

MINUTES

IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 18, 1992

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The twelfth meeting of the 1991-1992 Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Speaker Bob Arnould, at 1:40 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 1992 in Senate Room 22, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Arnould were:

Senator Bill Hutchins, Vice Chairperson
Senator Leonard Boswell
Senator Donald V. Doyle
Senator Michael Gronstal
Senator Wally E. Horn
Senator Emil Husak
Senator Jack Rife
Senator Maggie Tinsman
Representative Janet Adams
Representative Clifford O. Branstad
Representative Kay Chapman
Representative John H. Connors
Representative William H. Harbor
Representative Thomas J. Jochum
Representative Wayne McKinney, Jr.
Representative Michael K. Peterson
Representative Harold Van Maanen

Also present were Ms. Diane E. Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Tim Faller, Deputy Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Mr. Jack Dwyer, Secretary of the Senate; Mr. Mark Johnson, Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. John Pollak, Committee Services Administrator, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. William P. Angrick II, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman; Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau; Mr. Bill Maloney, Administrative Assistant to the Speaker; Mr. Warren Fye, Director, Republican House Caucus Staff; Ms. Aimee Campin, Administrative Assistant to the House Majority Leader; Mr. Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau; other legislative staff members; representatives of the new media; and other interested persons.

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Chairperson Arnould noted that the roll was taken as the members of the Council arrived and recognized Representative Connors who moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 1992. Senator Husak noted that the minutes contains questions and discussion initiated by him, but his name was not included on the roll call. Chairperson Arnould stated that the error will be corrected. There being no additions or other corrections, the motion was adopted. (Staff subsequently noted that the May meeting of the Legislative Council was the eleventh rather than the tenth meeting of the Council.)

PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS

Ms. Bolender briefly reviewed a letter from Ms. Kristi Little, Superintendent, Printing/Mail/Records, Department of General Services, relating to the printing and distribution costs of legislative publications. She stated that a 5 percent increase in the purchase price is recommended. She added that the Iowa Administrative Bulletin will sell for \$221 per year, the Iowa Administrative Code Supplement for \$350 per year, and the Iowa Court Rules for \$68 per year.

There being no discussion, Vice Chairperson Hutchins moved that the recommendations for the sale price of the legislative publications be adopted. The motion was unanimously adopted.

A copy of the letter submitted by Ms. Kristi Little, Department of General Services, is attached to these minutes.

EQUITY IN THE COURTS TASK FORCE

Chairperson Arnould recognized Judge James Havercamp for a request relating to funding for a continuing task force study to investigate racial, ethnic, and gender bias in the Iowa Court System. Judge Havercamp stated that the task force has pursued other sources of funding for the study and that the State Justice Institute has committed approximately \$39,000 for the second year of the study. He added that the total estimated cost for the second year of the study is \$89,824.

After a brief discussion, Vice Chairperson Hutchins moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Legislative Fiscal Committee to authorize additional funding in the amount of \$89,824 for the task force study less the amount of any other grants received by the task force for that purpose. The motion was adopted unanimously.

A copy of the letter of recommendation from the Legislative Fiscal Committee is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Senator Gronstal was recognized for the Report of the Service Committee. Senator Gronstal stated that the Report includes recommendations for the promotion of a number of employees of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau and the Legislative Service Bureau. He noted that some promotions were delayed from the May meeting to allow the Committee to review all of the procedures and recommendations of the central legislative agencies regarding reclassifications, promotions, and merit increases. He stated that the Report also includes an implementation plan for proposed changes in professional employee classifications.

In reply to a question by Senator Tinsman, Senator Gronstal stated that there is no immediate cost related to approval of the proposed changes in the professional employee classifications. He added that, if approved, the affected employees will be assigned to the appropriate new grade and new step which does not provide a salary increase. He stated that the employees will become eligible for a step increase in the same manner as provided for employees in the executive branch.

Senator Husak noted that a number of new positions are included in the reclassification proposal. He observed that the Council is potentially creating a substantial increase in the number of employees if these positions are filled. Senator Gronstal responded that the position classifications are created, but that the Council is not authorizing any additional employees in approving the proposal.

After further discussion, Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of the Report of the Service Committee. The motion was adopted.

A copy of the Report of the Service Committee is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Arnould recognized Representative Peterson for the Report of the Administration Committee. Representative Peterson reported that the Committee met without a quorum and discussed the sale of a portion of the electronic data base to the Society of Land Surveyors of Iowa. Concerning the purchase price, Representative Peterson stated that the price of \$1,500 has been suggested for the portion of the 1991 Code as updated with the 1991 Iowa Acts.

There being no further discussion, Representative Peterson moved that the Legislative Council approve the sale of a portion of the electronic Code database pursuant to an agreement to be negotiated and finalized by the Legislative Service Bureau with the Society of Land Surveyors of Iowa, in consultation with, and upon approval of, the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted.

A copy of the Report of the Administration Committee is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Vice Chairperson Hutchins was recognized to present the Report of the Studies Committee. Vice Chairperson Hutchins commented that the Report consists of guidelines for the 1992 interim committees, a request for additional meeting days by the K-12 Education Reform Study Committee, a grant of two days to the Review of Iowa's Handguns and Offensive Weapons Law Study Committee, and a grant of authority to legislative leaders to appoint members on behalf of the Legislative Council to the Brushy Creek Advisory Council and the Child Welfare Task Force. There being no questions or comments, Vice Chairperson Hutchins moved the adoption of the Report of the Studies Committee. The motion was adopted.

A copy of the Report of the Studies Committee is attached to these minutes.

FAREWELL COMMENTS FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON BILL HUTCHINS

As Vice Chairperson Hutchins has announced his intention to resign from the General Assembly in the near future, Chairperson Arnould expressed the gratitude and thanks of the Legislative Council for his many years of service as a member of the Legislative Council.

Following his farewell remarks, members of the Council, legislative staff, and guests arose and applauded.

TENTATIVE COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Chairperson Arnould asked the Council to take note of the proposed Council meeting schedule for the remainder of the 1992 interim. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for July 21, September 22, October 20, November 17, and December 15. An August meeting is not planned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Legislative Council, Chairperson Arnould recognized Vice Chairperson Hutchins who moved that the Legislative Council adjourn at 1:58 p.m. The motion was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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