

MINUTES

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 15, 1994

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The September meeting of the Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Senator Emil Husak on September 15, 1994, at 11:06 a.m., in Committee Room 22, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Husak were:

Senator John Jensen
Representative Ron Corbett
Representative Pat Murphy

INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY - MR. DAVE HARMELINK, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. Dave Harmelink, Iowa State University, introduced himself and distributed an update to the Committee on the Infrastructure Study being conducted by himself and Professor James Rowings at Iowa State University. Mr. Harmelink reported the conduct of interviews with Mr. C. Milt Wilson of the Department of Education and Mr. Dave King of the Heartland Area Education Agency concerning the content of facility surveys that will soon be sent to schools throughout the state. He noted the difficulty in determining how to measure and interpret the results of the school facility survey since it is hard to ascertain the effect of good facilities on the quality of the school. In addition, Mr. Harmelink stated that facility surveys have been developed to obtain information from cities over 2,000 population, counties, and public hospitals. He further commented that the surveys for schools and cities will be sent soon.

Senator Husak asked about the information obtained on state buildings. Mr. Harmelink responded that the Department of General Services has been contacted but the information has not yet been received. Mr. Harmelink stated that state buildings will be an important part of the study. Senator Husak stated that he would be interested in the cooperative uses of state buildings.

Representative Murphy asked about how unique school programs, such as auto repair, audio visual studio, etc., will be reflected in the survey. Mr. Harmelink indicated that the survey will provide sufficiently broad questions to deal with these unique uses.

Representative Corbett stated that the study needs to keep focused on state buildings. Mr. Harmelink agreed and stated that the perceived emphasis on school and local facilities is

based on the possible difficulty in getting all the necessary information for these buildings. He commented that he thinks the information on state buildings should be easily attainable.

Senator Jensen expressed his concern about the future costs for sewer system discharge, especially for growing communities. Mr. Harmelink agreed that this is an important infrastructure concern.

Following questions, Mr. Harmelink indicated his willingness to provide a further update on the study to the Committee at the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the Committee was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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