

M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE

September 29, 1982

The meeting of the Legislative Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Representative Richard Welden at 9:15 a.m., Wednesday, September 29, 1982 in Senate Room 24, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Welden were:

Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Dale Tieden
Senator Lowell Junkins
Representative Robert Anderson
Representative Lowell Norland
Representative Lawrence Pope
Representative Hugo Schnekloth
Senator C. W. Hutchins (attending the Committee meeting in place of Senator William D. Palmer)

Also present were representatives of the press; representatives of the Republican Caucus Staff; the Democratic Caucus Staff; and Mr. Serge H. Garrison, Ms. Diane Bolender, and Mr. Thane R. Johnson of the Legislative Service Bureau.

In his opening remarks, Chairperson Welden reviewed the work of the Search Committee appointed by the Legislative Fiscal Committee to review the applications for Legislative Fiscal Director and make a recommendation of not more than five finalists to the Legislative Fiscal Committee. He stated that the Search Committee met first on September 16, 1982 and selected five finalists from the 58 applications. He added that the five finalists were invited for personal interviews on September 28, 1982. Following the personal interviews the Search Committee made the following recommendations:

1. That the following applicants be considered for the position of Legislative Fiscal Director:

Mr. William Brunsen
Mr. Larry Isaak
Mr. Dennis Prouty

2. That each applicant be invited to appear before the Legislative Fiscal Committee for a half-hour interview during which the candidate will be asked to make an opening statement followed by questions from the Committee members.

3. That each member of the Legislative Fiscal Committee vote on the choice for Legislative Fiscal Director. If one of the three

candidates receives a majority of the votes of the membership, that applicant's name will be recommended to the Legislative Council. If an applicant does not receive the majority of the votes, the applicant receiving the least number of votes will be dropped and a vote will be taken on the two finalists. The applicant receiving the most votes will be recommended to the Legislative Council.

4. That the Legislative Fiscal Committee recommend to the Legislative Council the salary and reimbursable moving expenses and expenses incidental to the move involved in obtaining suitable housing, if any.

Chairperson Welden also stated that the Search Committee discussed a maximum salary of approximately \$44,000, divisible by 26, to be offered to the candidate selected for the position of Legislative Fiscal Director. He further stated that the Legislative Fiscal Committee should determine a maximum amount of expenses relating to moving if moving expenses are necessary.

In reply to a question by Senator Hultman, Chairperson Welden stated that the Legislative Council is authorized to reimburse an employee for moving expenses. He added that the guidelines established by the State Comptroller appear to be quite generous and should be further limited.

After discussion, Representative Anderson moved that the Report of the Search Committee of the Legislative Fiscal Committee be accepted. The motion was seconded by Representative Schnekloth and adopted.

Before the first interview, Chairperson Welden gave the Committee a brief description of each candidate.

Next, the Committee interviewed the three candidates for approximately 30 minutes each. Each candidate was asked to make an opening statement not to exceed 15 minutes about his personal background, qualifications, and plans for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau if chosen as the director. Following the opening remarks, members of the Committee asked questions concerning the candidates' knowledge and experience with an agricultural economy, revenue projections, fiscal note preparation, legislative oversight or program evaluation, and any changes which the candidate might desire in the structure of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

Following completion of the personal interviews, the Committee recessed at 10:45 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Chairperson Welden recalled the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. with the members present prior to the recess again present.

Following discussion, Representative Schnekloth moved that the Legislative Fiscal Committee recommend to the Legislative Council the appointment of Mr. Larry Isaak as the Legislative Fiscal Direc-

tor at an annual salary of \$44,460. The motion was seconded by Representative Norland and adopted unanimously.

After further discussion, Senator Junkins moved that Chairperson Welden appoint a committee to negotiate moving and related expenses with Mr. Isaak and to report its recommendations directly to the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Chairperson Welden appointed Senator Hultman and Representative Schnekloth to the committee to negotiate reimbursable moving expenses and expenses incidental to the move involved in obtaining suitable housing with Mr. Isaak.

There being no further business, the Committee was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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