

M I N U T E S
STUDIES COMMITTEE

June 29, 1983

The meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Lowell L. Junkins, at 11:35 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 1983, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present, in addition to Chairman Junkins, were:

Senator James E. Briles
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator C. W. Bill Hutchins
Senator Charles P. Miller
Representative Donald D. Avenson
Representative Jean Lloyd-Jones
Representative Lester D. Menke
Representative Lowell E. Norland
Representative Richard W. Welden

Also present were Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau, a number of legislative staff persons, representatives of the news media, and other interested persons.

Chairman Junkins noted that the first item on the agenda is a review of the requests for meetings by the visitation committees of the Legislative Fiscal Committee. Representative Avenson moved that the requests of the visitation committees be deferred until the next meeting to allow the Studies Committee to review the requests and determine whether some of their work can be done by study committees approved by the Studies Committee and the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins noted that House Concurrent Resolution 39 which provides for the University of Iowa hospitals and clinics to collect information on the fees charged and the financial status and third-party coverage of patients in the childhood cancer program, the hemophilia program, the high-risk infant follow-up program, the perinatal program, and the muscular dystrophy and related genetic diseases program has been referred to the Studies Committee.

Representative Avenson moved that House Concurrent Resolution 39 be referred to the Fiscal Committee. Representative Welden pointed out that the Fiscal Committee has looked at House Concurrent Resolution 39 and agreed at its last meeting that the appropriate visitation committee and appropriation committee chairs would proceed with carrying out the intent of this resolution. There being no further comments, the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins noted that Senate Concurrent Resolution 40 which provides for the State Government visitation committee to review the mission of the Office for Planning and Programming, its structure, and its programs has been referred to the Studies Committee. Representative Avenson suggested that the Studies Committee further review House Concurrent Resolution 40 and moved that House Concurrent Resolution 40 be deferred. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins referred the members of the Studies Committee to a letter by Mr. Garrison on behalf of the respective chairmen of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and the House Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement requesting the appointment of a Code editing subcommittee for the purpose of reviewing the work of the Legislative Service Bureau relating to the genderizing of the Code as specified in chapter 1217 of the 1982 Acts, to review the second Code editor's bill which was filed during the 1983 session with the Committee and which was not acted upon, and to act as a liaison with members of the Iowa State Bar Association, the Judges Association, and other users of the Code in regard to issuing a Code Supplement and changing procedures and the format of publishing the Code. A copy of the letter is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Representative Avenson moved to authorize a joint subcommittee consisting of the chairmen of the respective committees, the vice-chair, and the ranking members of each Committee two days for this purpose. Senator Hultman moved to amend the motion to restrict the activities of the subcommittee to genderizing the Code and the Code editing bill. The amendment was adopted. There being no further discussion the Avenson motion, as amended, was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Representative Avenson moved that five additional studies be approved which include a legislative procedures study with two meeting days allowed and the subcommittee consisting of four members of each house for the purpose of meeting to review joint rules and rules of each house with special focus on rules pertaining to study bills and to the functions of the respective Committees on Finance, that a Federal Depository Institutions Deregulation Act subcommittee consisting of five members of each house from the respective committees on Small Business and Commerce be authorized one meeting day for the purpose of conducting a hearing to obtain testimony from Iowa institutions and groups regarding the effects of the federal deregulation statute, that an Economic Development and Jobs Training subcommittee be authorized four meeting days, consisting of five members of each house from the respective Committees on Labor and Industrial Relations, Education, Small Business, Commerce, and the Social Service Appropriations Subcommittee to conduct a comprehensive examination of the entire vocational education structure, job training and business assistance systems in this state, that an Unemployment Compensation subcommittee be authorized two meeting days and the subcommittee to consist of five members from each house from the respective Committees on Labor and Industrial Relations, and that

an Education subcommittee be authorized two meeting days which subcommittee shall consist of seven members of each house from the respective Committees on Education to review the report of the Excellence in Education Study Committee and prepare legislation to implement those recommendations. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins noted that a request has been submitted to the Studies Committee requesting an additional meeting for the Corrections Oversight Study Committee. Representative Avenson moved that the request be deferred. The motion was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Junkins noted that a copy of a letter from the Auditor of State has been distributed to the members of the Studies Committee requesting the Legislative Council to appoint an interim committee to examine the issue of audit oversight of publicly-funded private entities. A copy of this letter is attached to and by this references made a part of these minutes. Representative Avenson moved that the request of the Auditor of State be deferred. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. Chairman Junkins announced the appointment of a subcommittee consisting of Representative Menke as chair, Senator Hultman, and Senator Hutchins, to meet with the Auditor of State and discuss the issue referred to in his letter to the Studies Committee and report back to the Committee.

Senator Hultman moved that the leadership, in selecting members for the interim committees and subcommittees, be authorized to designate other persons who do not serve on particular committees from which the membership is to be selected, where it is deemed necessary to balance workloads of members of the General Assembly or where other circumstances may exist. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

There being no further business, the Studies Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Resectfully submitted,

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