

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

June 11, 1980

The Studies Committee meeting was called to order in Committee Room 22 of the State House at 9:18 a.m. on June 11, 1980, by Senator Calvin O. Hultman, Co-chairperson. The following members were present in addition to Co-chairperson Hultman:

Representative Roger A. Halvorson, Co-chairperson
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Lowell L. Junkins
Senator Richard R. Ramsey
Senator Ray Taylor
Representative John H. Clark
Speaker William H. Harbor
Representative Norman G. Jesse

Also present were Serge H. Garrison, Burnette E. Koebernick and JoAnn Brown of the Legislative Service Bureau.

On motion of Senator Coleman, the minutes of the June 5, 1980, meeting were approved.

Co-chairperson Hultman noted that the minutes included a list of the studies recommended by the Studies Committee at the June fifth meeting, and that the purpose of this meeting is to make needed changes or additions to the list of recommendations to the Legislative Council.

By reference to the list of tentative studies considered by the Studies Committee at the June fifth meeting, Senator Coleman moved that the Studies Committee recommend three meeting days for five members of the State Government Committees of each house for a combined study of item 17, regulation of pre-need sales of personal property and services used in the final disposition of dead bodies, requested by SCR 129, and item 42, funeral directors. The motion was approved. The Studies Committee then agreed, on motion by Senator Junkins, that members from the House should be selected from the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.

Item 24 on the list considered at the June fifth meeting was a study of adequate medical practitioners for rural communities requested by SCR 130. Co-chairperson Hultman stated that the State Department of Health is preparing a study on this subject. On motion by Speaker Harbor, the Committee recommended that the Legislative Council ask the Department to send copies of its report on this subject to the members of the Committees on Human Resources of each house.

Speaker Harbor noted that materials distributed at the June fifth meeting requested a study on the decreasing forest cover in

the state, as proposed by H.F. 2420, which was not enacted by the Sixty-eighth General Assembly. He pointed out that the state's forest cover has an impact on the economy and on soil conservation. On motion by Speaker Harbor, the Studies Committee voted to recommend two meeting days and five members from the Committees on Natural Resources of each house for this study.

Speaker Harbor also raised the issue of the conflict between municipally-owned and investor-owned utilities, stating that a one-day meeting had been suggested for these differences to be aired and possibly resolved. Co-chairperson Hultman asked Representative Laverne W. Schroeder who was present in the audience to speak on this matter. Representative Schroeder remarked that this issue must be faced by the general assembly and can be handled best during the interim rather than during session. He suggested two meeting days for a subcommittee of the Commerce Committees. However, responsive to suggestions from Senator Junkins and Co-chairperson Hultman, Representative Schroeder agreed that the Committees on Commerce might use their one allowed interim meeting day to hold a subcommittee meeting on this subject, and if it then appeared that further meetings would be fruitful, request authorization from the Legislative Council for additional meetings.

On motion by Senator Taylor, the Studies Committee agreed to reduce the meeting days recommended for the study of Iowa coal to one day.

Co-chairperson Hultman explained that a request had been received from the Co-chairpersons of the Court Study Committee that the Legislative Council approve the appointment of a member of the Governor's staff by the Governor and a member of the Supreme Court by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as ex officio members of the Court Study Committee. On motion by Senator Coleman, the Studies Committee agreed to make this recommendation.

Co-chairperson Halvorson commented, in reference to the proposed study on juvenile justice, that another study on the juvenile justice system is due about November first, and moved that a recommendation be made that the interim subcommittee not meet until after that date. Representative Jesse expressed agreement with this suggestion. Senator Ramsey, after noting that there may be areas to be considered by the subcommittee which are not covered by the other study, amended the motion to recommend that the interim subcommittee take advantage of other reports available on this subject. In that form the motion was approved.

Representative Jesse moved that a recommendation be made that jurisdiction of the interim subcommittee to study juvenile justice laws be expanded to authorize it to address matters, including the structure and delivery of juvenile justice services, raised by the other studies in progress by the Iowa Crime Commission and the Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council, so that the interim

subcommittee can make recommendations regarding those reports. The motion was approved.

Co-chairperson Hultman explained that when the interim studies are approved by the Legislative Council, the chairpersons and ranking members of the appropriate standing committees will be asked to recommend the appointment of members to the subcommittees. The Studies Committee will need to meet on the day before the next Council meeting to make its recommendations to the Council on membership based upon the recommendations it receives from the standing committee chairpersons and ranking members, who may receive suggestions from their committee members.

The Studies Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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