



MINUTES

Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

June 20, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Chuck Gipp, Chairperson	
Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Vice Chairperson	
Senator Nancy Boettger	Representative Dolores Mertz
Senator Michael Gronstal	Representative Richard Myers
Senator Johnnie Hammond	Representative Christopher Rants
Senator Mary Kramer	Representative Brent Siegrist

MEETING IN BRIEF

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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 2001-2002 was called to order by Representative Gipp at 10:13 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, in Room 116 of the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa.

Motions were made by Representative Mertz that Representative Gipp be chosen Chairperson for the 2201-2002 biennium and Senator Iverson be chosen Vice Chairperson. These motions passed on a voice vote.

Upon motion of Senator Hammond, the minutes of the June 27, 2000, meeting were approved as distributed.

Adjournment. The Committee was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

II. Guidelines for Interim Studies.

Proposed guidelines for interim studies were included in the committee packet. Chairperson Gipp described the proposed guidelines for interim studies by noting that these are the same as ones the Committee has recommended for previous years. The deadline for completion of interim study meetings was set at November 30, 2001, and December 13, 2002, for the 2001 and 2002 interims, respectively. The proposed guidelines were adopted unanimously for recommendation to the Legislative Council.

Senator Hammond commented that the guidelines did not provide for political balance when selecting public members. Chairperson Gipp pointed out that this is accomplished because the majority and minority leaders consult with each other prior to making any selections. He noted one problem exists when organizations are asked to nominate a male and a female to represent them and their response is to provide only one gender. Chairperson Gipp suggested that leadership should tell these organizations that if they do not nominate a person of each gender, then leadership will make the selection from the members of the organization.

III. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies.

Chairperson Gipp alluded to the compilation of the 2001 legislative interim study information that was developed by the Legislative Service Bureau and distributed to the members in the committee packet. He subsequently offered a proposal for interim studies that Vice Chairperson Iverson and he put together. It consists of four carryover studies and nine new ones. Senator Boettger suggested that Senator Houser replace Senator Maddox on the Mental Health Study Committee. Vice Chairperson Iverson noted that membership changes would be the responsibility of the joint leadership. Senator Gronstal moved adoption of the proposed studies, which was seconded by Representative Myers. Representative Myers emphasized his concern that the interim studies not only study but meet early during the interim so that recommendations may be made early enough for the General Assembly to consider them. He cited the machinery and equipment tax study committee as an example of the effects of late starting. It was pointed out that the guidelines have a deadline date for filing final reports.

There being no further comments, the motion to adopt the proposed studies for recommendation to the Legislative Council was passed unanimously.

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 Service Bureau.

- A.** Minutes of the June 27, 2000, meeting of the Studies Committee.
- B.** Studies Compilation of Required and Requested Studies, prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau.
- C.** Proposed 2001 Legislative Interim Studies Actions, distributed by Chairperson Gipp and Vice Chairperson Iverson.
- D.** Proposed Guidelines for Interim Study Committees, 2001-2002 Interims.

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