



# MINUTES

## Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

June 9, 2010      Second Meeting of the 2009-2010 Biennium

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Speaker Pat J. Murphy,  
Chairperson  
Representative Kevin M. McCarthy  
Representative Kraig Paulsen  
Representative Linda L. Upmeyer

Senator Michael E. Gronstal,  
Vice Chairperson  
Senator Thomas G. Courtney  
President John P. "Jack" Kibbie

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## MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I.      **Procedural Business**
- II.     **Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies**
- III.    **Report of the Studies Committee**
- IV.    **Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency**



## **Studies Committee of the Legislative Council**

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### **I. Procedural Business**

**Convening.** Chairperson Murphy called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, in Room 22 of the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Approval of Minutes.** Representative McCarthy moved that the minutes from the June 10, 2009, meeting of the Studies Committee be approved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by voice vote.

**Consideration of Study Proposals.** Committee actions are summarized in these minutes.

**Adjournment.** The Studies Committee adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

### **II. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies**

Chairperson Murphy offered a Proposal for 2010 Legislative Interim Studies, a copy of which is on file with the Legislative Services Agency, that addressed four proposed interim study issues in addition to authorizing the standing Committees on Government Oversight to hold one joint meeting during the interim. Vice Chairperson Gronstal noted that the Proposal for 2010 Legislative Interim Studies is a pared-down list. He said that a request to study the inclusion of nonprofit organizations under the open meetings and open records laws was referred to the standing Committees on Government Oversight and that several requests related to economic development were referred to the Department of Economic Development.

In response to a question from Representative Paulsen, Chairperson Murphy and Vice Chairperson Gronstal said that more meeting days can be authorized for the Government Oversight Committees, if necessary, either by legislative leaders or by a vote of the Studies Committee.

Vice Chairperson Gronstal moved that the proposed studies be approved with the suggested number of members and meeting days contained in the proposal. The proposed list of interim studies was adopted without amendment on a voice vote.

### **III. Report of the Studies Committee**

The study proposals recommended by the Studies Committee were compiled into one report to be presented to the Legislative Council for approval. A copy of the Proposal for 2010 Legislative Interim Studies by Studies Committee to the Legislative Council is attached to these minutes.

### **IV. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency**

**A.** Studies Compilation: 2010 Legislative Interim Study Information, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency (June 4, 2010).

**B.** Proposal for 2010 Legislative Interim Studies, distributed by Chairperson Murphy.

**C.** Minutes of the June 10, 2009, meeting of the Studies Committee.

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# Proposal for 2010 Legislative Interim Studies

## By Studies Committee to the Legislative Council

### A. Statutory Committees

#### 1. **Legislative Health Care Coverage Commission** (2009 Iowa Acts, S.F. 389, §1)

**Charge:** The Commission is required by statute 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.

For the 2010 Interim, the Commission shall complete its deliberations no later than December 31, 2010, and file a final report with the General Assembly no later than January 31, 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 for 2010

#### 2. **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** (2010 Iowa Acts, S.F. 2380, Division II)

**Charge:** The Committee is created as a permanent body under the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year, and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The first scheduled review is in 2011. The Committee is authorized to hold an initial organizational meeting following the November 2010 election to plan for the first scheduled review and other activities.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1

### B. Other Interim Studies

#### 1. **Standing Committees on Government Oversight**

**Charge:** Continue holding joint meetings during the 2010 Interim to conduct targeted oversight.

**Members:** 5 Senate/9 House

**Meeting Days:** 1 for remainder of 2010 Interim

#### 2. **Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council – State Budget Laws and Procedures**

**Charge:** In addition to performing other duties, review Iowa laws and procedures that relate to the development and control of the state budget.

#### 3. **Levee and Drainage District Law Study Committee**

**Charge:** Review Iowa law on levee and drainage districts and make recommendations for addressing recent court rulings interpreting the law.

**Members:** 5 Senate/5 House

**Meeting Days:** 1