

M I N U T E S

IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 10, 1985

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The ninth meeting of the 1985-1986 Iowa Legislative Council was called To order at 1:45 p.m. by the Vice-Chairperson, Speaker Avenson, on Tuesday, December 10, 1985 in Committee Room 22 of the State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to the Vice-Chairperson were:

Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Donald V. Doyle
Senator Lee Holt
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Bill Hutchins
Senator David M. Readinger
Senator Joe Welsh
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Dorothy Carpenter
Representative Dale M. Cochran
Representative John H. Connors
Representative Tom Jochum
Representative Lowell E. Norland
Representative Delwyn Stromer
Representative Richard Welden
Representative William H. Harbor had an excused absence.

Also present were:

Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman
Ms. Phyllis Barry, Deputy Code Editor, Iowa Code Office
Mr. Donovan Peeters, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Deputy Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were other legislative staff persons, representatives of the new media, and other interest persons.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON

Due to the vacancy in the position of Chairperson of the Legislative Council, the first order of business was the election of a Chairperson. Senator Bill Hutchins was nominated. A motion was made for his election by unanimous consent and the motion was adopted. Senator Hutchins, after his election, assumed the role of presiding officer for the remainder of the meeting.

It was moved and adopted that the reading of the minutes of the prior meeting be dispensed with. The minutes of the meeting of November 20, 1985, were then approved as distributed.

REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

The monthly report on educational leave was received and filed by the Council.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE IOWA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Two proposed changes in the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure were received from the Supreme Court. A motion that they be accepted by unanimous consent was made by Senator Doyle and adopted. Copies of the rules are attached.

RECEIPT OF REPORT

A report from the Iowa Merit Employment Department on the subject of child care as required by House File 451 was received by the Legislative Council. It was requested that the report be put on the agenda of the next Legislative Council meeting and that a representative of the Department attend that meeting.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION, TOURISM, AND LEISURE INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

Mr. Gerry Schnepf, Chair of the Recreation, Tourism, and Leisure Study Committee presented a detailed report on the interim proceedings of that Committee. His major points included the following:

1. Tourism has great potential for contributing to the economic advancement of Iowa.
2. A great deal needs to be done to develop the tourism potential of Iowa, including more and better information and the sale of products at rest stops on interstate highways.
3. Greater efforts are needed in marketing the existing recreation, tourism, and leisure resources of Iowa, and in developing these resources, including land acquisition.
4. Long-range planning in this area is needed.
5. Funding mechanisms to provide an appropriate level

of on-going spending is needed.

This report was not the final report of the study committee, but was a progress report on their work, including some preliminary conclusions.

REPORT OF THE CHILD PROTECTION STUDY COMMITTEE

Copies of the report of the Child Protection Study Committee were distributed and Representative Tom Fey presented an oral summary of the report. A motion to receive the report was given unanimous approval.

REPORT OF THE MOBILE REGISTRARS STUDY COMMITTEE

Copies of the report of the Mobile Registrars Study Committee were distributed and Mr. David Bailey of the Legislative Service Bureau, as staff to the Committee, gave a brief oral summary of the report. A motion to receive the report was given unanimous approval.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

The report of the Service Committee was given by its Chairperson, Representative Connors. A copy of the report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. The major points of the report by Chairperson Connors were:

1. Summary of the current personnel actions of the central legislative staff agencies;
2. An update on developments in regard to the Legislative Branch comparable worth study;
3. Summary of reports received by the Service Committee.

Due to the increased workload of the Legislative Service Bureau, its Director had requested authorization for 2 additional session positions (a legislative text processor and a legal intern) on a contingency basis if needed. The Service Committee had approved the request and included it in its report.

There was some discussion concerning the potential needs of the Legislative Service Bureau for additional session staff assistance due to the increased workload of the Bureau as a result of the record number of interim study committees, the pattern of the interim study committees doing so much of their work at the end of interim just prior to the start of session, and the great additional workload expected due to the state government reorganization effort.

The major points of the discussion were as follows:

1. More effort should be made next interim in regard to the scheduling of interim meetings so that the interim activities of the General Assembly may be conducted more efficiently.

2. The General Assembly might wish to consider more restraint on their activities in regard to interim studies, and numbers of bills and amendments.

The report of the Service Committee was adopted by a 11-1 vote. Representative Carpenter, the dissenting vote, wished to go on record as saying she was not opposed to having the necessary amount of legislative staff, but was opposed to the Legislature creating so much work that additional staff was necessary.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE BUREAU - WORKLOAD REPORT

Mr. Peeters indicated he would like to take this opportunity to review the current workload situation of the staff of the Legislative Service Bureau. He pointed out that the staff is currently involved with work for interim study committees and preparing their reports, drafting bills for the 1986 session, and beginning work on the state government reorganization for the study committee and the Governor's Office. He asked that Mr. Koebernick be provided the opportunity to review in greater detail the specifics of the current staff workload. Mr. Koebernick stated that a total of 483 bill draft requests have been received by the Legislative Service Bureau to this date of which 337 have been completed and 146 currently being worked on. He noted that there are approximately 30 interim study committees functioning at this time of which two will be submitting final reports to the Legislative Council on this date. The remainder of those study committees have additional meetings scheduled prior to the session and some will be completing their work during the beginning week or two of the session. He emphasized that the Legislative Service Bureau staff will be putting together final reports for all of those committees as well as drafting any legislation proposed by those study committees between now and the completion of the study committee work. In addition to this work load, two staff members are currently reviewing internal references and footnotes in preparation for publication of the 1987 Code. He noted that additional burdens will be placed on the Legislative Service Bureau staff by the comparable worth questionnaires and the State Government Reorganization Study Committee which has just been created. He also noted that a member of the staff is currently working with the Bureau of the Census on the Census Bureau Boundary Block Suggestion Project and that this project will involve considerable time of that staff member during the months of December and January, including trips to Kansas City to the Bureau of the Census Offices to review maps currently on file in that office.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Speaker Avenson presented the report of the Studies Committee. A copy of the report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Speaker Avenson briefly summarized the major points of the report. Senator Hultman moved to receive the report of the Studies Committee and the motion was adopted.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was not scheduled, but it was announced that the Legislative Council would be "on call" as a meeting on short notice might be needed.

SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON SNOW REMOVAL

An ad hoc Special Subcommittee on Snow Removal composed of Senator Hultman, Senator Welsh, and Representative Connors was appointed for purposes of contacting the Department of General Services regarding snow and ice removal on the east side of the State Capitol Building. (NOTE: Immediately after the meeting the subcommittee made the necessary arrangements for the improved snow removal.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Legislative Council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

DONOVAN PEETERS
Secretary to the Council