

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

September 16, 1981

The meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Representative Larry Pope, at 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 16, 1981, in Committee Room 24 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present in addition to Chairperson Pope were:

Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Lowell L. Junkins
Senator Richard R. Ramsey
Senator Ray Taylor
Representative Donald D. Avenson
Representative John H. Clark
Representative John H. Connors

Also present were Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick of the Legislative Service Bureau, Mr. John Hartog, Mr. Steve Klepford, various legislative staff, and other interested persons.

Chairperson Pope noted that the Committee has been requested to consider another interim study and requests have been received to change memberships on interim subcommittees already approved.

It was noted that Senator Gentleman and Representative B. J. Clark, Co-chairpersons of the Elderly Abuse and Elderly Service Programs Subcommittee of the Standing Committees on Human Resources, have requested that two additional members from each house be appointed to the Subcommittee and that Senator Hulse, Senator Slater, Representative McKean, and Representative Carl be appointed. Senator Hultman moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Representative Clark and adopted on a voice vote.

Chairperson Pope stated that Senator Nystrom and Representative Swearingen have requested that the membership of the Retirement Systems Subcommittee of the Senate and House Standing Committees on State Government be expanded by four members, two from each house, and that Senator Briles, Senator Slater, Representative Hoffman and Representative Dieleman be appointed to the Subcommittee. Representative Clark moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Senator Junkins and adopted on a voice vote.

Chairperson Pope noted that a request has been submitted that Representative Roger Halvorson be appointed to replace Representative John Pelton on the Sentencing Subcommittee of the Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary and the House Standing Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement. Representative Clark moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Senator Hultman and adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Junkins recommended that Senator Bob Carr be approved to replace Senator Charles Miller on the Retirement Systems Subcommittee, that Senator James Gallagher be approved to replace Senator Bob Carr on the Contract and Bidding Procedures Subcommittee, that Senator Charles Miller be approved to replace Senator James Gallagher on the Disaster Services Subcommittee, and that Senator Charles Miller be approved to replace Senator Bob Carr on the Merit Employment Subcommittee. Senator Coleman moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Representative Connors and adopted on a voice vote.

Chairperson Pope noted that Mr. John Hartog and Mr. Steve Klepford of the Concerned Citizens for Christian Standards are in attendance and have requested an opportunity to address the Committee. Mr. Hartog stated that the purpose of his attendance is to request that the Studies Committee recommend that the Legislative Council approve an interim study on obscenity. He noted that the subject matter has not been reviewed since the new provisions on obscenity have been written into the new criminal code and that many of the people in his area are concerned with the printed materials being offered for sale to the public. Mr. Klepford distributed copies of some of the types of obscene materials which are being sold to the public.

Following the presentation by Mr. Hartog and Mr. Klepford, Senator Hultman moved a subcommittee of the Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary and the House Standing Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement be appointed to review the obscenity issue pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 40. The subcommittee shall consist of ten members, five from each house, and shall be authorized one meeting day. The motion was seconded by Senator Junkins and approved on a voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at that time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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