This is a great project, and we all want to see it happen, but it's
24 just a question of where do the dollars come from; but everybody is
25 committed to see it work.

1 Any other questions or comments from Committee members?

2 MR. PFOHL: The Town of Farmville Water
3 System Improvements to Support Economic Growth in the Area, number
4 1843. That request has been reduced, and it's now \$2.5 million. The issue is
5 the current water treatment plant has a capacity to treat three million gallons
6 per day, but due to the sizing of pipes in the town the system can only
7 deliver 1.7 million gallons per day. The request is for elevated water tanks,
8 15,000 square feet of 18-inch water mains and water plant pumps. The
9 project is here because of the Special Projects, or I should say the Southside
10 allocation for Prince Edward County, is insufficient to accomplish this
11 project. There is \$145,000 roughly that will be available in the upcoming
12 Southside round for the entire county. This is a project obviously that
13 exceeds that.

14 A preliminary engineering report has not been completed,
15 though they do have information from the town's engineers. A cash flow
16 analysis indicates in this case monthly residential rate for water service is
17 relatively low, and this is an opportunity for the town to increase rates so
18 they will be able to fund a larger portion. At this time the Staff is
19 recommending no award.

20 The Fish Virginia First Project, 1823, is presented by an
21 unincorporated coalition of localities, state and regional agencies and
22 tourism organizations to assist with start-up operating costs to promote a
23 recently unveiled Fish Virginia First marketing campaign. The targeted area
24 includes nearly all of the tobacco region, plus 13 non-Commission cities and
25 counties. That is promoting Virginia fishing destinations, including streams,

1 rivers, lakes and reservoirs. This includes such things as ESPN Bass
2 Masters Tournament this past April at Smith Mountain Lake. In the month
3 of April, the interim website received more than a quarter million hits due to
4 that information on ESPN. The applicants suggested that their start-up
5 operating costs would include web design and programming, brochure
6 design, distribution, advertising and sponsorship of one tournament. Staff
7 suggests that should be a new event rather than an existing one. Due to the
8 fact this is provided by an unincorporated coalition and operating with a
9 memo of understanding between all of those participating localities, Staff is
10 recommending an award of \$100,000 for these priority start-up operating
11 expenses to Franklin County. Franklin County is agreeable to being the
12 grantee and fiscal agent, so they would have an incorporated fiscal agent.

13 SENATOR WAMPLER: I like this application,
14 and I realize it may have some points to work through. Do they understand
15 this would be one-time non-recurring dollars?

16 MR. PFOHL: Yes, that was our conversation with
17 the project leaders, that we could assist one-time start-up operating
18 expenses. As they move into other phases, they can present us with new
19 value-added services. These are the preliminary priority activities. They
20 have been meeting for a year, and we have participated in some meetings,
21 but this represents a broad coalition. We actually heard from the Virginia
22 Tourism Corporation director Friday afternoon speaking very highly of this
23 effort. The Staff is very supportive of the steps that have been taken so far.

24 Next project is Greensville County request number 1846
25 requesting \$50,150 for Economic Suitability Assessments. The funds are

1 requested to perform a suitability assessment for two potential development
2 sites; the Mega Site, a 1500-acre industrial site, and the abandoned Perdue
3 processing facility. The Mega Site would be looked at for a photovoltaic
4 panel and/or battery manufacturing center. The Perdue facility has been
5 evaluated for its use as a data center. So, a lot of engineering and
6 assessment work has been done. There is adequate Southside Economic
7 Development allocation, more than \$128,000 in the upcoming round. The
8 Staff would suggest this be referred to the Southside Economic
9 Development Committee, and the Staff is supportive of this.

10 The Konnarock Retreat House, number 1838. This is Phase I in
11 this project requesting funds for the renovation for a retreat house circa
12 1924, former Lutheran school located in southeastern Smyth County. It has
13 been obtained by a nonprofit applicant from the U. S. Forest Service in
14 2007. Work to stabilize the facility and preliminary reconstruction work
15 will be performed. The project does not meet the retail participation test for
16 Special Projects. Staff has suggested in this case that they continue their
17 aggressive fund raising for this project, which is a very notable campaign,
18 and this project be referred to Southwest Economic Development for
19 consideration by that group.

20 The next is the Longwood University Foundation, 1844; this is
21 to renovate the second floor of Stevens Hall as a nursing clinical simulation
22 laboratory for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program which will begin
23 classes this fall. The request for \$4 million is roughly 2.7 million for
24 renovations and \$1.3 million for simulation laboratory equipment. This
25 county only has \$145,000 in the upcoming Southside Economic

1 Development grant cycle, and because of the inability of that committee to
2 address this project we worked with the applicant to point out that the
3 Education Committee is a proper venue to hear this. They have reduced
4 their proposal approximately \$1.8 million to accommodate a phased
5 renovation for classes that will begin in the fall of 2010, roughly a year from
6 now.

7 The Staff points out that the initial enrollment of approximately
8 35 students, and at this point only about eight or a quarter of that class are
9 residents of the tobacco region. The college has indicated they'll do more
10 outreach to tobacco region students in the upcoming classes. Staff has
11 suggested that it would be appropriate for recent nursing awards to assist this
12 project with the equipment that is needed for fall 2010, which amounts to
13 325,800, and we're recommending that award.

14 SENATOR WAMPLER: Would it be fair to say
15 that this would be one-time non-reoccurring?

16 MR. PFOHL: Yes, the equipment that will be
17 installed is operational for approximately a year.

18 Next is Pennington Gap Lee Theatre Learning Center, number
19 1834, requesting additional funds for the restoration and renovation of the
20 historic Lee Theatre. The project has been funded previously by the
21 Commission to the amount of roughly \$450,000 to acquire and begin
22 construction work on the building. Acquisition to complete the structure
23 work funded a year ago has not yet started. Ultimately the building cannot
24 only serve as a Crooked Road performing arts venue but also a distance
25 learning facility and an educational providing facility to provide multi-

1 purpose educational opportunities. The request does not meet the
2 requirements of Special Projects, which is, and we're suggesting this should
3 be considered in the upcoming Southwest Economic Development
4 Committee meeting. So our recommendation is refer to Southwest.

5 Next, People Incorporated Financial Services, proposal 1836,
6 has been withdrawn by the applicant. It is noted that there are matching
7 funds from the federal government that can be addressed through the
8 Commission's new reserve fund. People Incorporated has asked that this
9 proposal be referred to the reserve fund, and we expect to address that this
10 week.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: The polls are open, and the
12 votes haven't come in yet.

13 MR. PFOHL: Robert Russa Moton Museum,
14 proposal 1833, for the 2011 Permanent Exhibition. They're requesting funds
15 for the installation of a series of permanent exhibit galleries at the former
16 Moton High School in Farmville. Prince Edward County only has a small
17 Southside allocation, insufficient to address this project. The exhibits will
18 be installed in the former auditorium in this historic building, which is the
19 site of the walk-out in 1951, which led to the landmark *Brown vs Board of*
20 *Education* Supreme Court ruling. The economic impact for the facility as
21 indicated, and they expect conservatively 35,000 visitors per year. A past
22 Southside award of \$116,000 is currently under contract for building
23 renovations. The museum staff has identified a need for exhibit designs of
24 520,000 in addition to some video productions.

25 Staff is recommending an award of 520,000 for exhibit design.

1 Moving on, Russell County IDA has withdrawn their
2 application, 1803, and that's been addressed through the Tobacco Region
3 Opportunity Fund, and that proposal is no longer in front of you.

4 Scott County Economic Development Authority, proposal
5 1826, requesting funds for Southwest Virginia Health Department Phase 1
6 EMR Deployment. This is to assist one partner, which is a private for-profit
7 organization located in the Scott County Regional Business and Technology
8 Park, with equipment costs in deploying Electronic Medical Records
9 Technology for health departments in Southside and Southwest Virginia.
10 Initially two health departments will be directed by the Virginia Department
11 of Health. This request has been revised. One partner has indicated their
12 immediate equipment needs to serve this project is 1.360 million and
13 change.

14 The Staff is recommending an award of 1,360,591 for data
15 center equipment to be owned by the Scott County Economic Development
16 Authority. That's based on the public purpose of serving public health
17 agencies across the region and positioning this project to access federal
18 stimulus funds, which the applicants have been in active negotiations with
19 the federal government, and for the development of electronic medical
20 records and information technology across Scott County and Southwest
21 Virginia.

22 SENATOR WAMPLER: This is a way to leverage
23 the investment in fiber optics that we have employed in Southwest and
24 Southside to take advantage of the bandwidth. Any other comments?

25 MR. PFOHL: Smyth-Washington Regional

1 Industrial Facilities Authority, proposal 1820. This is a request to install
2 fiber conduit and install 1500 linear feet of dark fiber conduit in the
3 industrial park. This park has graded sites that have been looked for
4 attracting potential data center projects. It requires an additional 3,000 feet
5 of conduit in the installation of the dark fiber. This industrial park already
6 has been successful. We know this for a fact, that this is a project in a
7 location that could attract a data center potentially with these types of
8 improvements. This does not satisfy the Special Projects matching fund
9 component. We're suggesting this be resubmitted in conjunction with the
10 upcoming Southwest Economic Development round.

11 SENATOR WAMPLER: In deep consultation
12 with the Chair of the Southwest Economic Development Committee,
13 milepost 75, he said he'd be glad to entertain it.

14 MR. PFOHL: Southern Virginia Higher Education
15 Center, 1828. They're requesting funds for a 30-month period to begin
16 operation of a computer-aided design and manufacturing training institute
17 for wood products at the Higher Ed Center in South Boston. Specifically the
18 French-based company Missler Corporation's TopSolid product design, and
19 they will donate licenses of their TopSolid product design software. The
20 request would be to purchase 24 stationary desktop computers and furniture,
21 as well as a 16-laptop mobile computer lab for training inside and outside of
22 the Center. Also, salary support for TopSolid instructor and part-time
23 administrative support specialist for a 30-month period.

24 The project estimates graduating 20 to 30 area residents per
25 year from the product design and development program, in addition to

1 training up to 80 industrial workers from across the nation annually in the
2 TopSolid training program. The applicants have indicated they could use a
3 portion of the existing Commission grant 1274 to provide some of the
4 equipment. Classes are scheduled to begin in August, and the Staff is
5 supporting the award of 257,200 for this project.

6 The Southern Virginia Higher Education Center has submitted
7 proposal 1830, and that will be heard by the Research and Development
8 Committee this afternoon, so that is no longer in front of you.

9 Southwest Virginia Community Foundation, Incorporated,
10 proposal 1839, for the Clinch Mountain Performing Arts Center. The
11 nonprofit applicant is requesting funds for a performing arts center in
12 downtown Gate City, in Scott County. The center would provide a venue
13 for performances, broadcasting, video conferencing and distance learning.
14 They have a well-crafted business and operating plan, but the project does
15 not meet eligibility requirements, does not have three participating localities,
16 nor does it provide an innovations that are replicable to the broader region.
17 The applicant is requesting 76 percent project funding from the Commission
18 and has stated no intent of pursuing other federal funds aside from a private
19 fund raising goal of a million and a quarter dollars. They have an
20 anonymous pledge of 550,000 toward that fund-raising goal.

21 The Staff has some questions about the need for the facility,
22 with the existence of several other venues within easy driving distance and
23 are concerned about the precedent of funding new, downtown performing
24 arts centers. Much of our focus in recent years has been on utilizing historic
25 facilities, like the Pennington Theater and the Lincoln Theatre. We have

1 concerns about the use of the facility as a local motion picture venue as well,
2 and we are recommending no award.

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: I'm going to sit down
4 and talk to them about this and talk to some of the folks out there and look at
5 loans and things of that nature and try to figure out how we can draw down
6 our participation in this. Seventy-six percent is a high percentage for the
7 Tobacco Commission's participation. We'll have to look at some other
8 alternatives for this project.

9 SENATOR WAMPLER: Private fund raising is
10 tough today. It never was easy, but the economic environment we find
11 ourselves in makes it harder. When you look at some of the other applicants
12 who have been willing to responsibly incur debt to get over the hump, I
13 think Delegate Kilgore's point is well taken. They'll have to leverage other
14 private funding or grants to make it work.

15 What's the next one, Tim?

16 MR. PFOHL: The Crooked Road Heritage Music
17 Trail, proposal 1841. The request is for several aspects, including a three-
18 week tour to 13 eastern U. S. cities and the creation of videos featuring
19 musicians and major venues for use on the Crooked Road website, as well as
20 the Heartwood Artisan Center that is being built in Washington County. In
21 addition, marketing activities that include ad placement as well as others.

22 The Staff would point out that funding for activities including
23 marketing and concert tours and operational support have previously been
24 transferred by the Special Projects Committee over the last five years,
25 totaling \$569,000. The video production component is arguably the new

1 value-added element. That would help market the Crooked Road, not only
2 on the website, but also the Heartwood Artisan Center. It would be
3 coordinated with the video production which has been done under a
4 Commission grant called Round the Mountain Artisan Network. The Staff
5 is recommending the award of 122,000 for video production.

6 Moving on, the Virginia Foundation for Community College
7 Education, proposal 1837, and that's been revised to 300,000. This nonprofit
8 applicant associated with the Virginia Community College System wishes to
9 expand the Great Expectations program that was rolled out in the pilot phase
10 in 2008. They are requesting funds to encourage foster care youth to higher
11 education. This would expand it to four additional tobacco region
12 community colleges, as well as enhance programs of three tobacco region
13 colleges. Funds would be used over a two-year period for tobacco region
14 based part-time program coordinator and part-time career coaches at all
15 colleges, plus travel expenses and supplies and materials. Estimated pool of
16 current and emancipated foster youth ages 16 to 24 in the tobacco region is
17 1700. The proposal suggests serving a projected 190 tobacco region
18 students in year one and 250 students in year two. That would be
19 approximately 20 to 35 foster care youths at the participating community
20 colleges. Statistics show these youths are pursuing higher education levels at
21 only a two percent rate. Results from the first phase of the pilot program
22 have indicated that they retain 60 percent of the students in one of the
23 programs and 100 percent enrollment of graduates at the local community
24 college, so they're showing positive results.

25 The Staff is recommending an award of \$300,000 with focused

1 resources on the 18 to 24 year old age group; that is consistent with the
2 Commission's Strategic Plan, rather than the 13 to 17 year olds target, which
3 is inconsistent with our plan. The Foundation is agreeable to focus on that
4 are group.

5 SENATOR WAMPLER: The application
6 contemplated reaching beyond what we're focusing on. We're looking at a
7 workforce, helping to develop a workforce rather than some of the earlier
8 ages. Is that fair?

9 MR. PFOHL: Yes.

10 SENATOR WAMPLER: Is it also fair to say,
11 then, there are other private dollars that this could perhaps stimulate a
12 contribution to help the community college or the Foundation?

13 MR. PFOHL: There's a \$3 million capital
14 campaign going on. Unfortunately, national statistics show a lot of these
15 emancipated foster youth are more likely to end up in that Charlotte County
16 prison than in the community college program. This program attempts to
17 direct them to higher education. It's showing good results in its early phases.

18 SENATOR WAMPLER: Next item, please.

19 MR. PFOHL: The Virginia Maritime Association,
20 proposal 1832, Port Trucking and Trade Expansion Project Phase II, a
21 request to continue to operate for support of a project that the Committee
22 supported in FY06. This is to expand the truck driver training facility, not
23 only in the Port of Virginia but also at distribution centers and
24 manufacturing centers in the tobacco region. Initial funds are requested as
25 the previous grant funds were drawn down to continue the driver

1 improvement and referral, the educational and employment opportunities to
2 operate a variety of activities. This is aimed to help with refresher training,
3 student driver recruitment and so forth.

4 The Staff would point out that the first phase of this resulted in
5 100 new truck driver training graduates, all of whom are now employed.
6 This project will examine adding training sites in Danville and Pittsylvania
7 County and Smyth County to further expand for truck drivers within the
8 Tobacco Commission area.

9 The Staff recommends an award of \$185,735 for activities to be
10 conducted within the tobacco region, including owner/operator training and
11 Port awareness events, training and employment referrals and expansion to
12 new community college sites.

13 Lastly, the VNA Horticulture Research Foundation,
14 Incorporated, proposal 1827, to continue support for the Beautiful Gardens
15 Plan Introduction Program. Commission funds have been awarded to this
16 project in the past four years. The Commission grant included a \$416,000
17 grant. This is a partnership with the Virginia Nursery and Landscape
18 Association and the Foundation for Horticulture Research, the Institute for
19 Advanced Learning and Research in Danville and other participants. The
20 funds are requested covering some of the operating expenses and some of
21 the contracting sites, including the IALR, travel expenses for the program
22 coordinator based in Blacksburg traveling throughout the tobacco region test
23 sites, as well as purchasing plant material. Two farmers will be moved into
24 the ornamental liner production by retrofitting their greenhouses using a cost
25 share approach. Also, assisting a hundred additional farmers in all aspects

1 for liner production and producing plant materials for sale at commercial
2 outlets. The contracted research, travel expenses, site materials and
3 maintenance have been supported over the past four years, as was the case
4 with the Crooked Road project where we had previously supported that,
5 suggesting that the Commission continue to support those expenses. There
6 is a small balance available in the most recent grant that would carry this
7 project through the upcoming Agribusiness grant cycle. If certain issues can
8 be addressed, we will work with the applicants to submit an alternative
9 proposal to Agribusiness in their upcoming cycle. That's an early November
10 application date.

11 Staff recommended no award.

12 SENATOR WAMPLER: Thank you, Tim. The
13 Chair will entertain a motion. Are there any questions from Committee
14 members, Tim or Staff, about any of the applications that we didn't have an
15 opportunity to ask questions during the presentation? Then what the Chair
16 would entertain would be a motion to accept the Staff's recommendations as
17 presented if that motion is made, and that discussion or any other
18 modifications we would entertain accordingly. Is there a motion to move
19 adoption of the Staff's recommendations?

20 DELEGATE KILGORE: I'll make that motion.

21 SENATOR WAMPLER: It's been moved by
22 Delegate Kilgore and seconded by Mr. Mayhew. Is there any discussion on
23 the motion?

24 DELEGATE MARSHALL: I'd like to remove
25 1848 from the block.

1 SENATOR WAMPLER: Without objection,
2 removing 1848 from the block. That's the one relative to Danville-
3 Pittsylvania County. Any other matters anyone wishes to come out of the
4 block?

5 Delegate Marshall, we'll take that up in a moment.

6 It's my intent to ask for public comment on the motion that is
7 before us, albeit very briefly, if you really feel compelled to speak on the
8 motion that is before us. This would be the time, if there is anyone who
9 wishes to speak, and you'll be heard on any of the matters before us.

10 If you will, please come forward.

11 MS. STEPHANIE WHITE: I'm Stephanie White,
12 director of the Virginia Agricultural Community College. I'd like the
13 opportunity to speak during public comment, or I can speak later or now.

14 SENATOR WAMPLER: You can do that in the
15 public comment period, but thank you, very much. Anyone else who wishes
16 to speak on the motion that is before the Committee at present? I think the
17 way to address this would be what we've done previously, take up the
18 exception that is out of the block. So, I'd ask Delegate Marshall to speak at
19 this time.

20 DELEGATE MARSHALL: What I'd like to do is
21 fund this \$1 million project in Danville. My motion would be that Special
22 Projects request from the Executive Committee to allocate an additional
23 million dollars to Special Projects to fund request number 1848.

24 MR. NOYES: Mr. Chairman, Delegate Marshall,
25 as I understand his application, the project will be eligible at the point when

1 it comes to us. At least some portion of this request can be considered under
2 the TROF formula, not before it comes to us in writing. That would be the
3 formula. My view on it is that there are many needs in Danville and
4 Pittsylvania County, and it's a question of what the priorities are on the part
5 of Danville and Pittsylvania County. There is Economic Development and
6 there's TROF relative to this.

7 SENATOR WAMPLER: Others who wish to
8 speak or be heard on this application, on 1848?

9 DELEGATE KILGORE: Do you know when the
10 TROF application will be forthcoming, or have we heard anything about
11 that?

12 MR. NOYES: We have not, to my knowledge. I
13 haven't seen it. Ned?

14 MR. STEPHENSON: I have not seen it, no.

15 SENATOR WAMPLER: The Chair is going to
16 observe, and I don't think there is anything, we want to see the project move
17 forward, and we want to see the other avenues pursued before we would
18 move accordingly. Any others who wish to be heard? Any other questions
19 or comments?

20 DELEGATE KILGORE: If it's TROF eligible, I
21 can assure Delegate Marshall I'll support that. I'll be supportive of the
22 TROF application; to my memory I think there are three of us, and two or
23 three of us are here today. I think you'll have a good opportunity of getting
24 some TROF assistance.

25 SENATOR WAMPLER: Not hearing a second,

1 we'll move back to the motion that is before us. That is adoption of the
2 Staff's recommendation, and that's the primary motion before the Committee
3 at this time. Any questions concerning that, or comments concerning the
4 recommendations of the Staff? It's moved by Delegate Kilgore and
5 seconded by Mr. Mayhew that the Staff recommendations be adopted. No
6 further discussion? All those in favor of adopting those recommendations
7 signify by saying aye? (Ayes.) Opposed, no? (No response.) The ayes
8 have it, and the Staff recommendations are adopted.

9 Thank you, Tim, and thank you to both Southside and
10 Southwest staff for going through this. We still have one more item to go,
11 that is public comment. There is at least one who wishes to be heard. Those
12 who wish to be heard, please come forward and identify yourself, and we're
13 glad to hear from you.

14 MS. STEPHANIE WHITE: Senator Wampler and
15 Special Projects Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to
16 speak this afternoon. Thank you for the recommendation for 600,000 in the
17 award to the Virginia Agricultural Community College. I'm Stephanie
18 White, the director of the organization. Very rarely do I speak from notes,
19 but I'm speaking from notes today, because I'm not speaking for myself but
20 I'm speaking for eight community colleges plus Bedford. I'd like the
21 members of our group to please stand up to show you how much support our
22 group has in the number of folks who have stood up in the room before you.
23 There are 15 folks here today, and we're going to have lunch together and
24 meet from one to three, and we'd welcome any of the Special Projects
25 Committee members or the Staff from the Tobacco Commission to join us at

1 your leisure to learn more about our project.

2 SENATOR WAMPLER: On behalf of the
3 Commission, we thank you all for attending and spending the time and effort
4 to come to Roanoke.

5 MS. WHITE: I would like to commend this group,
6 as a professional in the education industry; this is an unprecedented effort to
7 form a consortium for the benefit of agriculture. I understand there is a
8 request for proof of the project. I feel it is important to inform this group
9 exactly what 600,000 will allow us to do and not to do, so you understand
10 the long-term implications of the award. No one has asked us how many
11 students we will have in the fall, no one has asked us how many students.
12 And, I'll be brutally honest with you, the answer is zero, and there is a reason
13 for it. Since we requested the funding in January there is a new policy of the
14 Southern Accrediting Agency that you have to inform them prior to the
15 implementation of any program. This group feels like we only want to go to
16 that accrediting agency once, and we want to go with a full number of
17 colleges that we plan to be involved with, and it's in our best interest to have
18 all eight represented when we go forward. If we go in two different tiers,
19 there is a fear that will raise a red flag and it will put us through a more
20 comprehensive review process. If we don't have sufficient funding
21 involved, that just makes our process more cumbersome. As a result, the
22 students who are interested in the programs are going to be majoring in
23 general studies in the fall, and they will take three classes. In January when
24 we officially start our curriculum, they will become students in their major.
25 We do have a plan to continue forward, though. It's really important for this

1 group to know this is an unusual project and it's not one that you can put out
2 for an RFP, and the only provider is the community colleges in the areas.
3 It's important we have a forum where we can educate Special Projects, the
4 Executive Committee and the Staff on how the project works.

5 If you look at the census from 2002 to 2007 with a magnifying
6 glass, you'll find that the number of farm operators in Virginia 45 and older
7 increased by five percent in that five-year period. The number of farm
8 operators younger than 45 decreased 24 percent. For any one operator
9 younger than 45 there are five over 45. We're not replacing the folks who
10 retire fast enough. It's critical we get this education program off the ground
11 to meet the needs of the industry. The crisis that we have in the food sector
12 will be totally pale to the crisis we have in gas. If you will look at the
13 priorities, food, shelter and water, those are the priorities, and you have to
14 meet those needs. It's critical we replace the retired farmers in the tobacco
15 region area.

16 There are three things I would like you to consider. One is the
17 600,000 that you've awarded today and the other is a 1.1 million that it takes
18 to move forward with all eight colleges and work with the community
19 colleges and SAC to go through their processes. The third figure I'd like for
20 you to consider, 1.6 million, which is what it would take to go through both
21 of those processes and attract the USDA funds in the November to January
22 time frame this year, and the funds will start the following fiscal year for a
23 three-year duration. You need a fourth year to be able to make that request.
24 We would not be able to find out about that unless it's too late. We'd have to
25 go to another venue.

1 We had a conference call yesterday of the eight colleges and
2 two different conference calls to meet their time requests. I asked the group
3 to independently rate going to five colleges versus eight, and they came up
4 with the same answer in two different calls. Going to eight colleges was
5 rated eight to ten. In other words, it's twice as appealing to go with all eight
6 this round if at all possible. The advantages of going to eight is that we don't
7 have to pick three of the colleges to lag behind and not be able to join the
8 group. In one of our Oversight Committees we joked that if we have to pick
9 colleges that can't go forward, we'd leave it to the Tobacco Commission to
10 pick. We don't want you to have to pick which colleges can't go forward
11 with us; it allows more specialization areas for students to major in, eight
12 faculty opposed to five. To major in animal science you've got to have those
13 curriculums open.

14 MR. NOYES: I'll be happy to talk with you after
15 the meeting. Am I hearing you have the need for 1.1 and another need for
16 1.6 after this?

17 MS. WHITE: No.

18 MR. NOYES: This Committee has recommended
19 all the funds that are available.

20 MS. WHITE: If the Committee could make a
21 referral to the Executive Committee or the Staff to look at other options,
22 that's what we need in order to be able to move forward.

23 MR. NOYES: I'd be happy to talk to you, and it
24 seems to me you have a very daunting fund-raising effort that the
25 consortium needs to engage in, based on what the Commission has already

1 provided.

2 MS. WHITE: We appreciate everything you've
3 done, and we know this grant round is very competitive and there are a lot of
4 deserving projects. We thank you for your efforts today and for the
5 opportunity to be here. Thank you.

6 SENATOR WAMPLER: Are there others who
7 wish to heard during the public comment period? Any other matters to come
8 before the Committee? Anyone else desire to be heard?

9 It's been moved and seconded that the Committee rise. All in
10 favor signify by saying aye? (Ayes.) Opposed, no? (No response.) The
11 ayes have it. Thank you all for coming.

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