MINUTES

IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 17, 1986

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The fifteenth meeting of the 1985-1986 Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Bill Hutchins, at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 1986, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Hutchins were:

Speaker Donald D. Avenson, Vice Chairperson

Senator C. Joseph Coleman

Senator Donald V. Doyle

Senator Beverly A. Hannon

Senator Lee Holt

Senator David M. Readinger

Senator Dale L. Tieden

Senator James D. Wells

Senator Joe J. Welsh

Representative Bob Arnould

Representative Dorothy F. Carpenter

Representative Dale M. Cochran

Representative John H. Connors

Representative William H. Harbor

Representative Lowell E. Norland

Representative Delwyn Stromer.

Also present were:

- Mr. Donovan Peeters, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
- Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
- Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman
- Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Deputy Director, Legislative Service Bureau
- Ms. Diane Bolender, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau
- Mr. Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were other legislative staff persons, representatives of the news media, and other interested persons.

Chairperson Hutchins stated that the roll has been taken and that there is a quorum present. Chairperson Hutchins asked for

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any corrections or additions to the minutes of the July 17, 1986 meeting of the Legislative Council. It was moved that the minutes be approved as distributed and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

EDUCATIONAL LEAVE REPORT

Speaker Avenson moved that the Educational Leave Report which had been distributed to Council members be received and filed. The motion was adopted.

REVIEW OF COURT RULES PURSUANT TO SECTION 602.4202

Senator Doyle explained to the Legislative Council that the Supreme Court was proposing a change in Rule 168 of the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure. The change is an updating of terminology in the Rule and he recommends that it be approved. The motion by Senator Doyle to approve it was adopted.

REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION OF THE IOWA ELECTION CODE

The Legislative Council next reviewed a letter from Secretary of State Odell asking for the preparation by the Iowa Code Office of a copy of the Iowa election code. Upon motion by Vice Chairperson Avenson, the request was approved.

REPORT ON NEW MEMBER LEGISLATIVE ORIENTATION

A report was received from the Legislative Service Bureau in regard to preparations for the New Member Legislative Orientation Program that will follow the elections this fall. A copy of the report is available from the Legislative Service Bureau. Upon the motion of Senator Hultman, the report was received.

BOUNDARY BLOCK SUGGESTION PROJECT

The Legislative Council received a request from the Legislative Service Bureau asking the Legislative Council to make specified recommendations to the United States Bureau of the Census in regard to the preparation of census data so that the data prepared would be as useful as possible to the legislative reapportionment effort in Iowa that will follow the 1990 census. A list of the specified recommendations is available from the Legislative Service Bureau. It was moved by Speaker Avenson to so proceed and the motion was adopted.

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IOWA TORT LIABILITY STUDY DRAFT REPORT

A report was distributed that had been prepared by the State Court Administrator in regard to tort liability. Senator Hultman moved to receive the report. A copy of the report is available from the Legislative Service Bureau.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE LIABLITY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE STUDY COMMISSION

The Tort Liability and Liability Insurance Study Commission is required by the statute creating it to give periodic reports to the Legislative Council on its progress. A written progress report was distributed and Senator Doyle explained the report and provided additional information. A copy of the report is available from the Legislative Service Bureau.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins recognized Representative Connors for the report of the Service Committee. A copy of the Report is attached this reference made a part of these minutes. Representative Connors explained that the Report contained several recommendations concerning the legislative branch comparable worth report as well as two additional recommendations concerning policies for the central staff agencies. personnel discussion, Representative Connors moved that the Report of the Service Committee be adopted by the Legislative Council except that action on the Service Committee recommendation to adopt the Comparable Worth Staff Committee Report should be deferred in order for Council members to study the Staff Committee's Report before making a final decision. He asked that the motion include a provision that the Council receive the Comparable Worth Staff Committee Report. Representative Connors' motion was adopted. Copies of the Comparable Worth Staff Committee Report were distributed to the members of the Legislative Council.

REPORT OF THE CAPITOL SPACE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins called on Speaker Avenson, Co-Chairperson of the Capitol Space Allocation Committee, to give the Committee Report. A copy of the Capitol Space Allocation Committee Report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Speaker Avenson briefly reviewed the activities of the Committee and mentioned that they would not be meeting again until after the election.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins recognized Speaker Avenson for the Report the Studies Committee. A copy of the Studies Committee Report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. In reviewing the Report there was some discussion as to what the compensation level should be for the public members of the various committees listed on the Report. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was moved by Representative Stromer as follows: "Public members of the committees listed in the September 17th Report of the Studies Committee are to receive actual expenses only and no other compensation, except that public members who represent governmental agencies and are eligible to receive expense reimbursement from their agencies are not entitled to compensation for expenses." The motion was adopted. The Director of the Legislative Service Bureau was instructed to notify Legislative Service Bureau employees who staff interim committees of this policy.

In regard to Item No. 6 of the Studies Committee Report (which concerns payment of expenses for out-of-state individuals testifying at interim committee meetings), Senator Welsh mentioned that the Pari-mutuel Racing Committee may have need for such testimony by out-of-state experts and that such a request may be brought to the next meeting.

In regard to Item No. 10 of the Studies Committee Report (concerning the teachers' salaries study to be conducted by Dr. Chambers), the Education Committee Chairs were asked to bring back to the Council for its approval the contents of the specific study proposal that is negotiated.

OTHER BUSINESS - MEETING OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE

Chairperson Welsh of the Fiscal Committee explained that at its next meeting the Fiscal Committee would be taking up the questions concerning the unauthorized purchase of certain computer data processing equipment and services. The Chair requested that the Legislative Council authorize per diem and expenses for the attendance of the Chairs and Ranking Members of the appropriate Appropriations Subcommittees. The motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS - MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Chairperson Hutchins next called upon Representative Connors, the newly-elected Chairperson of the Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments. Representative Connors announced that the 1987 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference would be in Des Moines and would be held at the Hotel Savery on August 23 through 26.

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OTHER BUSINESS - WORLD TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Senator Readinger brought up the subject of the World Trade Advisory Committee and inquired as to their activities this interim. It was agreed that the Chair of the World Trade Advisory Committee would be asked to give a progress report at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Coleman moved that the Legislative Council adjourn and the motion was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

DONOVAN PEETERS
Secretary to the Legislative Council