

M I N U T E S
STUDIES COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
May 17, 1989

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on Wednesday, May 17, 1989, in Room 22, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson and Speaker of the House, Don Avenson, at 1:30 p.m. Members present in addition to Chairperson Avenson were:

Senator Bill Hutchins
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Emil Husak
Senator Jack Nystrom
Representative Robert C. Arnould
Representative John Connors
Representative Mary Lundby
Representative Harold Van Maanen

DISCUSSION

Representative Connors moved to dispense with reading the minutes of the previous Committee meeting. The motion was seconded and the motion carried by voice vote of the members.

Representative Connors moved to dispense with the rules. The motion was seconded and adopted by a voice vote of the members.

Chairperson Avenson circulated and discussed a listing of the proposed interim studies, scheduling guidelines, and guidelines for interim study committees. A copy of the listing, the proposed schedule, and the guidelines is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Chairperson Avenson emphasized the importance of the proposed scheduling guidelines for the 1989 interim committee meetings stating that the schedule would permit standing committees to review interim committee final reports prior to the legislative session.

Senator Coleman asked if the proposed list of interim committees was a final and complete listing. Chairperson Avenson responded that while the list was complete to date, it is anticipated that one or two additional interim study committees would be proposed during the month of June 1989.

Senator Husak commented that the issues surrounding the rising cost of health care insurance for employees of school districts needs to be studied. He added that, according to information he had received, these premiums are rising at an annual average rate of 35% to 40%. Representative Van Maanen expressed his agreement with the statements of Senator Husak.

Senator Husak inquired regarding the scope of the study entitled "Non-Gender Based Insurance." Chairperson Avenson responded that the purpose of the study is to reach an understanding whether non-gender based insurance is advisable.

Senator Hutchins moved that the Studies Committee recommend that the proposed listing of interim studies, the scheduling guidelines, and interim study committee guidelines be approved by the Legislative Council, and that the Legislative Council authorize the joint leadership to appoint the interim committee chairpersons and members and appoint any additional members requested by the Legislative Fiscal Committee. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote of the members.

CLOSING BUSINESS

Chairperson Avenson expressed the belief that the 1989 interim studies are focused and will produce helpful information for the next legislative session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. MAY, III
Legal Counsel