

## MINUTES

### STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MAY 22, 1991

#### PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Bill Hutchins, at 10:35 A.M., on Wednesday, May 22, 1991, in Senate Room 22 of the Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa. In addition to Chairperson Hutchins, the following Committee members were present:

Speaker Bob Arnould  
Senator Wally Horn  
Senator Emil Husak  
Senator Jim Lind  
Senator Jack Rife  
Representative Mary Lundby  
Representative Wayne McKinney

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Copies of the proposed guidelines for the Studies Committee were distributed to the members, and Senator Husak's motion to adopt the guidelines was adopted without discussion. The members also received a list of the interim study requests compiled from resolutions and bills introduced during the 1991 Session of the 74th General Assembly. Included in the list was the Public Retirees Health Benefits Task Force approved by the Legislative Council on March 19, 1991. Senator Lind moved that leadership be granted authority to appoint members to that interim study committee. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted. Chairperson Hutchins suggested that the scheduling guidelines used last year be replaced by a requirement that the interim committees complete their work by November 1, 1991, unless the Legislative Council determines, on a case-by-case basis, a different date. Speaker Arnould moved that this suggestion be made a part of the guidelines for interim study committees. There being no objection or discussion, the motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Hutchins informed the Committee that Ms. Diane Bolender, Director of the Legislative Service Bureau, would be sending a form letter to all members of the General Assembly requesting that the members indicate their preferences for interim study committee subjects by June 1, 1991\*. Senator Husak noted that there was one interim study request on agricultural chemical and pesticide dealers missing from the list distributed to the members and that it should be included.

Senator Lind inquired about the interim study committee budget. An exact figure was not known, but Representative Arnould pointed out that reducing the number of members on a study committee and the number of days a study committee is allowed to meet would reduce the amount needed to fund a committee. Chairperson Hutchins added that reducing the number of study committees would also reduce the cost.

The Committee approved a motion to give leadership the authority to solicit recommendations from public organizations for names of public members to serve on those interim study committees which require members from the general public. Senator Lind suggested that the Committee consider soliciting funds from private institutions and organizations to help finance interim study committees. It was agreed that this issue would be addressed in the charges to the appropriate interim study committees.

A copy of the Report of the Studies Committee is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

\* This date was later changed to June 5, 1991, by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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