

M I N U T E S

STUDIES COMMITTEE

June 6, 1983

The meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Temporary Chairperson, Senator Lowell L. Junkins, at 1:20 p.m., Monday, June 6, 1983, in Committee Room 24 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present, in addition to Temporary Chairperson Junkins, were:

Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator C. W. Bill Hutchins
Representative Donald D. Avenson
Representative Jean Lloyd-Jones
Representative Lester D. Menke
Representative Lowell E. Norland
Representative Richard W. Welden

Also present was Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau, a number of legislative staff persons, representatives of the news media, and other interested persons.

Temporary Chairperson Junkins noted that the purpose of the meeting is to organize and to select areas of study for the 1983 legislative interim. Senator Hultman nominated Senator Junkins as Committee chair. The motion was seconded by Senator Hutchins. There being no further nominations from the floor, a unanimous ballot was cast for Temporary Chairperson Junkins.

Chairman Junkins noted that several leadership members have been meeting during the morning with regard to proposed studies and recognized Representative Avenson for a review of the proposed studies developed through leadership consensus.

Representative Avenson noted that a three-page summary of the 1983 interim study proposals has been distributed to the members of the Committee and referred the members to that document. A copy of that document is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

With regard to the proposed study on Excellence in Education, Representative Avenson suggested that the proposal envisions an initial study by a committee composed of one minority party member and one majority party member from each house along with seven public members and that the committee would be chaired by a prominent citizen of this state. He noted that this initial study could be done during the summer and early fall months and that another committee would be appointed to work in the fall to develop appropriate legislation to implement this committee's recommendations. Representative Avenson moved that the 1983 interim study proposals be adopted as the recommendation of the Studies Committee to the Legislative Council.

Representative Menke stated that the proposed study regarding Excellence in Education is long overdue and suggested that the committee ought to be developing long-range goals for the next 10 to 15 years rather than five years and suggested that it be appropriate to find someone not involved in public education to chair the committee and that it would be most important that the chair have the time necessary to do justice to the position and the study.

Senator Hultman moved to amend the Avenson motion to provide that a five-member committee composed of the leadership shall name the committee members and give each committee the direction the Council wishes to pursue on those studies. The Hultman amendment was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Representative Welden moved to allow members of the Human Resources Appropriation Subcommittee to be appointed to the membership on the Substance Abuse study. The motion was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Representative Lloyd-Jones inquired as to whether the study regarding transporting people and goods is sufficiently broad to include truck fees and highway funding issues which have been raised during this session of the General Assembly. Representative Avenson responded that the five-member leadership committee who would determine the committee appointments for the respective studies will determine the direction for the studies and could easily include these issues under that study. There being no further discussion the Avenson motion, as amended, was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Representative Avenson also moved to make it a recommendation of the Studies Committee to the Legislative Council that the Space Committee be authorized any meetings necessary to meet with members of the Executive Council and elected officials to determine how additional space will be obtained in the State House for the General Assembly. The motion was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business for the Studies Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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