

M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE

October 14, 1982

The meeting of the Legislative Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order at 9:35 a.m., Thursday, October 14, 1982 in Committee Room 24 of the State House, Des Moines. Committee members present were:

Representative Richard Welden, Chairperson
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Lowell Junkins
Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins
Senator Dale Tieden
Representative Hugo Schnekloth

Other persons present for the meeting were:

Ms. Julie Thorsen, Republican Caucus Research Analyst
Ms. Rebecca Roorda, Democratic Caucus Research Analyst
Ms. Debbie Westvold, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Mr. Serge H. Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Ms. Diane Bolender, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau

Noting that a quorum of the Legislative Fiscal Committee was not present, Chairperson Welden suggested that the Committee proceed with its agenda and make any recommendations to the Legislative Council by a consensus of the members present.

Chairperson Welden recognized Ms. Debbie Westvold, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, who requested that the Legislative Fiscal Committee recommend to the Legislative Council reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred for legislators and legislative staff who are authorized to attend the Conference on Prison Overcrowding which is being held in Iowa by the National Conference on Crime and Delinquency. She stated that the basic cost of the proposed Conference is being underwritten by the National Institute of Corrections, but she is requesting that legislative staff and legislators attending the Conference be authorized reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses by the Legislative Council. Senator Hultman moved that a recommendation be made to the Legislative Council that legislators and legislative staff approved for attendance at the Conference on Prison Overcrowding be authorized reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending the Conference. The motion was seconded by Senator Junkins and adopted by members of the Legislative Fiscal Committee present.

Chairperson Welden stated that the position of Legislative Fiscal Director remains open with the refusal of Mr. Larry Isaak to accept the position offered by the Legislative Council at its

September 29 meeting. After discussion, Senator Hultman moved that the position of Legislative Fiscal Director be offered to Mr. Dennis C. Prouty at an annual salary of \$44,460 commencing with the anniversary date of November 1, 1982. The motion was seconded by Senator Junkins and adopted by a majority of the members of the Legislative Fiscal Committee present with Representative Schnekloth voting no. After further discussion of that part of the motion which provides a separate anniversary date for the Legislative Fiscal Director, Representative Schnekloth moved to amend the previously adopted motion to read that Mr. Prouty will be offered the position of Legislative Fiscal Director at an annual salary of \$44,460 effective with the pay period commencing November 5, 1982. He added that the annual salary of the Legislative Fiscal Director will be reviewed by the Service Committee and the Legislative Council at the same time that the salaries of other employees subject to the jurisdiction of the Legislative Council are reviewed. There being no objections to the proposed amendment, Representative Schnekloth's motion was adopted.

The Committee informally proceeded to discuss at length projected budget deficits and budget surpluses estimated by the Legislative Fiscal Director and the State Comptroller.

The Committee concluded its deliberations at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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