



MINUTES

International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council

April 16, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Helen Miller,
Chairperson
Representative Richard T. Anderson
Representative McKinley D. Bailey
Representative Paul A. Bell
Representative Lisa K. Heddens
Representative Rod A. Roberts
Representative Linda L. Upmeyer

Senator Daryl Beall, Vice Chairperson
Senator Dennis H. Black
Senator Nancy J. Boettger
Senator Gene Fraise
Senator James A. Seymour

MEETING IN BRIEF

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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on April 16, 2009, in Room 103 of the Statehouse. The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Minutes Approved. A quorum was present. The minutes from the meeting on April 2, 2009, were approved by a voice vote.

II. Iowa Dialog Center

Mr. Necip Koksal, president of the Iowa Dialog Center, and Mr. Mahmut Ilerisoy, an Iowa Dialog Center board member, provided the Committee with information about three trips being organized to Turkey. The trips are planned for July, August, and October.

Mr. Ilerisoy explained to the Committee that the trips would include visiting Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey, and Ankara, the Turkish capital. Mr. Ilerisoy offered a brief description of sights and places that Committee members might visit to gain an understanding of what it is like to live in Turkey.

Mr. Ilerisoy mentioned President Obama's recent trip to Turkey and told Committee members that during the planned trips there would be discussions about the emerging importance of Turkey in regional and Middle East politics and events due to Turkey's central location and openness to ideas and discussions with other peoples and countries. The trips would also include dialog with media personnel, religious leaders, and university professors and deans.

Eleven legislators have expressed interest in participating in one of the trips to Turkey, including several legislators who are not members of the Committee.

III. Etiquette

Chairperson Miller suggested that Committee members receive an etiquette briefing from Ms. Kathy Hill, International Office Team Leader in the Department of Economic Development.

IV. Other Trips

Vice Chairperson Beall informed the Committee that he will be traveling to China in early summer. Senator Black and Representative Bell are planning a trip to China and perhaps to Vietnam this summer.

A Committee member suggested that one legislator on each trip taken by multiple legislators be in charge of gifts so that the Committee can keep track of what gifts are given and to whom they are given. There should be an official representative of Iowa on each trip.



V. Display Case for Gifts

Mr. Bob Lamberti of the Legislative Information Office informed the Committee that he has been told that the Legislative Ladies League is no longer using its display case and that the display case will be donated to the Committee. The display case will be used to showcase items given to legislators by international visitors or received while legislators are visiting foreign countries.

VI. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency

The following materials were distributed in connection with the meeting and are filed with the Legislative Services Agency. The materials may be accessed from the <Additional Information> link on the Committee's Internet site:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Committees/Committee.aspx?id=47>.

1. Minutes from the April 2, 2009, Meeting of the International Relations Committee.
2. Iowa Dialog Conference: Dialog for All, October 22, 2009.

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