

M I N U T E S  
STUDIES COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

July 10, 1984

The meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Lowell L. Junkins, at 10:35 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 1984, 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

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

Chairman Junkins stated that the minutes of the June 12, 1984 meeting have been distributed and asked for corrections or additions to those minutes. Senator Hultman moved the minutes be approved as distributed and the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins stated that the Study Committee has received a request from the Legislative Fiscal Committee for an interim study committee to address the recommendation set forth in the program evaluation of the area education agencies to determine if any corrective legislation is needed. Chairman Junkins recommended that this request for a study be deferred until the next meeting. There being no objections, the request was deferred.

Chairman Junkins recognized representative Menke for a report of the Railroad Study Subcommittee. Representative Menke stated that the Subcommittee met upon adjournment of the last meeting of the Studies Committee and agreed that further definition for such a study is necessary. Representative Norland noted that the Legislative Extended Assistance Group has agreed to determine potential options available for that study and redraft a scope of study on the subject. He indicated that the redraft of the scope of the study should be ready for the next meeting of the Studies Committee.

Chairman Junkins stated that there is a request for a study committee to study Supreme Court rule making procedures. Chairman Junkins recognized Mr. David Lyons of the Legislative Service Bureau to review the proposal submitted by Senator Donald V. Doyle and Representative Daniel Jay. Mr. Lyons noted that the current timing requirements for submission of rules by the Iowa Supreme Court to the General Assembly are flawed in the timing requirements and that if the General Assembly deems it advisable to continue its past practice of reviewing those rules prior to those rules becoming final, a study of alternatives available is necessary to allow the General Assembly to have an adequate review function of Iowa Supreme Court rules. Speaker Avenson moved that a Supreme Court Rule Study Committee be established. The Study Committee shall consist of three members of the Senate and three members of the House and be authorized one meeting day. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Speaker Avenson moved that an Economic Development Study Committee be established and authorized expend up to \$150,000 for employing a consultant. The Study Committee shall consist of six members of the Senate and six members of the House and seven citizen members including three business representatives, three labor representatives, and one agriculture representative. The Study Committee shall be authorized four meeting days. Speaker Avenson noted that it is necessary for such a study to be conducted in order that we might determine the best approach for encouraging economic development in this state in light of the resources we currently have available in the state. Representative Menke suggested that his chief concern is that money will be expended for the purpose of telling members of the General Assembly and the public facts which are already known. Senator Hutchins emphasized that such a study should also emphasize reports of Iowa's standing among other states in encouraging and fostering economic development. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Speaker Avenson moved that a Child Protection Study Committee be established consisting of five members of the Senate and five members of the House and be authorized three meeting days. He suggested that this Study Committee review the feasibility of video tape evidence and other matters relating to child protection. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Speaker Avenson moved that Health Care Cost Study Committee be established consisting of five members of the Senate and five members of the House and be authorized three meeting days. Representative Lloyd-Jones suggested that this Study Committee ought to look at the issue of the medically needy. Senator Hultman disagreed and suggested that a look at all phases of health care costs is important. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Speaker Avenson moved that a Sinking Fund Study Committee be established consisting of five members of the House and five members of the Senate and be authorized two meeting days. Senator Hultman suggested that these policies are currently being reviewed in Washington and that some Congressional action may be taken on this subject matter in the fall. Speaker Avenson responded that two meetings would authorize the Study Committee to receive input relating to current problems in that area and that the second meeting could be delayed until late fall to determine whether any Congressional action taken would require action on the part of the Iowa General Assembly. There being no further discussion the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins noted that the Excellence in Education follow-up Study Committee and the Legislative Procedures Study Committee established during the 1983 interim would continue through the 1984 interim. Mr. Garrison noted that he is concerned with the number and membership appointment times of the Study Committees and Chairman Junkins suggested that the membership would be selected as soon as possible.

Senator Hultman noted that the Legislative Council has authorized the approval of the appointees by leadership and that these appointments can be made prior to the next meeting of the Legislative Council. Mr. Koebernick also pointed out that the Drunk Driving Study Committee has three appointees that must be selected by the Legislative Council. Chairman Junkins suggested that the Studies Committee recommend that the Legislative Council authorize the Speaker of the House after consultation with the house majority leader, the house minority leader, and the senate majority and minority leaders to appoint the three members to the Drunk Driving Study Committee to comply with the statutory mandate.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Studies Committee was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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