

# **MINUTES**

## **IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**September 15, 1994**

### **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

The twelfth meeting of the 1993-1994 Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Senator Wally Horn, at 1:35 p.m., Thursday, September 15, 1994, in Room 22, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present, in addition to Chairperson Horn, were:

Speaker Harold Van Maanen, Vice Chairperson

Senator Leonard Boswell

Senator Florence Buhr

Senator Donald E. Gettings

Senator Emil J. Husak

Senator John W. Jensen

Senator Jim Lind

Senator Derryl McLaren

Senator Larry Murphy

Senator William D. Palmer

Senator Jack Rife

Senator Maggie Tinsman

Representative Clifford O. Branstad

Representative John H. Connors

Representative Ron J. Corbett

Representative Teresa Garman

Representative Mary A. Lundby

Representative Pat Murphy

Representative Brent Siegrist

Representative Richard Vande Hoef

Also present during all or part of the meeting were: Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, and Mr. Richard Johnson, Deputy Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, and Mr. Tim Faller, Deputy Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Ms. Liz Isaacson, Chief Clerk of the House; Mr. Jack Dwyer, Secretary of the Senate; Mr. Greg Nichols, Senior Administrative Assistant; Ms. Maryjo Welch, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Mark Brandsgard, Senior Administrative Assistant; Mr. Warren Fye, Senior Caucus Staff Director; Ms. Paulee Lipsman, House Democratic Caucus Staff Director; Mr. Mark Johnson, Legal Counsel, Ms. Leslie Hickey, Legal Counsel, and Mr. Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau; other legislative staff members; representatives of the news media; and other interested persons.

## ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Chairperson Horn stated that the roll was taken as the members arrived and that a quorum is present.

Representative Connors moved that the minutes of the July 15 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Senator Husak and adopted.

## PREFILING RULES FOR THE 1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Chairperson Horn recognized Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, for comments regarding the rules for prefiling bills and joint resolutions for the 1995 Legislative Session pursuant to section 2.16 of the Code of Iowa. Ms. Bolender stated that the rules are similar to those used for previous legislative sessions except for changes in dates to reflect the 1995 Legislative Session and any changes in departmental names or divisions. There being no comments or questions, Representative Connors moved the adoption of the proposed prefiling rules for the 1995 Legislative Session. The motion was adopted. A copy of the rules is attached to these minutes.

## PRICING OF SESSION LAWS

Chairperson Horn recognized Ms. Bolender for comments regarding the recommendation of Ms. Kristi Little, Superintendent, Printing Division, Department of General Services, for a price for the 1994 Iowa Acts. Ms. Bolender stated that Ms. Little recommends a price of \$60.50 for the 1994 Iowa Acts, an increase of 10 percent over the 1993 price. She stated that the recommended price will offset the costs of free distribution of copies and increases in the costs of postage and printing. Vice Chairperson Van Maanen moved the adoption of the recommended sale price of \$60.50 for the 1994 Iowa Acts. The motion was adopted. A copy of the letter from Ms. Little is attached to these minutes.

## REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Senator Husak was recognized for the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. Senator Husak reported that the Committee met, without a quorum, to receive a progress report from Mr. David Harmelink, Iowa State University, regarding the 1994 Infrastructure Study. Senator Husak stated that the consultants have completed work on facility surveys which will be sent to cities over 2,000 population, counties, school districts, and public hospitals to obtain horizontal and vertical infrastructure data. The consultants also reported having contacted various state agencies for similar data on state properties. Senator Husak commented that the Committee expressed particular concern that the researchers do not neglect data on state-owned facilities which will be of primary interest to the General Assembly. Senator Husak stated that the next progress report is planned for the November Council

meeting. There being no comments, Senator Husak moved that Report of the Committee be received and filed. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee is attached to these minutes.

### **MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

Representative Connors reported that the 1994 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference was successful and that a total of \$68,000 was raised by Iowa to conduct the Conference. He added that Iowa has hosted three Council of State Governments meetings in Des Moines since 1987 and that each has been carried out by Iowa legislators and staff without the use of state public funds. He thanked Ms. Bolender and other legislative staff for their efforts and many hours of work to make the 1994 Conference successful. A handout was available to the Council showing the number and categories of attendees and guests to the Conference and the dollar amounts pledged and contributed. A copy of the handout is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.

Senator Tinsman stated that she was very pleased with the quality of the plenary sessions and the site visits to the Iowa Communications Network facilities and other facilities in the Des Moines area. She added that it was an excellent format that kept the interest of the delegates.

Representative Connors moved that any unobligated funds remaining from the 1994 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference may be expended to pay the per diem and travel expenses of Representative John Connors to meetings of the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures. The motion was seconded by Senator Boswell and adopted.

### **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Senator Buhr was recognized to present the Report of the Administration Committee. Senator Buhr stated that a portion of the fire and life safety projects authorized by the Council have been bid and the total costs are projected to be below the authorized expenditure limits. She stated that the Committee also recommends the following:

1. That the Council approve the expenditure of a total of not more than \$15,000 for assistive listening device equipment as determined necessary by the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
2. That staff continue research on the costs of providing computer tapes of legislative bills and amendments, history, and daily actions to interested parties.
3. That the Council approve continued negotiations with Mead Data Central by the Legislative Service Bureau regarding the sale of the electronic Code database and other databases, and, subject to the approval of the

Administration Committee, approve the terms of the negotiated agreement if the agreement is reached before the Council's November meeting.

Senator Buhr stated that no action has been taken concerning the installation of video conferencing equipment connected to the Iowa Communications Network.

In reply to a question by Senator Lind concerning the responsibility of the state or the cafeteria to make safety improvements in the cafeteria area, Senator Buhr stated that fire safety improvements to the cafeteria area under the Council contract include the installation of a fire safety hood over the grill area.

Senator Buhr moved the adoption of the Report of the Administration Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report is attached to these minutes.

### **HENRY TOLL FELLOWSHIP**

Chairperson Horn announced that Senator Larry Murphy has been selected as one of 35 legislative leaders nationally to participate in the Henry Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the Council of State Governments. Members of the Council expressed their congratulations to Senator Murphy.

### **REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Horn recognized Representative Lundby for the Report of the Studies Committee. She stated that the Report recommends one additional meeting day each for the Economic Development Service Delivery System Study Committee and for the School Finance Review Study Committee. In addition, she added, the charge to the Child Protection Task Force was expanded to include a review of the minimum standard of children's care as provided in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) cases and review issues related to the Court-appointed Special Advocate Program. She concluded by stating that a new study has been created to review the effectiveness, efficiency, and competitiveness of the bidding processes for public purchases.

After discussion, Representative Murphy moved that two additional members from each House be added as members to the Child Protection Task Force and one additional meeting day be approved. A question was asked whether the appointment of the total of four new members to the Task Force and the approval of the new study would exhaust the funding for the studies this interim. A clarification was provided that moneys were specifically appropriated in Senate File 2330 for costs associated with the Child Protection Task Force. The motion was adopted with two negative votes being noted.

Representative Lundby moved the adoption of the Committee Report. After further discussion, the motion was adopted. A copy of the Report is attached to these minutes.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Chairperson Horn tentatively set the next Council meeting date for Tuesday, November 29, 1994.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Senator Husak moved that the Legislative Council adjourn at 2:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Representative Branstad and adopted. Upon adjournment, a new videotaped description of the services of the central legislative staff agencies, especially directed at newly elected legislators, was viewed by interested persons in attendance at the Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MS. DIANE E. BOLENDER  
Director

MR. THANE R. JOHNSON  
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### ***ATTACHMENTS***

- 1. Prefiling Rules.***
- 2. Kristi Little Letter.***
- 3. Capitol Projects Committee Report.***
- 4. Administration Committee Report.***
- 5. Studies Committee Report.***