

M I N U T E S

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 13, 1990

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on Thursday, September 13, 1990, in Senate Room 22, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson, Representative Robert Arnould at 1:36 p.m. Members present in addition to Representative Arnould were:

Senator Bill Hutchins
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Emil Husak
Senator John Jensen
Senator John N. Nystrom
Representative John Connors
Representative Roger Halvorson

Representative Connors moved to dispense with the calling of the roll and to approve the minutes of the July 12, 1990, meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously.

ADDITIONAL DAYS FOR INTERIM COMMITTEES

The first order of business was the consideration of requests from interim study committees for additional meeting days. Senator Hutchins moved that the Committee recommend that each interim committee that submitted a request for an additional meeting day be granted that additional day. Representative Halvorson queried which of the requests for another meeting day were for new meeting days and not for days originally authorized. Senator Hutchins responded that only the Air Link Transportation Commission, the Health Care Expansion Task Force and the Civil Rights Laws in Iowa Study Committee made requests for new meeting days. Senator Hutchins added that even after allowing for the granting of these requests, the total number of committee meeting days are still five to ten less than originally authorized. He also noted the savings made as a result of the Legislative Council not meeting in August. Senator Husak commented that with regard to the request of the Mental Illness Funding Formula Study Committee, its next meeting has scheduled numerous speakers for the whole meeting and that the Committee needs to hold its third

meeting because the members lack sufficient time to make recommendations at the next meeting.

Representative Halvorson opined that the Redesign Lottery Funded Environmental Initiatives Study Committee, of which he is a member, has not used its time wisely since it spent time discussing the University of Iowa's ethanol study which the members already knew all about. A voice vote was taken and Senator Hutchins' motion was adopted with one negative vote.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS STUDY COMMITTEE REQUEST

Senator Hutchins moved that the next item on the agenda to approve the request of the Public Employees Retirement Systems Study Committee to delay meeting during the 1990 interim be indefinitely deferred. This motion was adopted unanimously.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The next item to come before the Committee was the request by the Department of Education for an additional \$18,000 for funding a study on the literacy level of young adults. Senator Hutchins moved the Committee's approval of this request. It was suggested that the motion include direction to continue negotiations to set a final report date for the study. The motion was amended without objection. The amended motion was adopted with one negative vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE'S REQUEST

The last item to be listed on the agenda was the Fiscal Committee's visitation recommendations. Acting Chairperson Arnould commented that the Fiscal Committee is requesting approval for additional visitation meetings but that the number of days requested has been scaled back. Senator Hutchins moved that the Committee recommend that the Fiscal Committee's request be approved. The motion was adopted with only one negative vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Staff for the Committee expressed concern that the original motion to allow those interim committees requesting an additional meeting day may be interpreted as only allowing the Air Link Transportation Commission to meet only one more day whereas its request was for three additional days. In order to make the Committee's recommendation clear, Senator Hutchins moved that the Air Link Transportation Commission be specifically allowed three additional meeting days. The motion was adopted with one negative vote.

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A copy of the Committee's report is attached to these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the motion was made by Representative Connors that the Committee arise. Upon adoption of the motion, the Committee adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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