



MINUTES

Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

June 30, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Chairperson

Representative Sandra Greiner, Vice Chairperson

Senator Thurman Gaskill

Representative Chuck Gipp

Senator Michael Gronstal

Representative Richard Myers

Senator Mary Kramer

Representative Christopher Rants

Senator Amanda Ragan

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- II. Guidelines for Interim Studies.
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Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

I. Procedural Business.

The first meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council for 2003-2004 was called to order by Senator Stewart Iverson at 10:09 a.m. on Monday, June 30, 2003, in Room 22 of the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa.

A motion was made by Representative Christopher Rants that Senator Iverson be chosen Chairperson and Representative Sandra Greiner be chosen Vice Chairperson. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Adjournment. The Committee was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

II. Guidelines for Interim Studies.

Proposed guidelines for interim studies for the 2003 and 2004 Interims were included in the committee packet distributed to each of the members. The guidelines are the updated version for those approved by the Legislative Council for the 2001 and 2002 Interims. A motion by Senator Michael Gronstal was made to accept the guidelines. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

III. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies.

Chairperson Iverson offered a proposal to establish several interim studies that were included in a listing of study information developed by staff from proposed or enacted legislation. He noted that normally public members of legislative studies are nonvoting, but in the case of the judicial district study, he is proposing that each of the 31 members is to be a voting member. It was also pointed out that the studies of the DNR Regulations Applicable to Cities and Counties and the Child Welfare Service System Redesign, as well as the retirement committee, are required by legislation or the Code of Iowa. The proposal specified the number of meeting days authorized for each committee except the judicial district committee. Chairperson Iverson suggested that six days be authorized for the judicial district committee. A motion to that effect was made and adopted by voice vote.

Senator Gronstal noted the gender balance requirement for public members, especially for the judicial district committee. Chairperson Iverson commented that notice sent to the groups requesting nominations will specify that a person of each sex must be listed or else the group's membership nominations will not be considered.

Representative Richard Myers expressed his concern that the monitoring committee for child welfare services redesign would not need to meet if such redesign is not actually taking place.

There being no further comments, Representative Rants moved the adoption of the proposed study committee list as amended. The motion was adopted by voice vote.



IV. Committee Report.

The proposals adopted by the Committee were compiled into one report to be presented to the Legislative Council. The Committee report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

V. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency.

A. Studies Compilation of Required and Requested Studies, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency.

B. Proposed 2003 Interim Studies, distributed by Chairperson Iverson and Vice Chairperson Greiner as part of the packet to the members.

C. Proposed Guidelines for Interim Study Committees, 2003-2004 Interims.

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