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IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 15, 1999

Third Meeting of the 1999-2000 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT

Speaker Brent Siegrist, Chairperson	
Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Vice Chairperson	
Senator Nancy Boettger	Representative Chuck Gipp
Senator Tom Flynn	Representative Libby Jacobs
Senator Michael Gronstal	Representative Pam Jochum
Senator Johnnie Hammond	Representative Dolores Mertz
Senator John Jensen	Representative David Millage
Senator Mary Kramer	Representative Pat Murphy
Senator Derryl McLaren	Representative Christopher Rants
Senator Jack Rife	Representative David Schrader
	Representative Steven Sukup

MEETING IN BRIEF

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1. **Procedural Business.**
 2. **Prices for 1999 Iowa Acts and Code Supplement.**
 3. **Publication Contract Negotiations.**
 4. **Legislative Service Bureau Finance Officer.**
 5. **Interim Committee Meeting Locations.**
 6. **Legislators Go to School Project.**
 7. **Legislative Redistricting Update.**
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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. **Procedural Business.**

Call to Order. The third meeting of the 1999-2000 Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Siegrist at 11:10 a.m., Wednesday, September 15, 1999, in the Supreme Court Chamber, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa.



Minutes of June 30, 1999. Senator Gronstal moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 30, 1999, be approved as submitted. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by voice vote.

Adjournment. Senator Gronstal moved that the Legislative Council meeting adjourn at 11:45 a.m. The motion was adopted.

2. Prices for 1999 Iowa Acts and Code Supplement.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, for proposals relating to the pricing of the 1999 Iowa Acts and the 1999 Code Supplement. Ms. Bolender noted that Bill Bruce, Administrator, Printing and Imaging Division, Department of General Services, recommends that the 1999 Iowa Acts be priced at \$68.50, excluding sales tax, which is the same price charged in 1998. She further stated that a price for the 1999 Code Supplement has not been determined by the Department of General Services. To expedite the timely sales and distribution of the 1999 Code Supplement, Ms. Bolender recommended that the Legislative Council authorize the approval of the sale price by the legislative leaders when the printing costs are determined. Senator Gronstal moved that the Legislative Council approve the recommended sale price for the 1999 Iowa Acts at \$68.50 plus sales tax and that the Legislative Council authorize the approval by the legislative leaders of the sale price for the 1999 Code Supplement. Representative Jochum seconded the motion and it was adopted. A letter from Mr. Bruce regarding the pricing of the 1999 Iowa Acts is on file with the Legislative Service Bureau.

3. Publication Contract Negotiations.

Ms. Bolender also reviewed a memorandum addressed to the Legislative Council explaining contract negotiations with Quebecor Books, a multinational publishing company which printed the 1999 Code of Iowa and Code Index. She stated that as a result of binding and shipping delays, a reduction in contractual payments of \$20,252 to Quebecor was negotiated with the assistance of the Department of General Services. The funds reverted to the State General Fund at the end of the 1998-1999 fiscal year. There being no questions or comments, Chairperson Siegrist stated that the report would be received and filed. A copy of the memorandum and letter from Quebecor Books are on file with the Legislative Service Bureau.

4. Legislative Service Bureau Finance Officer.

Chairperson Siegrist again recognized Ms. Bolender for a review of a memorandum requesting the approval of the Legislative Council to hire a Finance Officer at a starting salary at grade 27, step 1. She stated that the prospective employee has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management and Computer Science, has supervisory experience, and is well qualified to fill a Finance Officer 2 position. There being no questions or comments, Vice Chairperson Iverson moved that the Legislative Council approve the employment of Matthew Kruse as a Finance Office 2, grade 27, step 1. The motion was seconded by



Senator Gronstal and adopted. A copy of the memorandum for employment of a finance officer is on file with the Legislative Service Bureau.

5. Interim Committee Meeting Locations.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Vice Chairperson Iverson regarding a request by two interim study committees to meet at locations outside the Des Moines area. He noted that Legislative Council policy requires study committees to request approval to meet outside the Des Moines area. Vice Chairperson Iverson moved that the Increasing Use of Motor Oxygenate Enhancers Study Committee and the Loess Hills Study Committee be authorized to meet at locations outside of the Des Moines area. The motion was seconded and adopted.

6. Legislators Go to School Project.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Ms. Bolender for an explanation of the Legislators Go to School Project. She stated that the school visits in Iowa and several other states are part of a pilot project coordinated by the National Conference of State Legislatures. On September 17, 1999, Iowa legislators are asked to visit their respective local schools and discuss the work of lawmakers. She added that Sara Deeny, Administrative Assistant to Vice Chairperson Iverson, is also serving as an Iowa coordinator of this project.

7. Legislative Redistricting Update.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Gary Rudicil, Senior Computer Systems Analyst, and Ed Cook, Legal Counsel, both of the Legislative Service Bureau, for a progress report on activities related to the census in 2000 and legislative redistricting. Mr. Rudicil stated that Phase 1 of the U.S. Census Bureau's project to prepare for the 2000 census, relating to the designation of block boundaries is complete, and Phase 2, relating to the reporting of current election precincts to the Census Bureau, should be complete within a month. Mr. Cook stated that his review of legal requirements for legislative redistricting is nearing completion and will be available in the form of an Iowa legislative guide which will be distributed by the Legislative Service Bureau.

Ms. Bolender noted that the final phase of redistricting is the preparation of the congressional and legislative district plans which will be completed in early 2001. This fall the Legislative Service Bureau will be planning for that process and will be making its final requests to the Legislative Council for acquisition of the resources needed to accomplish the 2001 redistricting.

8. Report of the Fiscal Committee.

Representative Millage was recognized to report on the activities of the Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council relating to its meetings of July 12 and August 25, 1999. Representative Millage stated that the Committee receives revenue updates from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau at each meeting and receives notices of appropriation transfers and lease-purchase agreements. He added that the Committee held a site visit at the



Clarinda Treatment Center and Prison and received a number of reports from Legislative Fiscal Bureau staff on prison population changes, the status of prison construction projects, the correction drug program, and other criminal justice programs. He reported that the Committee made no recommendations to the Legislative Council at the two meetings. In reply to a question by Senator Gronstal concerning the varying interest rates and lengths of lease-purchase agreements, Vice Chairperson Iverson responded that the Auditor of State reviews the agreements as part of his auditing functions. Representative Millage 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.

9. Reports of the Oversight Committee.

Douglas Wulf, Division Administrator, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, was recognized to present the Reports of the Oversight Committee of the Legislative Council. Mr. Wulf stated that the Committee met on July 20, 1999, and on September 14, 1999, and received an update on the negotiation between the Department of Revenue and Finance and NCR, Inc. related to a performance-based contract for tax collections. He stated that the contract is expected to generate additional revenues of \$3 to \$5 million in the first year and an additional \$8 to \$10 million in succeeding years. The Reports also include an update on lowAccess, a Year 2000 Status Report for the Iowa General Assembly, a Year 2000 Status Report for the Iowa Judicial Branch, and a Year 2000 Status Report for the Iowa Executive Branch and for the State Board of Regents. There being no question or comments, Chairperson Siegrist stated that the Reports of the Oversight Committee are received and filed. Copies of the Reports of the Oversight Committee are attached to these minutes.

10. Report of the Capital Projects Committee.

Representative Gipp presented two reports of the Capital Projects Committee. On September 15, he reported that the Committee received a proposal for the location of a Hall of Pride for Iowans, a status report on a ramp parking proposal, and an update on a proposal for a new Department of Public Safety facility project. He stated that the Committee deferred action on the proposed location for a Hall of Pride and will make a recommendation at a future meeting. Representative Gipp moved that the Report of the Capital Projects Committee for September 15, 1999, be received and filed. The motion was adopted.

At its August 3 meeting, the Committee invited all legislators to hear comments on Capitol space issues related to the Americans With Disabilities Act and life and fire safety by Scott Allen, RDG Bussard Dikis; Roy Marshall, State Fire Marshal; and Grant Dugdale, Assistant Attorney General. The Committee and legislators attending the meeting also took a walking tour of the Capitol. The Committee also received a review of the legislative space study completed by Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck Architects. After discussion, the Committee adopted a recommendation that the Legislative Council continue to work with the architectural firm of Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck to develop a



cost-effective plan for additional legislative space outside the Capitol building. Representative Gipp moved that the Report of the Capital Projects Committee for the August 3 meeting be adopted. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Copies of the Reports of the Capital Projects Committee meetings of August 3 and September 15, 1999, are attached to these minutes.

11. Legislative ICN Room.

Chairperson Siegrist noted that Room 19 in the Capitol is in the process of enlargement and renovation and would be suitable for use by the General Assembly as a media room to connect to the Iowa Communications Network. After discussion regarding scheduling of the room for use by both the Senate and the House, Vice Chairperson Iverson moved that Room 19 be remodeled and equipped for use of the General Assembly as a media room to broadcast through the Iowa Communications Network. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

12. Miscellaneous Business.

Department of Human Services' Provider Reimbursement Study. In response to an inquiry by Senator Hammond, Vice Chairperson Iverson stated that legislators who participate in the Department of Human Services' provider reimbursement study will be eligible for reimbursement with the approval of their respective legislative leaders of the House and Senate.

Campaign Finance Commission Appointments. In response to a question by Representative Jochum, Vice Chairperson Iverson stated that the legislative leaders are in the process of selecting appointees to the Campaign Finance Commission.

Investment Board of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System. Representative Sukup asked if it is the responsibility of the Legislative Council to review or oversee the investment policies of the Investment Board of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System. He suggested that the Investment Board should be invited to a Legislative Council meeting to discuss the current investments and investment policies. Senator McLaren agreed that an update on investment policies for informational purposes would be beneficial. Chairperson Siegrist agreed to confer with the chairpersons of the Public Retirement Systems Committee and to look into receiving such an update from the Investment Board.

NCSL Outstanding Staff Service Award Recipients. Chairperson Siegrist recognized and the Legislative Council acknowledged Ms. Bolender and Elizabeth Isaacson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representative, as 1999 recipients of Outstanding Staff Achievement Awards from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

13. Attachments.

- a. Report of the Fiscal Committee.
- b. Reports of the Oversight Committee.



c. Reports of the Capital Projects Committee.

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