

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

July 8, 1970

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was convened at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, 1970 in the Speaker's Room, State House, Des Moines, by the Chairman, Senator Elmer F. Lange. Committee members present were:

Senator Andrew G. Frommelt
Senator Robert R. Rigler
Representative William J. Gannon
Representative Ralph F. McCartney
Representative Andrew P. Varley

Also present were Representative Nathan F. Sorg, Legislative Council member, and Serge H. Garrison, Director, and Philip E. Burks, Senior Research Analyst, of the Legislative Service Bureau.

Chairman Lange stated that the Committee should make recommendations to the Legislative Council, which was to meet later on the present day, regarding members of the Metropolitan Planning Study Committee, which had been approved by the Council at its May meeting. There was a brief discussion of the scope and purposes of the study, Senator Frommelt expressing concern that it might duplicate some of the efforts of the Municipal Law Revision Study Committee. Mr. Garrison reviewed the discussion of these matters which had taken place at the May Legislative Council meeting, with particular reference to page 9 of the minutes of the May 7 Council meeting.

It was agreed to recommend to the full Council the appointment of Representatives Leonard C. Andersen, Michael K. Kennedy (Chickasaw), and George F. Milligan, and Senators Lucas J. DeKoster and W. R. Rabedaux, together with one Democratic Senator to be named at a later date, to the Metropolitan Planning Study Committee.

Mr. Garrison reported that District Judge Carroll Engelkes has found it necessary to resign from the Criminal Code Review Study Committee, due to the press of judicial business. The Studies Committee has requested the appointment of District Judge Mark McCormick of Ft. Dodge to the vacancy so created, and Judge McCormick has agreed to serve if appointed. The Studies Committee agreed to recommend the appointment to the full Council.

Chairman Lange pointed out that a vacancy has existed on the Environmental Preservation Study Committee ever since the resignation of Senator Vern Lisle from the General Assembly late last year. It was agreed to recommend to the Council the appointment of Senator Alden J. Erskine to the vacancy on the Environmental Preservation Study Committee.

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The Committee discussed the request by Representative John Camp that a legislative committee be established to study proposed permissive state building code legislation. It was pointed out that a bill had been introduced in the first session of the Sixty-third General Assembly, pursuant to work done by a study committee appointed by former Governor Hughes, and that legislation of a similar nature has been revised and updated by the Office for Planning and Programming. It was suggested that under these circumstances, it should not be necessary for the proposed study committee to be a large one nor for it to hold many meetings. Some Studies Committee members suggested it perhaps would not be necessary to appoint a study committee in this area at all. Chairman Lange suggested that the Council could approve establishment of a study committee, but limit the number of meetings it would be authorized to hold. After further discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the full Council without recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

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