

MINUTES

IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 22, 1992

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The fourteenth meeting of the 1991-1992 Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Speaker Bob Arnould, at 1:55 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 1992, in Senate Room 22, Statehouse, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Arnould were:

Senator Wally E. Horn, Vice Chairperson
Senator Leonard Boswell
Senator Donald V. Doyle
Senator Michael Gronstal
Senator Emil Husak
Senator John Jensen
Senator Jim Lind
Senator Jack Rife
Senator Dale Tieden
Senator Maggie Tinsman
Representative Clifford Branstad
Representative Kay Chapman
Representative John H. Connors
Representative Roger A. Halvorson
Representative William H. Harbor
Representative Thomas J. Jochum
Representative Mary Lundby
Representative Wayne McKinney
Representative Harold Van Maanen

Also present during all or part of the meeting were: Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Richard Johnson, Deputy Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Mr. Tim Faller, Deputy Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Mr. William P. Angrick II, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman; Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau; Mr. Jack Dwyer, Secretary of the Senate; Mr. Joseph O'Hern, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives; 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 Arnould stated that the roll was taken as the members of the Legislative Council arrived and that a formal roll call was not needed. He also recognized Senator Tieden who moved that the minutes of the July 21, 1992, meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was adopted.

1993 PREFILING RULES

Chairperson Arnould recognized Ms. Diane Bolender, Director of the Legislative Service Bureau, for comments concerning the proposed 1993 Prefiling Rules. She stated that the proposed 1993 Prefiling Rules are substantially the same as the previous rules. She added that in addition to making appropriate date changes, members-elect may request bill drafts for prefiling. In response to a question by Senator Lind, Ms. Bolender replied that current members of the General Assembly may request bill drafts, but a bill may be filed only by a member of the 75th General Assembly.

There being no further comments, Representative Connors moved the proposed 1993 Prefiling Rules be adopted as submitted. The motion was adopted unanimously. A copy of the 1993 Prefiling Rules is on file in the Legislative Service Bureau.

PRICING OF 1992 SESSION LAWS

Chairperson Arnould again recognized Ms. Bolender regarding the recommendation of the Superintendent of Printing, Ms. Kristi Little, for the price of the 1992 Session Laws. Ms. Bolender stated that the recommended price of \$55 for the 1992 Session Laws is the same as for the 1991 Session Laws. She added that printing and distribution costs are less for 1992, but the same price is recommended to offset more of the costs of distributing free copies. The actual price of the Session Laws will be \$57.75, including sales tax.

There being no other comments, Senator Gronstal moved that the recommended price of \$55 for the 1992 Session Laws be adopted. The motion was carried. A copy of the letter of recommendation from Ms. Little is on file in the Legislative Service Bureau.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Senator Doyle, Vice Chairperson of the Administration Committee, briefly reviewed the deliberations of the Administration Committee during its September 22, 1992, meeting. The Committee received reports from the Legislative Service Bureau concerning the establishment of an electronic database for the Administrative Code, Code database contracts, the Mead Data contract which expires after the 1993 Session, and an overdue billing notice relating to the emergency lighting for the Capitol Building. He also stated that the Committee

will meet with the State Printing Office to establish a more accurate recordkeeping system with respect to legislative publications. He added that the Committee is continuing review of issues and information regarding the free distribution of legislative publications.

There being no questions or comments, Senator Doyle moved the adoption of the Report of the Administration Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Arnould recognized Senator Gronstal for the Report of the Service Committee. He noted that the Committee received and filed the personnel reports of the central staff agencies and made one recommendation that the Legislative Council authorize the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to negotiate with the Department of Management regarding access to the legislative computer system without cost to the General Assembly if the executive branch in turn provides materials and information at least equal in value.

Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of the Report of the Service Committee. The motion was adopted unanimously. A copy of the Report of the Service Committee is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE

Senator Boswell was recognized to present the Report of the Fiscal Committee. Senator Boswell stated that the Committee met on September 21 to discuss several issues and receive information on four other issues. He stated that the three recommendations of the Committee deal with the subjects of a study of Iowa State Fairgrounds renovations, child support fees and rebates, and support for the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement 11.

Chairperson Arnould noted that the Studies Committee also has two recommendations relating to funding a study of the Iowa State Fairgrounds and assigning the topic of child support fees and rebates to the Review of Iowa's Medical Assistance Program Study Committee. After discussion, Senator Boswell deferred action on the Committee's recommendations relating to the renovation of the Iowa State Fairgrounds and the child support fees and rebates and moved the adoption of its third recommendation relating to support for implementation of Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement 11. In response to questions concerning the GASB Statement 11, Senator Tieden commented that to defer in the implementation of this standard will only exacerbate the current state budget problems and, therefore, it is urgent that support is shown for the statement's timely implementation. There being no further discussion, the motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Fiscal Committee is attached to these minutes.

IOWA COMMISSION ON INTERSTATE COOPERATION

Representative Connors reported that planning and funding for the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments, December 3-6, is proceeding quite well. He noted that both presidential candidates have been invited to the meeting. Representative Connors moved to receive and file the report. The motion was adopted.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Arnould recognized Vice Chairperson Horn for the Report of the Studies Committee. Vice Chairperson Horn stated that the Committee recommends approval of two days for the Tax Fairness and Equity Study Committee, assignment of tax increment financing and tax abatement subjects to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and creation of two new studies on licensing and examining boards and tourism. He also noted that the two other study assignments, renovations for the Iowa State Fairgrounds and child support fees and rebates, have already been discussed.

Concerning the expenditure of \$35,000 for a renovation study for the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Senator Rife commented that further study is not needed. He added that need for renovation and the specific buildings in need of renovation can be located without additional study. He recommended that the study money be used to immediately begin the renovation. Vice Chairperson Horn stated that funding is not committed to the study, but a coordinated plan, including support from the City of Des Moines and Polk County, should be completed before renovations are begun. He added that the proposed study committee is not authorized to commit funds to a study without further Council approval. Chairperson Arnould also commented that he hopes that private funding will be available for some renovations.

After further discussion, Vice Chairperson Horn moved the adoption of the Report of the Studies Committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Connors and adopted. A copy of the Report of the Studies Committee is attached to these minutes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Senator Husak suggested that unless there is a compelling need for the Legislative Council to meet in October, the tentative meeting should be cancelled. After discussion, Chairperson Arnould asked if there were any objections to setting the next Council meeting date for Tuesday, November 10, 1992. There were no objections noted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chairperson Arnould recognized Representative Jochum for a motion to adjourn. Representative Jochum moved that the Legislative Council adjourn at 2:19 p.m. The motion was adopted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DIANE E. BOLENDER
Director

THANE R. JOHNSON
Senior Research Analyst

2790LC