



MINUTES

Iowa Legislative Council

June 10, 2009

First Meeting of the 2009-2010 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President John P. "Jack" Kibbie, Chairperson	Speaker Patrick J. Murphy, Vice Chairperson
Senator Jerry Behn	Representative Polly Bukta
Senator Thomas G. Courtney	Representative Mary Mascher
Senator Jeff Danielson	Representative Kevin M. McCarthy
Senator Michael E. Gronstal	Representative Dolores M. Mertz
Senator David Johnson	Representative Jo Oldson
Senator Amanda Ragan	Representative Thomas R. Sands
Senator Brian Schoenjahn	Representative Linda L. Upmeyer
Senator Pat Ward	

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business
- II. Consideration of the Report of the Government Oversight Committee
- III. Consideration of the Report of the International Relations Committee
- IV. Consideration of the Report of the Studies Committee
- V. Consideration of the Report of the Service Committee
- VI. Consideration of the Report of the Supreme Court
- VII. Additional Business
- VIII. Attachments



I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. The first meeting of the 2009-2010 Legislative Council was called to order by Temporary Chairperson Kibbie at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2009, in Room 22, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa. Copies of the membership of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Council committees are attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Upon motion by Representative Mascher and voice vote, President Kibbie was nominated and elected Chairperson, and Speaker Murphy was nominated and elected Vice Chairperson.

Adoption of Rules. Senator Courtney moved adoption of the proposed Rules for the Legislative Council, and the motion was approved by voice vote. The Rules, as adopted, are attached to these minutes as Attachment B.

Minutes of Prior Meetings. Senator Courtney moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2008, and the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2008, be approved without additions or corrections. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Consideration of Reports and Additional Business. Council actions are summarized in these minutes.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

II. Consideration of the Report of the Government Oversight Committee

Chairperson Kibbie recognized Senator Courtney for the Report of the Government Oversight Committee. There being no objection, the report was received and filed. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as Attachment C.

III. Consideration of the Report of the International Relations Committee

Chairperson Kibbie recognized Mr. Joe Royce, Legislative Services Agency staff person to the International Relations Committee. Mr. Royce summarized the Report of the International Relations Committee, noting that the report contained a description of the changes to the international visitor protocol and gift policies. There being no objection, the report was received and filed. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as Attachment D.

IV. Consideration of the Report of the Studies Committee

Chairperson Kibbie recognized Vice Chairperson Murphy for the Report of the Studies Committee. Vice Chairperson Murphy explained that the report recommends that the Legislative Council approve guidelines for the 2009-2010 Interim Studies and that the Legislative Council approve nine items for legislative action, including studies mandated by law, permanent committees, and the establishment of other committees and their charges. Vice Chairperson Murphy stated that the Studies Committee made a conscious decision to limit the number of studies in the 2009 Interim because of budget constraints. Furthermore, the studies that were approved by the Studies



Committee were, with one exception, allowed only one or two meeting days. The 2009-2010 Guidelines for Interim Study Committees provide for the approval of additional necessary meetings by the Studies Committee or legislative leadership. Vice Chairperson Murphy moved that the report be adopted. The motion was adopted by voice vote. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as Attachment E.

V. Consideration of the Report of the Service Committee

Chairperson Kibbie recognized Vice Chairperson Murphy for the Report of the Service Committee. Vice Chairperson Murphy explained that the report contains annual personnel reports from the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, including a recommendation for appointment of Mr. William Angrick II as Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2009, and a recommendation for establishment of an Administrative Services Officer job series within the Legislative Services Agency and reclassification of certain employees into that job series. He noted that the personnel reports reflect the decision to delay all promotional and merit increases for eligible legislative employees for the fiscal period beginning May 15, 2009, and ending May 14, 2010, with future promotions contingent on budgetary conditions and certain other conditions. The report also recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budgets for FY 2010 for the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, as reduced, subject to adjustment to reflect carryforwards from the previous fiscal year to all Legislative Branch agencies. Vice Chairperson Murphy moved the adoption of the report. The report was adopted by voice vote. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as Attachment F.

VI. Consideration of the Report of the Supreme Court

Chairperson Kibbie recognized Mr. Richard Johnson, Legal Services Division Director, Legislative Services Agency, who stated that the Report of the Supreme Court, previously distributed, makes amendments to the Iowa Rules of Criminal Procedure. There being no objection, the Report of the Supreme Court was received and filed.

VII. Additional Business

Chairperson Kibbie recognized Senator Gronstal who requested that the Legislative Council approve a nonpublic school transportation reimbursement payment for a person who has been receiving such reimbursement for 12 years but who was denied reimbursement in 2008 because of clerical errors made at the school and appeal levels. Senator Gronstal moved approval of the reimbursement payment of \$372.68 to Mr. Mike Gannon, a resident of Ankeny. The motion was adopted by voice vote.



VIII. Attachments

- A. Legislative Council Membership and Legislative Council Committee Memberships.
- B. Proposed Rules of the Legislative Council.
- C. Report of the Government Oversight Committee.
- D. Report of the International Relations Committee.
- E. Report of the Studies Committee.
- F. Report of the Service Committee.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2009

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Representative Helen Miller, Chairperson
 Senator Daryl Beall, Vice Chairperson
 Senator Dennis H. Black
 Senator Nancy J. Boettger
 Senator Gene Fraise
 Senator James A. Seymour
 Representative Richard T. Anderson
 Representative McKinley D. Bailey
 Representative Paul A. Bell
 Representative Lisa K. Heddens
 Representative Rod A. Roberts
 Representative Linda L. Upmeyer

RULES

IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2009-2010

1. Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum.
2. At least thirteen affirmative votes are required for final action on any motion except a motion to recess or adjourn.
3. A substitute motion may be offered in lieu of a pending motion at any time unless the question has been called on the pending motion. A substitute motion takes precedence over any pending amendment to the original motion and, if adopted, disposes of the original motion and any pending amendments to the original motion.
4. Whenever Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure does not conflict with the rules specifically adopted by the Council, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the deliberations of the Council.
5. Meetings shall be set by motion before adjournment, or by call of the Council Chairperson with the approval of the Vice Chairperson if meetings are necessary before the date set in the motion.
6. Rules may be changed by a majority vote of the Council as provided in Rule 2.
7. The Council upon its motion may create committees in addition to those provided by statute to carry out its duties and shall designate the members of those committees. The committees shall include members of both political parties. The actions of the committees shall be reported to the Council at each meeting.
8. Legislative Council committees shall be organized so that a majority of all members of a committee shall constitute a quorum and an affirmative vote of at least a majority of all members of a committee shall be required for final action on any motion except a motion to recess or adjourn. However, for the International Relations Committee, a majority of the committee members of each house shall constitute a quorum and a majority of the Committee members of each house shall be required for final action on any motion except a motion to recess or adjourn.
9. The Speaker of the House, Majority Leader of the Senate, and Minority Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives shall appoint the members of their respective caucuses to interim study committees created by the Legislative Council or by statute or resolution.
10. If the appointing authority for members of permanent legislative committees, committees created under rule 7, statutory bodies, and other bodies is the Legislative Council, the Speaker of the House, Majority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, shall make the appointment or appointments.

Adopted: June 10, 2009

Chair Senator Rich Olive
Senator Thomas Courtney, VC
Senator Pat Ward, RM
Senator Steven Sodders
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Representative Wayne Ford, VC
Representative Ralph Watts, RM
Representative Clel Baudler
Representative Deborah Berry
Representative Steven Olson
Representative Kent Sorenson
Representative Kurt Swain
Representative Wes Whitead

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Legislative Council
From: Chairpersons Senator Rich Olive and Representative Vicki Lensing
Date: June 10, 2009
Re: Departments and programs reviewed by the Government Oversight Committee during the 2009 Legislative Session

As provided in Iowa Code §2.45, the Government Oversight Committee is reporting to the Legislative Council regarding the activities during the 2009 Legislative Session.

The Government Oversight Committee adopted the following recommendation for consideration by the Legislative Council:

The Government Oversight Committee requests that the Legislative Council continue to recommend that any required reports adopted in 2009 legislation, not otherwise specified to be received by a designated agency, entity, or Committee, be submitted to the Government Oversight Committee for review.

The following information is also included with this report:

1. **Attachment 1** is a list of topics discussed during the 2009 Legislative Session, Joint Government Oversight Committee meetings. The Committee met jointly 16 times beginning on January 22, 2009. Specific information regarding the agendas, minutes, and handouts from those meetings can be found under "Committee Information" at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/ga/committee.do?id=41>.
2. **Attachment 2** is a list of Bills sponsored by the Government Oversight Committee during the 2009 Legislative Session.

If you have any questions, please contact LSA staff:

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**Joint Government Oversight Committee Meetings
List of Topics Discussed During Joint Meetings in the 2009 Legislative Session**

January 22

Introduction of Members and discussion of the upcoming Session. Possible topics for the Session meetings were discussed.

January 27

Discussion of Iowa Communications Network (ICN) - status and issues affecting it. Presentation by John Gillispie, Executive Director, ICN.

January 29

Discussion of Iowa Lottery, including the semi-annual report on operations and budget, issues affecting revenue, and thoughts on potential leasing. Presentation by Mary Neubauer, Vice President, External Relations, Iowa Lottery Authority.

February 3

Department of Administrative Services - discussion of "other pay" and bonuses of state employees. Presentation by Ray Walton, Interim Director, DAS.

February 5

Update on flood recovery at the University of Iowa, including financing options from FEMA for flood-damaged buildings. Presentation by Sally Mason, President, and Douglas True, Senior Vice President and Treasurer.

February 10

Department of Administrative Services - discussion of "other pay" and bonuses of state employees. Presentation by Ray Walton, Interim Director, DAS. Presentation and discussion on state-wide recovery efforts by the Rebuild Iowa Office. Presentation by Major General Ron Dardis, Executive Director, and Emily Hajek, Chief of Staff.

February 12

Discussion on impact of financial bailout of the banking industry on Iowa banks and what has been done with money received. Presentation by Tom Gronstal, Superintendent of Banking, Division of Banking, Department of Commerce.

February 17

Discussion of removal of 21 men from a bunkhouse in Atalissa and the involvement of agencies and response after the men were discovered. Presentation by Vern Armstrong, Division Administrator, Division of Field Operations Support, Department of Human Services; Dean Lerner, Director, Department of Inspections and Appeals; Joe Blick, Mayor, City of Atalissa; and Dennis Hepker, Councilperson, City of Atalissa.

February 19

Further discussion of removal of 21 men from a bunkhouse in Atalissa and the involvement and response after the men were discovered. Dean Lerner, Director, Department of Inspections and Appeals.

February 24

Discussion on issues related to the Iowa Agricultural Development Authority, including purpose, history, funding, and staffing of the organization. Presentation by Jeff Ward, Executive Director, Iowa Agricultural Development Authority.

February 26

Discussion on Medicaid provider rates related to nurses salaries. Presentation by Greg Boattenhamer, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Iowa Hospital Association; Joseph LeValley, Senior Vice President for Planning and Advocacy, Mercy Hospital Administration; and Robert Downer, Board of Regents Member and Chair of the Board's Hospital Committee.

March 3

Further discussion on Medicaid provider rates related to nurses' salaries. Presentation by Kirk Norris, President and CEO, Iowa Hospital Association. Discussion on Iowa Public Employees Retirement System. Presentation by Donna Mueller, Chief Executive Officer.

March 5

Update on Grants Enterprise Management Systems. Presentation by Kathy Mabie, Iowa Grants Management Coordinator, DOM.

March 17

Update on proposed recommendations by the Governor's Task Force on Dependent Adults with Mental Retardation and related issues. Presentation by John McCalley, Director, Department of Elder Affairs.

March 19

Update on criminal investigation after removal of 21 men from a bunkhouse in Atalissa. John Quinn, Director, Division of Criminal Investigation, Department of Public Safety, and an update on current investigations and issues that may require legislative attention from the Office of Citizen's Aide/Ombudsman, William Angrick, Ombudsman.

April 2

Update on final report by the Governor's Task Force on Dependent Adults with Mental Retardation and related issues. Presentation by John McCalley, Director, Department of Elder Affairs.

**In addition to the joint meetings listed above, the Senate and House Government Oversight Committees met separately to assign and consider bills as necessary.

Bills Sponsored by the Government Oversight Committee 2009 Session	
Bill	Bill Title
<p><u>SF 484</u> (Formerly <i>SSB 1326</i>).</p> <p>(Similar Bills Sponsored by Committee - <i>HF 825</i> and <i>HSB 289</i>).</p>	<p>A bill for an act relating to regulatory requirements involving boarding homes and dependent adults and providing an appropriation and a penalty.</p> <p><i>Approved by the General Assembly on April 23, 2009, and signed by the Governor on May 22, 2009.</i></p>
<p><u>HSB 288</u></p> <p>(Companion Bill to <i>HSB 233/SSB 1267</i>).</p>	<p>A study bill for an act relating to the authority of the director of the department of natural resources in disaster emergencies.</p>

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
June 2009**

Meetings: Members of the International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council met on February 26, March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 16, 2009.

Presentations and Discussion:

- **Budget.** The Committee discussed the budget available for use by members to purchase gifts for official trips and the budget available for hosting international visitors at the Statehouse. The Committee requested periodic updates on disbursements from the fund, identifying the nature and purpose of the purchase and the fund balance.
- **Certificates of Recognition.** At the request of the Committee the Legislative Information Office created a certificate of recognition that would honor foreign dignitaries on behalf of the entire General Assembly and be presented by a member of the Committee. See attached example of certificate.
- **Gifts.** The Committee discussed the types of gifts that were appropriate for international visitors. The Committee requested that the Legislative Information Office develop a list of specific gifts at a variety of price levels. Ms. Kathy Hill of the Department of Economic Development International Office noted that for International visitors of high rank the department would purchase Iowa art.

In consultation with the Committee, the Legislative Information Office will obtain a display case to display gifts received by the Committee and its members.

- **Legislative Resolutions.** In response to a resolution containing international political overtones, the Committee discussed the need to review resolutions with international subject matter.
- **International Visitors Protocol.** The Committee amended the international visitors protocol, adding suggested cost levels for gifts, depending on the nature of the international guest. The amendments also detail an approval process for the purchase of gifts from the fund, sets out a procedure for introducing international visitors to the House of Representatives and the Senate, and suggests appropriate etiquette for legislators and staff while international guests are being introduced. See attached copies of adopted international visitor and gift policies.
- **Turkey Delegation.** Representatives of the Iowa Dialog Center discussed upcoming opportunities for legislators to visit Turkey for the Summer and Fall of 2009.
The Committee also hosted a legislative reception during the legislative session on behalf of the Iowa Dialog Center.
- **United States Center for Citizen Diplomacy.** Mr. Brice Oakley and Ms. Ann Schodde, representing the center, and Ms. Judy Jeffrey, the director of the Department of Education, discussed with Committee members how the state appropriation of \$150,000 for fiscal year 2008-2009 is being used. The representatives also discussed the work and goals of the center, especially the incorporation of international education in the K-12 curriculum, particularly in identifying necessary global literacy concepts and skills. It was noted that the center's Iowa Global Education Initiative Task Force is responsible for integrating the global education program with the core curriculum and includes members of all four legislative caucuses and state leaders.

On behalf of the Iowa General Assembly

and the

International Relations Committee

We Welcome

Mr. Narong Sasitorn

Thai Consulate General

to

the State of Iowa

*In Appreciation of your visit to our State and
our mutual commitment to global engagement*

HOSTING INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AT THE IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Adopted by the International Relations Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council - April 2, 2009)

The Iowa Legislative Council has adopted a policy that actively involves the Iowa General Assembly in developing relationships with other countries, including educating legislators regarding international relations, welcoming international visitors and assisting them in understanding Iowa's governmental process and traditions, working with the various state agencies and other entities which promote international relations, participating in developing Iowa's trade with other nations, and establishing a budget to accomplish these goals.

I. REQUESTING INTRODUCTIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND HOSTED VISITS

A. An introduction of an international elected or appointed official or other international visitor to either legislative chamber or a visit that is to be hosted on behalf on the General Assembly, should be scheduled through the International Relations Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council (Committee) if the guest is to address any remarks to the chamber or receive a gift on behalf of the General Assembly.

B. If a member of the Iowa General Assembly becomes aware that an elected or appointed official or other international visitor will be visiting the greater Des Moines area and the member wishes that official to be formally introduced to the Iowa General Assembly or hosted by the Iowa General Assembly, the member should notify the chairperson of the International Relations Committee, at least two days in advance of the visit. The two-day requirement may be waived when it is feasible to introduce the visitor without prior notice.

C. The chairperson shall ensure that the members of the Committee are notified, and in consultation with the vice chairperson, ranking members, and legislative leadership, shall arrange an opportunity for the visitor to be introduced in the legislative chambers. All Committee members should be invited to attend the introduction and be introduced to the visitor.

If a gift is to be purchased using the gift fund, the chairperson, in consultation with the legislator or other person requesting the gift, is responsible for the selection of an appropriate gift as outlined in the gift policy.

D. If a state official or employee or a representative from an entity which promotes international relations becomes aware that an elected or appointed official or other international visitor will be visiting the greater Des Moines area and the state official or employee wishes that official to be introduced to the Iowa General Assembly or hosted by the Iowa General Assembly, the state official or employee or representative of an entity should follow the same procedure as a member of the General Assembly.

The Committee chairperson is responsible for providing the state official or employee or representative of an entity with an international visitor form to complete regarding the visitor. The international visitor form shall include information listing the visitor's name, title, position in the visitor's home country, home address, country the visitor is representing, languages spoken, dates

the visitor will be in the greater Des Moines area and other relevant information. Copies of the international visitor form shall be distributed to state agencies and entities that promote international relations in this state.

The legislative leadership should be informed of the visit.

II. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS—PROTOCOL

A. If the General Assembly is in session and the legislative leadership has determined that the international visitor should be introduced, the presiding officer shall determine whether the international visitor should be introduced in front of the well or in the rear of the chamber and whether the international visitor will be invited to speak to the chamber. International visitors who are elected or appointed government officials should be invited to speak to the Senate and the House of Representatives from the area in front of the well. At the discretion of the presiding officer of the chamber, other international visitors may be invited to speak. A visitor may be introduced by the Committee chairperson or vice chairperson or by another member who is hosting the visitor.

B. A visitor who is invited to speak should receive information stating the appropriate manner in which to address the chamber. If the visitor is addressing the chamber from in front of the well, the visitor should be provided with a wireless microphone with which to do so.

C. If the chamber is informed sufficiently in advance of the arrival of the international visitors, notice of the introduction of the visitors should be included in the Today in the House or Today in the Senate calendar, as applicable, and a welcome to the visitors should be programmed into the voting machine area in which the bill numbers and amendment numbers are listed.

During the introduction of international visitors:

1. Persons in the chamber should abstain from conversations, including telephone conversations.
2. Persons should close notebook computers.
3. Persons in the chamber should turn toward the international visitor and listen.
4. Pages should not deliver messages.
5. The doors to the chamber should remain closed as they are during the prayer.

D. If the visitor will be present in the chamber following the visitor's introduction, the members should have an opportunity to meet and converse with the visitor in an adjacent room reserved for that purpose. The presiding officer shall announce the location of the room.

E. Letters of appreciation should be sent to the visitors after their visits. Visitors should be provided with names, addresses, and phone numbers of those with whom they are meeting to facilitate follow-up correspondence or thank you notes they may wish to send.

POLICY ON GIFTS FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

(Adopted by the International Relations Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council - April 2, 2009)

I. INTERNATIONAL GIFT FUND

The Legislative Council allocates \$10,000 for each two-year legislative biennium, beginning July 1, of even numbered years to the Legislative Services Agency to be used by the Legislative Information Office for the purchase of official gifts for presentation to official international visitors and for use by representatives of the Iowa General Assembly on official visits to other countries. The Legislative Information Office maintains a wide variety of quality and unique items that are Capitol or Iowa-related. Committee members have access to these gifts, subject to the following conditions:

A. Gifts to Official Foreign Visitors to the State of Iowa

1. Gifts may be presented to official visitors to the State of Iowa who are received by the leadership of the Senate and House of Representatives, or either house of the General Assembly. Official visitors include: heads of state and government; heads and members of important government, legislative, business, cultural, or similar delegations.
2. Gifts may be presented to official visitors on official occasions within the state, such as events at which legislative leaders are either hosts or official guests and where a presentation on behalf of Iowa is appropriate.

B. Gifts to Unofficial Foreign Visitors to the State of Iowa

Gifts may be presented to unofficial foreign visitors to the State of Iowa only with the prior written approval of both the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Committee.

C. Gifts by Committee Members to Hosts in Foreign Countries

Gifts may be provided for presentation on behalf of Committee members to hosts on the occasion of official trips to foreign countries.

D. Cost Guidelines

Gifts may be presented to foreign visitors in accordance with the following price guidelines. These price ranges also apply to gifts taken abroad by legislative delegations or individual legislators with the category depending on the status of the recipient.

1. For heads of state and government, there is no specific limit. Gifts shall be determined by the International Relations Committee chairperson and vice chairperson, in consultation with the ranking members.
2. Approximately \$50 for ministers; other senior persons from foreign governments; and for business, cultural, or similar delegations.
3. Approximately \$10 for staff members and unofficial foreign visitors to the State of Iowa.

E. Approval Required

The Legislative Information Office shall provide gifts to Committee members as outlined in the following provisions.

1. Request forms for gifts are available from the Legislative Information Office.
2. All gifts require the approval of both the committee chairperson and vice chairperson. Prior to obtaining the gift, the member must complete a request form with the signature of both the chairperson and the vice chairperson. To the extent practicable, these approvals shall be made in consultation with the ranking members.
3. If the chairperson and vice chairperson are not available in person, they may authorize, either telephonically or by electronic mail, a legislative staff member to note their approval on the gift form. With specific approval, the staff members may sign the name of the chairperson or vice chairperson, adding their own initials and indicating signature on behalf of the chairperson or vice chairperson.
4. The Legislative Information Office shall periodically provide the Committee with a report detailing all payments from the fund.

II. PURCHASE OF GIFTS

In addition to gifts available without cost for official international visits and hosting as described in paragraph E, gifts are available for purchase by representatives of the General Assembly and other Iowa officials for presentation to international visitors and for presentation during non-official travel to another country.

**REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
June 10, 2009**

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on June 10, 2009, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

A. Guidelines. That the attached guidelines for 2009 and 2010 interim studies be adopted by the Legislative Council.

B. 2009 Studies. That the attached proposal for studies for the 2009 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker Patrick J. Murphy
Chairperson

**PROPOSED
GUIDELINES FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES**

2007-2008 2009-2010 INTERIMS

~~Approved by the Legislative Council June 13, 2007~~ Submitted June 10, 2009

ADOPTION OF RULES

Interim study committees must have a majority of the members representing each house voting affirmatively in order to adopt rules.

COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC MEMBERS

Persons serving as public members of study committees are eligible to receive actual expenses only, if they are not eligible for expense reimbursement by an organization that they represent. In order for a public member representing an organization to be eligible to receive actual expenses, the organization must submit a letter to the Legislative Council indicating that the public member is not eligible for the reimbursement from the organization. Payment of the expenses is subject to the approval of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council.

STAFF WORK FOR PUBLIC MEMBERS

After consultation with, as appropriate, the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) Director and legislative leadership, a study committee chair may authorize research or legislative drafting work by the LSA for public members of study committees.

APPROVAL OF NOMINEES

Public members of study committees may be nominated by designated organizations, subject to Legislative Council approval or subject to the approval of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council in consultation with the Minority Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Any change in membership numbers and voting status of the members of a legislative interim study body approved by the Legislative Council requires the approval of the Studies Committee and Legislative Council or legislative leadership.

GENDER BALANCE

Appointment of public members to study committees shall be gender balanced.

APPROVAL OF ACTIONS

A majority vote of a study committee's voting members present is necessary to carry any action; however, recommendations to the Legislative Council or General Assembly must be adopted with the affirmative votes of a majority of the committee's members of each house.

VOTING BY PUBLIC MEMBERS

Unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly or the Legislative Council, public members of study committees are nonvoting.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OUTSIDE DES MOINES

Any additional meeting or a meeting or public hearing by a study legislative committee held outside of Des Moines requires the prior approval of the Studies Committee or legislative leadership.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

When authorization is given for a study committee to hold a public hearing, the committee may hold one hearing as a body or individual members may each hold a public hearing or groups of two or more members may hold public hearings. However, for each authorized public hearing, no members of the study committee may receive compensation for attendance at more than one session.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR SPEAKERS AND CONSULTING WORK

Any expenditure by a study committee for a speaker or presentation or for any other purpose either requires the prior approval of the Studies Committee and Legislative Council, or legislative leadership, or requires inclusion of the expenditure in a budget proposed by the study committee and approved by the Studies Committee and the Legislative Council, or legislative leadership. Contractual consulting work for a study committee requires the prior approval of the Studies Committee and the Legislative Council. Expenditures shall only be made in accordance with legislative expenditure policies and procedures.

SCHEDULING GUIDELINES

For the ~~2007~~ 2009 interim, the deadline for completion of interim study committee meetings is ~~November 26, 2007~~ November 30, 2009, and for the ~~2008~~ 2010 interim the deadline is ~~December 15, 2008~~ December 17, 2010. An interim study committee must meet the deadline or receive an exemption or a revised deadline date from the Legislative Council or legislative leadership.

Proposal for 2009 Legislative Interim Studies by Studies Committee to the Legislative Council

A. Carryover Study from 2007 and 2008 Interims

1. Criminal Code Reorganization Study Committee

Charge: Continue meeting to consider proposals for Criminal Code revisions, reorganization, and updates.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House/8 Voting Public Members appointed by leaders to represent each of the following: Professor from University of Iowa College of Law, Professor from Drake University Law School, district court judge, Iowa Attorney General, State Public Defender, Iowa County Attorneys Association, Iowa Board of Parole, and Department of Corrections. The committee and its subcommittees are authorized to hold meetings outside the Des Moines area.

Meeting Days: 1 (beginning 7/1/09)

B. Statutory Committees

1. Legislative Health Care Coverage Commission (2009 Acts, SF 389, §1)

Charge: The Commission is required to develop an Iowa health care reform strategic plan, addressing various aspects listed in the legislation. The Commission is created under the authority of the Legislative Council, with administrative support to be provided by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). The Legislative Council is required to appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson from the voting membership. An appropriation of \$200,000 for costs associated with the Commission, including any per diem or other expenses associated with meetings, is made to LSA in 2009 Iowa Acts, HF 820, §65, as amended by SF 478, §160. The Commission is required to complete its deliberations by July 1, 2011, provide quarterly reports, and provide progress reports on January 1, 2010, and 2011.

Members: 11 members of the public as voting members

2 Senate/2 House as ex officio, nonvoting members

3 agency directors or their designees as ex officio, nonvoting members
(directors of DHS and DPH and Commissioner of Insurance)

Meeting Days: 3

2. Job Training Needs Study Committee (2009 Iowa Acts, SF 478, §188)

Charge: Examine various job training issues and needs, with a particular focus on underserved populations in Iowa. Underserved populations include people earning less than \$20,000 per year, minorities, women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and persons convicted of felonies who are trying to reenter society after release from prison.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 1

3. Public Retirement Systems Committee (Iowa Code §97D.4)

Charge: Review and evaluate all public retirement systems in place in Iowa, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (411), the Department of Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement System (PORS), the Judicial Retirement System, and TIAA-CREF.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 2

4. School Finance Formula Review Committee (Iowa Code §257.1(4))

Charge: Prepare a school finance formula status report and provide recommendations in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code §257.1(4), including receiving assistance from the departments of education, management, and revenue; providing recommendations for school finance formula changes or revisions based upon demographic changes, enrollment trends, and property tax valuation fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; providing an analysis of the operation of the school finance formula during the preceding five-year interval; and incorporating a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for their resolution.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 1

C. Other Interim Studies

1. Government Oversight Standing Committees

Charge: Continue holding joint meetings during the 2009 Interim to conduct targeted oversight.

Members: 5 Senate/9 House

Meeting Days: 2 (beginning 7/1/09)

2. State Government Reorganization Commission

Charge: Consider options for reorganizing state government to improve efficiency, modernize processes, eliminate duplication and outdated processes, reduce costs, and increase accountability. The review shall address the expanded use of the Internet and other technology, and the incorporation of productivity improvement measures. The study shall include a process to receive state government efficiency suggestions offered by the public and public employees.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 2

3. Care of Animals in Commercial Enterprises Study Committee

Charge: Consider regulation and other issues connected with the care of dogs, cats, and other pets in nonagricultural commercial establishments and enterprises. The Study Committee shall consult with representatives of the Iowa Voters for Companion Animals, the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, the Humane Society of the United States, the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and Iowa Pet Breeders Association.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: 1

4. Prescription Medication Usage Study Committee

Charge: Identify strategies and solutions to address problems arising from inappropriate medication use in the health care system. The Study Committee shall invite testimony from relevant experts, including the Department of Public Health, the Iowa Pharmacy Association, the Iowa Medical Society, Wellmark Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the Principal Financial Group, the University of Iowa College of Public Health, the Iowa Retail Federation, the Prevention and Chronic Care Management Advisory Council (Iowa Code §135.161), the Medical Home System Advisory Council (Iowa Code §135.159), the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (Iowa Code §135.40), the Health Policy Corporation of Iowa, the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care, Outcomes Pharmaceutical Health Care, and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

Meeting Days: 1

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
June 10, 2009**

The Service Committee of the Legislative Council met on June 10, 2009, and makes the following report and recommendations to the Legislative Council for approval:

I. PERSONNEL REPORTS

A. The Service Committee received and filed the annual personnel report from the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman. The Service Committee noted that the decision has been made to delay all promotional and merit increases for eligible legislative employees for the fiscal period beginning May 15, 2009, and ending May 14, 2010, and that all future promotions are contingent on budgetary conditions, Legislative Council approval, and are subject to performance review with approval of, and an effective date set by, the applicable director.

B. The Service Committee recommends the establishment of an Administrative Services Officer job series within the Legislative Services Agency and authorization of the Agency to reclassify current employees in the Legislative Document Technician and Legislative Document Specialist job series, and perhaps additional employees, into the new job series.

II. CENTRAL STAFF AGENCY FY 2010 BUDGETS

The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budgets, as reduced, subject to adjustment to reflect carry forwards from the previous fiscal year to all Legislative Branch agencies, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 2.12, as submitted by the following agencies:

- Legislative Services Agency
- Office of the Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman

III. APPOINTMENT OF CITIZENS' AIDE/OMBUDSMAN

The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council, pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 2C.3 and 2C.5, and subject to approval and confirmation by a constitutional majority vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, appoint Mr. William P. Angrick II as Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker Patrick J. Murphy
Chairperson