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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Your subcommittee has reviewed the provisions of Senate Bills 29 and 30, the budget bills as introduced, with respect to the General Provisions in Part 4. Except for those items as noted below and in the attached language amendments, we recommend acceptance of the recommendations as contained in the budget bills as introduced, with one caveat.

The General Provisions Subcommittee only makes recommendations with respect to those areas that have not already been covered in the reports of the other subcommittees. Accordingly, there are other amendments to Part 4 contained in the other subcommittee reports.

Appropriation Transfers

- The subcommittee does not recommend acceptance of proposed new language (on page 432 in § 4-1.03 a.3.d. of Senate Bill 30, as introduced), authorizing the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget to transfer general funds from the second year to the first year, to continue a program in the event of a workload increase in the first year in excess of that on which the first year appropriation was based.

Capital Projects

- The subcommittee does not recommend acceptance of new language concerning the authority of the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget to authorize initiation of capital projects concerning the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation. (See page 445, lines 35-40 of SB 30, as introduced, along with similar language in SB 29.)
- The subcommittee recommends that the Governor (rather than the Director, DPB) should authorize projects recommended by the Tobacco Indemnification Commission and Tobacco Settlement Foundation.

Transactions with Individuals

- The subcommittee recommends restoring the language added last year in resolving the Hugh Finn case, pending the outcome of litigation.

Goods and Services

- The subcommittee agrees with the proposal to eliminate the exemption of state agency purchases of up to \$100,000 or leases of up to \$2,000 per month. (See page 451, lines 4-41.), but recommends clarification to assure that this language is applied to executive branch agencies only.

Nonprofit Cultural and Artistic Organizations

- The term "nonstate agency" has been changed to "nonprofit cultural or artistic organization" in reference to § 2.1-394.1 of the Code of Virginia, on page 452, line 40, in Senate Bill 30, as introduced.
- The subcommittee recommends a clarifying amendment to the proposed new language regarding the allotment of appropriations to nonprofit cultural and artistic organizations, beginning at page 452, line 42 of Senate Bill 30, as introduced.

Employee Compensation

- Senate Bill 30, as introduced, eliminates the phrase "The Governor may increase such salaries to an amount not to exceed the maximum specified for the applicable level" in § 4-6.01 c.6. (See page 456, at line 12, following the word "however," in the budget as introduced.)
- The subcommittee recommends that the power to increase salaries within the range specified in the salary table be limited to ten percent in a year.

Mr. Chairman, this completes the report of the subcommittee.