



# MINUTES

## Iowa Legislative Council

December 15, 1999

Fourth Meeting of the 1999-2000 Biennium

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Speaker Brent Siegrist, Chairperson	
Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Vice Chairperson	
Senator Nancy Boettger	Representative John Connors
Senator Robert Dvorksy	Representative Chuck Gipp
Senator Michael Gronstal	Representative Betty Grundberg
Senator John Jensen	Representative Libby Jacobs
Senator Mary Kramer	Representative David Millage
Senator Don Redfern	Representative Pat Murphy
	Representative Christopher Rants
	Representative David Schrader
	Representative Steven Sukup

## MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business.
- II. Educational Leave Report.
- III. Pricing of Election Laws Supplement.
- IV. Report of the Legislative Fiscal Committee.
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- VI. Report of the Service Committee.
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### **I. Procedural Business.**

**Call to Order.** The fourth meeting of the 1999-2000 Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Brent Siegrist at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, December 15, 1999, in Committee Room 22, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Minutes of September 15.** Representative Connors moved that the minutes of the meeting of September 15 be approved as submitted. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted unanimously.

**Adjournment.** Senator Gronstal moved that the Legislative Council meeting adjourn at 11:55 a.m. The motion was adopted.

### **II. Educational Leave Report.**

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, for comments regarding the Report of Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance. Ms. Bolender noted that the fiscal year 1999 report is submitted pursuant to Iowa Code Section 70A.25, subsection 3, for the information of the Council members. Representative David Millage questioned whether certain courses taken by employees are relevant to their positions or prerequisites to their employment, such as a fire fighter taking a prelicense real estate course or an accounting clerk II taking an introduction to accounting course. He stated that more information is needed to determine if the intent of the educational leave/financial assistance program is being followed. After further discussion, Chairperson Siegrist stated that he would request additional information from the Department of Personnel. Representative Connors moved that the 1999 Report of Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance be received and filed. The motion was adopted without objection. A copy of the 1999 Report of Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.

### **III. Pricing of Election Laws Supplement.**

Chairperson Siegrist again recognized Ms. Bolender regarding the pricing of the Election Laws Supplement. Ms. Bolender stated that section 7A.22 of the Code of Iowa requires the Legislative Council to establish a price for the Election Laws Supplement. She stated that the Department of General Services recommends an increase of \$1 to a price of \$24 per copy, excluding retail sales tax. There being no discussion, Senator Kramer moved that the sales price recommendation of \$24 per copy be adopted. The motion was adopted. A copy of the letter of recommendation from Bill Bruce, Administrator of Printing, Micrographics and Imaging, Department of General Services, is on file in the Legislative Service Bureau.

### **IV. Report of the Legislative Fiscal Committee.**

Representative Millage reported on the past three meetings of the Legislative Fiscal Committee, which met on September 28, October 27, and December 8, 1999. He stated that the Committee approved a \$625,000 lease-purchase agreement entered into by the Department of General Services for the Justice Data Warehouse. The agreement is an extension of an original \$964,000 lease for additional hardware capacity. The Committee, at



its December meeting, voted to issue a subpoena to Daniel Pitts Winegarden, President, Agricultural Finance Corporation, to appear and present requested information to the Fiscal Committee. Mr. Winegarden has not presented requested information concerning loans to farmers and has declined to attend the December meeting. Representative Millage noted that the other topics and issues covered by the Committee at its three meetings are listed in the report. In response to a question by Representative Grundberg, Representative Millage stated the Fiscal Committee has not made an evaluation of the loan recipients of the Iowa Finance Authority, but the Committee intends to inspect projects financed by loans, review tax credits awarded, and assess potential state liability. Representative Connors moved that the Report of the Fiscal Committee be received and filed. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Fiscal Committee is attached to these minutes.

#### **V. Report of the Oversight Committee.**

Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau was recognized to present the Report of the Oversight Committee. Mr. Prouty summarized the meetings of October 18 and November 15, 1999. He stated that the Committee received an update from the Iowa Access Advisory Council, a report from the Information Technology Transition Team Board concerning a recommendation to create an Information Technology Department, an overview of state salary policies from the Department of Personnel, and an update on the status of telemedicine in Iowa. Mr. Prouty stated that the Committee has no recommendations for the Legislative Council. Representative Connors moved that the Report of the Oversight Committee be received and filed. The motion was seconded and adopted. A copy of the Report of the Oversight Committee is attached to these minutes.

#### **VI. Report of the Service Committee.**

Vice Chairperson Iverson was recognized to present the Report of the Service Committee. He gave a brief review of the report. Senator Gronstal commented that the Committee recommends reductions in out-of-state travel of 25 percent of the requested amounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, but the travel budgets can be revisited at a later date. Representative Rants also noted that reductions in the redistricting budget affect personnel and equipment requests which are not needed now and that these requests will be reviewed later. Representative Schrader stated that he has discussed redistricting procedures with legislators from a number of other states and that he is proud of Iowa's redistricting procedures compared to those states. Senator Gronstal stated that he does not consider the redistricting budget reductions as real cuts, but rather a delay in determining the total budget needed. In response to a comment by Representative Schrader, Chairperson Siegrist and Vice Chairperson Iverson stated that neither is interested in making any change to Iowa's redistricting procedures. Vice Chairperson Iverson moved that the Report of the Service Committee be adopted. The motion carried. A copy of the Report of the Service Committee is attached to these minutes.

#### **VII. Report of the Capital Projects Committee.**

Representative Gipp was recognized for the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. He stated that the Committee received presentations on the Capitol Complex Master Plan and an



update on the Lucas State Office Building renovation progress and space allocation. He added that a decision will be needed early in 2000 concerning the relocation of legislative staff from the ground floor and first floor of the Lucas State Office Building to allow for renovation. He stated that the Committee has no recommendations to the Legislative Council. Representative Gipp moved that the report of the Capital Projects Committee be received and filed. The motion was adopted without objection. A copy of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee is attached to these minutes.

### **VIII. Court Rules.**

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Joe McEniry, Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau, for a review of the recommended changes to the Court Rules. Mr. McEniry stated that three changes have been submitted. Iowa Rule of Criminal Procedure 10(6)(a) relates to dismissing an indictment or information; Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 376 relates to filling a vacancy in the office of chief judge; and Iowa Rule of Criminal Procedure 26.1 relates to the appointment of appellate counsel. He stated that the House and Senate Chairpersons of the Committees on Judiciary have reviewed the changes and have no objection. Representative Connors moved that the Court Rules changes be received with no delay requested. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Court Rules changes is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.

### **IX. Miscellaneous Business.**

**International Relations Protocols.** Representative Gipp stated that as a result of his international travel on state business, he has become aware of the importance attached to protocols by foreign officials, particularly in the Far East. After discussion, Chairperson Siegrist stated that he would inform the Chairpersons of the International Relations Committee of the need to develop foreign dignitary protocols for the General Assembly.

**Study Committee Authorizations.** Vice Chairperson Iverson stated some study committees have not completed their study agendas before the December 1 deadline. He moved that the Legislative Council extend the deadline for completion of final meetings beyond December 1 if final meetings have not been completed by that date. Senator Gronstal moved to amend the motion providing that the Legislative Council extend the study authorization of the Campaign Finance Commission for an additional year with the same members and charge. Vice Chairperson Iverson stated that he opposes the amendment because the Campaign Finance Commission was created by statute, not by the Legislative Council. Representative Millage raised a point of order that the main motion relates to extension of time for study committees created by the Council and not by statute. After discussion, Chairperson Siegrist ruled that the point was well taken and that he would accept a separate motion on the matter. There being no further discussion of Vice Chairperson Iverson's motion, the motion was adopted.

**Campaign Finance Commission Extension.** Senator Gronstal moved that the Legislative Council create a Campaign Finance Study Committee with the same membership as the Campaign Finance Commission to study the campaign finance issues for an additional year. In reply to a question by Representative Gipp, John Pollak, Committee Administrator, Legislative Service Bureau, replied that the Campaign Finance Commission held four meetings and issued a final report. Representative Schrader commented that the Legislative Council has extended studies on other subjects and that the Legislative Council should allow additional



time for a study when it has been requested. Representative Jacobs commented that the Commission appears to have completed its work if it has issued a final report. Senator Boettger stated that she would like to review the final report before addressing the issue of an extension. In conclusion, Senator Gronstal stated that the Commission asked for an extension in its final report and the extension should be granted. Senator Gronstal asked for a division on his motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was defeated by five ayes and 12 nays. Those voting aye were Senators Dvorsky and Gronstal and Representatives Connors, Murphy, and Schrader. Those voting nay were Vice Chairperson Iverson, Senators Boettger, Jensen, Kramer, and Redfern, Chairperson Siegrist, and Representatives Gipp, Grundberg, Jacobs, Millage, Rants, and Sukup.

**X. Attachments.**

- A.** Report of the Legislative Fiscal Committee.
- B.** Report of the Oversight Committee.
- C.** Report of the Service Committee.
- D.** Report of the Capital Projects Committee.

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