

M I N U T E S

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 19, 1985

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The fourth meeting of the Studies Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Speaker Donald D. Avenson, at 1:35 p.m., Thursday, September 19, 1985 in Senate Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairman Avenson were:

Senator Lowell L. Junkins, Vice Chairman
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Lee Holt
Representative Lowell E. Norland
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Richard W. Welden

Also present were representatives of the news media, legislative staff, and other interested persons.

Senator Junkins moved that the roll call be dispensed with and the presence of the Committee members be noted by the secretary. The motion was adopted.

Senator Holt moved that the minutes of the July 17, 1985 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was adopted.

VOTING RIGHTS OF CITIZEN MEMBERS OF INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES

Chairman Avenson noted that questions have arisen concerning the voting rights of citizen members of interim study committees and that these voting rights should be clarified. After discussion Senator Junkins moved that the Studies Committee recommend that citizen members have full voting rights on the study committees to which they are appointed. The motion was adopted.

APPROVAL OF CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY STUDY COMMITTEE

Chairman Avenson next asked for a motion concerning the approval of citizen members on the Judiciary Study Committee. Senator Junkins moved that the Studies Committee recommend the approval of Judge Ralph F. McCartney, Iris Muchmore, Esq., and Mr. John R. Fitzgibbon for membership on the Judiciary Study Committee retroactive to September 17, 1985. The motion was adopted.

MEETING REQUEST - HUMAN RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

Concerning the request for a meeting day to inventory elderly services by a subcommittee of the House and Senate Human Resources Standing Committees, Chairman Avenson asked that the request be deferred. There being no objection, the request was deferred.

CREATION OF STATE CARE FACILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

Expressing concern about federal inspections of the state hospital-school at Woodward, Senator Junkins moved that a State Care Facility Study Committee be established to monitor the investigations relating to resident treatment and programs, staffing and personnel policies, and state fiscal commitment. Senator Hultman suggested that perhaps members of the Fiscal Committee could be included on this study. After further discussion, Senator Junkins amended his motion to include the recommendation to establish the Study Committee with two authorized meeting days and a membership of three senators and three representatives. The amendment was adopted. There being no further discussion on the motion, the motion as amended was adopted.

IMPACT OF BUDGET REDUCTION ON INTERIM STUDIES

Representative Welden stated that he cannot support additional meeting days for interim study committees until the Studies Committee is provided a total budget outlining the costs of the interim studies and the effect of the 3.85 percent budget reduction as it relates to legislative staff agencies is worked out. Chairman Avenson responded that the Service Committee will provide guidelines for budget reductions to the legislative agencies under the Legislative Council and that the House and Senate leaders are working to provide budget reductions for their respective areas of responsibility.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN MEMBERS - INSURANCE STUDY COMMITTEE

Concerning the request for four additional citizen members on the Insurance Guaranty Fund and Risk-Sharing Pool Study Committee, Chairman Avenson stated that he does not believe that citizen

members are necessary for this Study Committee. He added that information and recommendations can be solicited from the private sector if needed. After further discussion Senator Junkins moved that the request of the Study Committee for citizen members of the Insurance Guaranty Fund and Risk-sharing Pool Study Committee be denied and that the interim committee be encouraged to solicit information from insurance providers. The motion was adopted.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS - LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY STUDY COMMITTEE

Concerning the request for two additional meeting days for public hearings by the Iowa Livestock Industry Study Committee, Senator Junkins moved to recommend that the Study Committee be authorized one additional meeting day for public hearings. The motion was adopted.

EXTENSION OF REPORTING DEADLINE - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STUDY COMMITTEE

Chairman Avenson stated that the Collective Bargaining Study Committee has requested an extension of the deadline for completion of its final report from November 1, 1985 to January 13, 1986. He added that Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 was adopted by the 1985 General Assembly so that the Legislative Council has no authority to change its provisions. After further discussion, Senator Junkins moved to recommend that even though the Committee understands the need for a delayed final reporting date, the Collective Bargaining Study Committee is encouraged to present an interim report to the Legislative Council on November 1, 1985. The motion was adopted.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Concerning the request for three additional meeting days by the Economic Development Study Committee, Senator Junkins moved that the Study Committee be authorized one additional day. Senator Hutchins commented that the Study Committee will not be able to consider the recommendations of the consultant and prepare proposed legislation in only one day. He added that a minimum of two days will be necessary to complete the Study Committee's work. Senator Junkins withdrew his motion and Senator Coleman moved to recommend that the Study Committee be authorized two additional meeting days. There being no further discussion, the motion was adopted.

ADDITIONAL MEETING - FEMALE-DOMINATED JOBS STUDY COMMITTEE

Concerning the request of the Female-Dominated Jobs Study Committee, Senator Junkins moved to recommend that one additional meeting day be authorized. There being no further discussion, the motion was adopted.

ADDITIONAL MEETING - CHILD PROTECTION STUDY COMMITTEE

Representative Norland moved to recommend that the Child Protection Study Committee be authorized one additional meeting day. The motion was adopted.

ADDITIONAL MEETING - RURAL MEDICAL SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE

Concerning the request by the Rural Medical Services Delivery Study Committee for one additional meeting day, Representative Arnould moved to recommend that the Study Committee be authorized one additional meeting day. The motion was adopted.

MEETINGS AND MEMBERS - PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS STUDY COMMITTEE

Chairman Avenson stated that the Public Retirement Systems Study Committee has requested two additional meeting days and the appointment of legislative members to the Study Committee. In reply to a question by Senator Hultman, Chairman Avenson stated that the study responsibility of the Study Committee will be increased to include all public retirement systems. After further discussion, Senator Junkins moved to recommend that the Public Retirement Systems Study Committee be increased in membership by two house members and two senate members and that two additional meeting days be authorized. The motion was adopted.

ADDITIONAL MEETING - SUBSTANCE ABUSE STUDY COMMITTEE

Senator Junkins moved to recommend that the Substance Abuse Study Committee be authorized one additional meeting day. The motion was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEES

Concerning the request for additional meeting days for public hearings by the Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Study Committee and the Water Quality Study Committee, Representative Welden stated that one centrally located public hearing should be sufficient to gather information by the two Study Committees. Senator Holt commented that he agrees that holding multiple public hearings on the same issue throughout the state will gather little additional information than could be received from one public hearing. After further discussion, Representative Welden moved to recommend that the Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Study Committee and the Water Quality Study Committee be authorized one additional meeting day for a joint public hearing. The motion was adopted.

VISITATION - APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Concerning the request for a visitation by the Health and Human Rights Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Junkins stated that this request should be deferred until all requests from the

Appropriations Subcommittees can be considered. There being no further discussion, Senator Junkins moved that the Committee recommend deferral for the request for visitation by the Health and Human Rights Appropriations Subcommittee. The motion was adopted.

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Concerning the notification that there are two vacancies on the Professional and Occupational Regulation Commission and one vacancy on the Collective Bargaining Study Committee, Chairman Avenson stated that the vacancies will be filled by legislative leadership appointment.

EXPENSES - ALTERNATIVE CROPS AND LIVESTOCK STUDY COMMITTEE

Concerning the request for authorization to pay per diem and expenses for citizen members of the Alternative Crops and Livestock Study Committee from legislative funds pending the availability of lottery funds, Senator Coleman commented that the Legislative Council does not have the authority to pay per diem for citizen members from its legislative funds appropriated under section 2.12 of the Code. He stated that if funds are not available from specific appropriations by the General Assembly, the Legislative Council cannot pay these per diem costs from its own funds. Senator Hultman commented that the Legislative Council could authorize the payment of expenses now to these members from legislative funds subject to reimbursement when lottery funds are available and the request for per diem payments could be held until the lottery funds are available for that purpose. Chairman Avenson commented that perhaps the General Assembly can address this issue during the 1986 Session. After further discussion, Representative Norland moved that the Committee recommend that the necessary expenses of the citizen members of the Alternative Crops and Livestock Study Committee be paid from legislative funds under section 2.12 of the Code subject to reimbursement when lottery funds are available. The motion was adopted.

REVERSION OF FUNDS - DOT INTERIM STUDY

Chairman Avenson stated that the last item on the agenda is a request for action by the Legislative Council relating to the reversion of funds appropriated for an interim study of the Department of Transportation in 1981. He stated that the 1981 study was not conducted and that the funds appropriated from the road use tax fund have not reverted. Representative Welden moved that the Committee recommend that the appropriation provided in 1981 Iowa Acts, Chapter 14, Section 14, for an interim study of the Department of Transportation revert to the road use tax fund. The motion was adopted.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Senator Junkins moved that the Committee adjourn at 1:55 p.m. The motion was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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