

MINUTES

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 1, 1993

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Acting Chairperson Senator Wally Horn called to order the sixth meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council for the 1993 Interim at 1:13 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 1993, in Room 22 of the Statehouse in Des Moines, Iowa. The following members were present in addition to Chairperson Horn:

Senator Leonard Boswell
Senator Emil Husak
Senator Jim Lind
Senator Jack Rife
Representative Robert Arnould
Representative Clifford Branstad

Staff members of the Legislative Service Bureau, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, members of caucus and research staffs, and other interested persons were also present at the meeting.

Noting that the members present did not comprise a quorum, Chairperson Horn suggested approval of the minutes of the October 27 meeting be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee. He also observed that the Committee would be unable to make formal recommendations, but suggested that Committee members who are present conduct business as members of the Committee rather than as the full Committee.

INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Chairperson Horn noted that under the guidelines for interim study committees adopted by the Legislative Council, interim committees were required to complete their deliberations by November 25 unless authorization had been provided for a different date. Chairperson Horn outlined the business before Committee members as follows:

- The Adoption Reform and Natural Disaster Preparedness Interim Study Committee's completion deadline extension request. Chairperson Horn noted that the Adoption Reform Interim Study Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 20, 1993.
- The Underground Storage Tank Interim Study Committee's requests for a completion deadline extension and for authorization to hold an additional meeting day during the second week of the 1994 Legislative Session.

- The Rural Revitalization Study Committee's requests for a completion deadline extension and for authorization to hold an additional meeting day on January 6, 1994.
- The Natural Disaster Preparedness Task Force's completion deadline request. Chairperson Horn remarked that the Task Force has tentatively scheduled the second of its three meetings for December 10, 1993.

Senator Husak commented that the Underground Storage Tanks Interim Study Committee, which he chairs, proposed to hold an additional meeting during the second week of the 1994 Legislative Session in order to reduce the meeting costs while providing eligibility for the four public members to be reimbursed for their expenses. He offered to provide the Committee with a preliminary report if requested.

The members present discussed the interim committees' requests and recommended that the Council approve the requests.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

At its last meeting, the Studies Committee discussed the issue of executive branch studies with legislator members. The Legislative Council approved the Studies Committee recommendation to send a letter requesting that the Governor pay per diem and expenses to legislators who serve on task forces created by the Governor. Chairperson Horn noted that the Committee has received from the Governor's Office a statement denying the Committee's request. Senator Rife stated that the Governor's denial leaves the Legislative Council responsible for paying the per diem and expenses of members who sit on executive branch committees. However, Senator Husak suggested that the Legislative Council is only responsible if it chooses to reimburse the members, noting that in 1992 no member of the Governor's Committee on Government Spending Reform received payment of per diem or reimbursement of expenses. The statement from the Governor's Office was received and filed by the members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further Committee business, the members present adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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