



Legislative  
Service Bureau

# MINUTES

## Iowa Legislative Council

December 11, 2001 Second Meeting of the 2001-2002 Biennium

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### MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Chairperson

Speaker Brent Siegrist, Vice Chairperson

Senator Nancy Boettger

Senator Mike Connolly

Senator John Jensen

Senator Mary Kramer

Senator Jeff Lamberti

Senator Neal Schuerer

Representative Chuck Gipp

Representative Betty Grundberg

Representative Libby Jacobs

Representative Pam Jochum

Representative Pat Murphy

Representative Christopher Rants

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## MEETING IN BRIEF

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### **I. Procedural Business.**

**Call to Order.** The second meeting of the 2001-2002 Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Stewart Iverson at 11:25 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2001, in Room 116, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Minutes of June 20, 2001.** Senator Kramer moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2001, be approved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was seconded by Senator Jensen and adopted by voice vote.

**Adjournment.** Representative Betty Grundberg moved that the Legislative Council meeting adjourn at 12:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Representative Murphy and adopted by voice vote.

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

Chairperson Iverson recognized Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, regarding the Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance Report. Ms. Bolender stated that Iowa Code section 70A.25 provides that the head of each state agency report to the Director of the Department of Personnel and the Legislative Council annually the educational leave and educational assistance authorized and paid to employees within their respective agencies. There being no questions or comments concerning the report, Senator Jensen moved that the Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance Report be received and filed. The motion was adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance Report is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.

### **III. Pricing for Legal Publications.**

Chairperson Iverson again recognized Ms. Bolender regarding the establishment of sales prices for the 2001 Iowa Acts and for the 2001 Iowa Code Supplement. Ms. Bolender recommended that the prices for the legal publications be approved by the four legislative leaders when the costs of publication are determined. There being no discussion, Senator Boettger moved that the sales prices for the legal publications be approved by the four legislative leaders. The motion was carried by voice vote.

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

Chairperson Iverson recognized Senator Lamberti for the Report of the Fiscal Committee. Senator Lamberti briefly reviewed the discussion and information received by the Committee at its five meetings since the June 20, 2001, Legislative Council meeting and noted that an additional meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2001. Senator Lamberti moved that the Report of the Fiscal Committee be received. The motion was adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Fiscal Committee is attached to these minutes.

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

Chairperson Iverson recognized Senator Lundy and Representative Jenkins, Cochairpersons, who reviewed the accomplishments of the Oversight Committee at its seven meetings during



the 2001 Interim. Following their remarks, the Cochairpersons asked for further direction from the Legislative Council as to the Committee's future duties. Senator Schuerer proposed that the Committee identify the three most critical issues addressed and recommend bill drafts for consideration of the General Assembly. Representative Grundberg also suggested that the Oversight Committee provide a written report to the legislators who requested the various issue studies. There being no further comments, Representative Grundberg moved that the Report of the Oversight Committee be received. The motion was adopted by a voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Oversight Committee is attached to these minutes.

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

Chairperson Iverson recognized Senator Jensen for the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. Senator Jensen stated that the Committee received reports on the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and updates on the capitol parking structure, Metropolitan Medical Center status, construction of the new laboratory facility for the Department of Public Safety, and capitol security. There being no questions or comments, Senator Jensen moved that the Report of the Capital Projects Committee be received. The motion was adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee is attached to these minutes.

## **VII. Capitol Complex Security Issues.**

Senator Kramer was recognized to report on the discussion of issues related to Capitol Complex security. She opened the discussion by stating that the overall goal of the ad hoc committee studying the security issues for the Capitol Complex is to find a balance between providing appropriate security for staff and facilities and providing access for the general public transacting business or visiting state agencies and facilities. Senator Kramer introduced Lieutenant Douglas J. Mollenhauer, Commander, District 16, Iowa State Patrol. Lt. Mollenhauer stated that District 16 includes the Capitol Complex and has 25 officers assigned to it. He outlined the following capitol security recommendations:

1. Written security policies and procedures.
2. Mandatory training of employees – awareness.
3. Universal identification badge system for all employees.
4. Access control points to all buildings.
5. Service contracts for maintenance of security equipment and gates.
6. Surveillance cameras at all entrances and at other strategic locations.

In reply to a question by Senator Kramer, Lt. Mollenhauer stated that, during legislative sessions, he recommends three controlled accesses to the State Capitol Building with surveillance cameras, magnetometers, and x-ray screening machines. In reply to a questions by Senator Schuerer, Senator Kramer responded that the three controlled accesses to the State Capitol Building would be the ground floor doors at the southeast, southwest, and northwest quadrants to the building. In reply to a question by Representative Grundberg, Senator Kramer stated that school buses will have access to the northwest ground floor door. Representative Grundberg expressed opposition to the need for controlled access to the State



Capitol Building. She expressed support for mandatory security training for state employees and requiring identification badges, but stated that controlled access to the State Capitol Building is not necessary if returning to normalcy is a desired goal.

After further discussion, Senator Kramer moved that the Legislative Council approve securing the three ground floor points of access to the State Capitol Building with appropriate security measures, equipment, and personnel at each point of access, that the appropriate security measures be operational prior to January 14, 2002, and that the legislative leaders be authorized to expend moneys appropriated to the General Assembly under Iowa Code section 2.12, for the security measures, equipment, and personnel for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded by Senators Boettger and Jensen. In reply to a question by Senator Connolly, Lt. Mollenhauer stated that the overall package of security measures is equivalent to the security standards of many other states. In response to another question by Senator Connolly, Ms. Bolender replied that the National Conference of State Legislatures periodically reports on security measures taken by the 50 states and she will provide him with the NCSL information.

After further discussion, Chairperson Iverson called for a vote on the motion offered by Senator Kramer. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

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

Chairperson Iverson recognized Representative Rants for the Report of the Service Committee. Representative Rants stated that the Service Committee did not have a quorum present for its meeting, but the members who were present made recommendations to the Legislative Council. He briefly reviewed the recommendations, directing the members' special attention to recommendations 8 and 9. Recommendation 8 requests the Legislative Council's approval of a resolution authorizing the Office of Citizens' Aide on a temporary basis to employ and supervise the employees performing the administrative functions of the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program. He also noted that under recommendation 9, the Legislative Council is requested to approve an early out incentive program for legislative branch employees consistent with the program provided for executive branch employees. He added that participating legislative employees will be required to terminate permanent employment on May 9, 2002, in lieu of February 1, 2002, as required for executive branch employees. Representative Rants moved the adoption of the Report of the Members of the Service Committee. The motion was adopted by a voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Members of the Service Committee is attached to these minutes. A copy of the Legislative Council Resolution relating to the administration of the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program is also attached.

### **IX. Iowa Court Rules.**

Chairperson Iverson recognized Ms. Bolender for a review of the changes to the Court Rules submitted by the Iowa Supreme Court. She stated that the rule changes relate to appellate procedures and juvenile court orders. She added that if the Legislative Council does not object to the changes, the changes will take effect February 15, 2002. Representative Murphy moved that the proposed court rules be received and filed without objection. The motion was adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Court Rules is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.



**X. Miscellaneous Business.**

Chairperson Iverson announced that a copy of the proposed 2002 Iowa Legislative Session timetable is available in the handouts provided to each council member. A copy of the 2002 Iowa Legislative Session timetable is attached to these minutes.

Representative Murphy asked that the American Legislative Exchange Council be notified that the dues paid by the Legislative Council represent membership by the General Assembly as a whole and not necessarily by individual members of the General Assembly. Without objection, Chairperson Iverson stated that the American Legislative Exchange Council will be notified of the dues arrangements.

**XI. Attachments.**

- A. Report of the Fiscal Committee.
- B. Report of the Oversight Committee.
- C. Report of the Capital Projects Committee.
- D. Report of the Service Committee.
- E. Legislative Council Resolution (CASA).
- F. 2002 Iowa Legislative Session Timetable.

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