

MINUTES
STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 26, 1993

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The first meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council for the 1993 Interim was called to order by Chairperson Mary Lundby at 1:08 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 1993, in Senate Room 22 of the State Capitol Building in Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Lundby were:

Senator Leonard Boswell
Senator Wally Horn
Senator Emil Husak
Senator Jack Rife
Representative Clifford Branstad
Representative Richard Vande Hoef

Also present were staff members of the Legislative Service Bureau, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and Research and Caucus staffs, and other interested persons.

INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Chairperson Lundby noted that she and Senator Horn had met earlier in the day for preliminary discussions. The result was the proposal contained in each member's packet. This document, as described by Chairperson Lundby, contains a listing of the four mandated studies. The first two, Juvenile Justice and the MI/MR/DD/BI Service Delivery System Restructuring Task Force, are carry-over studies from the 1992 Interim. The next two are mandated in legislation passed during the 1993 Session and include an Intermediate Criminal Sanctions Task Force in Senate File 267 and a Privatization Interim Study Committee in Senate File 425 (at the time of the meeting, S.F. 425 had not yet been acted upon by the Governor). In addition to proposed meeting days for these mandated studies, the document contains proposed meeting days for the Public Retirement Systems Committee and the Iowa Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations which are permanent statutory legislative committees; and it contains a request for authorization for payment of per diem and expenses for legislators serving on the State Human Investment Policy (SHIP) Council, the Iowa Health Reform Council, and as a chairperson of any of its subcommittees. Chairperson Lundby noted that these two councils would probably be meeting many times but it is proposed to authorize funding for up to four meetings at this time.

In response to an inquiry from Senator Horn, Mr. John Pollak, of the Legislative Service Bureau, clarified that the interim study by the SHIP Council is different from the work that is being performed by the Health Reform Council which is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Mr. Pollak also explained to Senator Rife that the proposed authorization for per diem and expenses for meetings of the Iowa Health Reform Council would also include authorization for legislators who may serve as chairpersons of any committee or subcommittees that the Council may establish.

Senator Horn moved that the proposals discussed be the recommendations of the Studies Committee. There being no objection, the motion was adopted unanimously. A copy of the Studies Committee's report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chairperson Lundby recognized that there are additional requests for interim studies but said that these will be considered at the next meeting. She explained that Speaker Van Maanen intends to review the availability of funding in the budget prior to discussion of other requests for studies.

There being no further business of the Committee, it adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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