

# M I N U T E S

## IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 23, 1989

The first meeting of the 1989-1990 Legislative Council was called to order by Speaker Donald D. Avenson at 11:45 a.m., Monday, January 23, 1989, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Speaker Avenson were:

Lieutenant Governor Jo Ann Zimmerman  
Senator Bill Hutchins  
Senator Calvin O. Hultman  
Senator Donald V. Doyle  
Senator Emil J. Husak  
Senator C. Joseph Coleman  
Senator Joe J. Welsh  
Senator Julia Gentleman  
Senator John N. Nystrom  
Senator Dale L. Tieden  
Representative Robert C. Arnould  
Representative Florence Buhr  
Representative Kay Chapman  
Representative John H. Connors  
Representative Thomas J. Jochum  
Representative William H. Harbor  
Representative Mary A. Lundby  
Representative Delwyn Stromer  
Representative Harold Van Maanen

Also present were Donovan Peeters, Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman; Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau; Diane Bolender, Deputy Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Mark Johnson, Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau; other legislative staff members; representatives of the news media; and other interested persons.

### CHAIRPERSON ELECTED

Speaker Avenson asked for nominations for chairperson of the Council. Senator Coleman nominated Senator Bill Hutchins for Chairperson of the Council and Speaker Avenson as Vice-chairperson. Senator Doyle moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot was cast for Senator Hutchins, Chair, and Speaker Avenson, Vice-chair.

#### RULES ADOPTED

Chairperson Hutchins asked for additions to or deletions from the proposed rules of procedures for the Council. After review, Representative Connors moved that the proposed rules of procedure be adopted as permanent rules of procedure of the Council. The motion was adopted. A copy of the rules is attached to and, by this reference, made a part of these minutes.

#### MINUTES CORRECTED

The Council minutes of the meeting of December 7, 1988, were approved after Donovan Peeters noted that a change on page 8 was needed changing the reference in the motion made by Representative Arnould from caucus staff to partisan staff. The change was ordered without objection by the Chair.

#### PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING CHAIR

Chairperson Hutchins made a presentation to Speaker Avenson as the outgoing Chairperson of the Council. A plaque was presented noting the time of service with the Council as Chairperson for the 1987-1988 General Assembly.

#### WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Chairperson Hutchins welcomed the new members of the Council and noted the tentative meeting schedule for the Council for the upcoming year. A copy of the tentative schedule is attached and, by this reference, made a part of these minutes.

#### EDUCATIONAL LEAVE REPORT RECEIVED

Senator Hultman moved that the Legislative Council receive and file the reports on educational leave submitted pursuant to section 79.25, for fiscal year 1988. Senator Tieden requested that a further explanation be made in regard to the "cost savings" claimed in the report from the Department of Education and that additional information be included in future educational leave reports relating to the "Cost Savings" column. The Legislative Service Bureau was asked to follow up on Senator Tieden's request. The motion to receive the report was adopted.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INTERIM STUDY REPORTS RECEIVED

Donovan Peeters gave a brief summary on the status of final reports for the various interim study committees. Senator Coleman moved that the notice concerning availability of interim study reports be received by the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted.

DRAFT PAY RESOLUTION

The draft pay resolution for employees of central staff agencies was received and referred to the Service Committee of the Legislative Council for action.

PERSONAL COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE FOR SCHOOL-AID WORK

Chairperson Hutchins recognized Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Legislative Computer Support Bureau, for comments concerning the purchase of a new personal computer and software package to be used in developing computer simulations of proposed school aid formulas. Mr. Scharf deferred to Mr. Glen Dickinson, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, who stated that presently computer runs for proposed changes in the school aid formula are processed through the executive branch computer system. He explained that although the actual computer run time using the Sperry Personal Computer will be about the same as the computer run time using the executive branch computer (ten to fifteen minutes) there is usually a two to three hour wait for the run to be processed because of the heavy backlog of work on the executive branch computer system. Representative Chapman asked whether the new software could be used also for tax runs. Speaker Avenson responded that a tax model program was being separately procured, but the new personal computer would have the capability to be used for other projects.

Senator Hultman moved that the Legislative Council approve the expenditure of \$7,150 for purchase of an AST-386 chip personal computer and the PC-SAS package as described in the January 17, 1989 memorandum from Mr. Scharf to Senator Hutchins, Speaker Avenson, Senator Murphy, and Representative Ollie. The memorandum is on file in the Legislative Service Bureau. It was asked whether this program would be using a separate personal computer. Mr. Scharf answered that that was the case and that the personal computer hardware purchased would have greater capabilities than the personal computers presently in use by the General Assembly. Senator Welsh noted that the motion would give approval to the Computer Support Bureau to purchase the AST 386 chip personal computer and the PC-SAS package with funds in the Computer Support Bureau's existing budget. The motion was adopted.

SCHOOL FINANCE STUDY COMMITTEE

The Legislative Council received a memorandum concerning the expenditures of the School Finance Study Committee in excess of the amounts contained in the contracts. The memorandum is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Senator Coleman moved that the Legislative Council approve the payment of an additional \$600 to Dr. George Chambers and \$7,487 to Dr. John Augenblick from moneys approved by the Legislative Council for the school finance study. The motion was adopted. A copy of this request is attached and, by this reference, made a part of these minutes.

APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES APPROVED

Representative Connors moved that the appointments to the Administration Committee, Service Committee, Studies Committee, and Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council be approved as submitted. The motion was adopted. A copy of these appointments are attached and, by this reference, made a part of these minutes.

ACTUARIAL STUDY CONCERNING LUST PROPOSALS

Chairperson Hutchins moved that the Legislative Council authorize funding from moneys appropriated in section 2.12 of the Code not to exceed \$25,000, to be used for actuarial examinations of LUST (leaking underground storage tanks) proposals currently being proposed in each chamber. Speaker Avenson mentioned that the House is currently working on this and will be entering into a contract for this work. He continued that there will be extra capacity within the contract to consider additional proposals and invited Senate members to consider use of the actuary contracted with for examination of any existing Senate proposals. The motion carried.

CODE UPDATE

Senator Husak inquired as to when the 1989 Code would be available. Mr. Donovan Peeters stated that Volume I has been delivered from the bindery and would be distributed in the very near future; Volume II is at the binders and should be available in early February; and Volume III has been at the typesetters for some time and should be ready for distribution in late February or early March. Senator Husak mentioned that he is having a bill drafted to require that all volumes of the Code shall be ready for distribution by December 31 following the second session of the General Assembly.

Representative Chapman inquired about the Code Index and Mr. Peeters responded that completion of the index is being delayed because of the priority of the Legislative Service Bureau text processors being to type legislative bills.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Hutchins stated that the February meeting of the Legislative Council would be on call after the Service Committee has met.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Senator Coleman moved that the meeting adjourn at 12:16 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DONOVAN PEETERS,  
Secretary to the Legislative Council

MARK W. JOHNSON,  
Legal Counsel