

MINUTES
IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 29, 1994

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The twelfth meeting of the 1993-1994 Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Wally Horn, at 1:55 p.m., Tuesday, November 29, 1994, in Room 22, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Horn were:

Speaker Harold Van Maanen, Vice Chairperson
Senator Leonard Boswell
Senator Emil Husak
Senator Jim Lind
Senator Larry Murphy
Senator William D. Palmer
Senator Jack Rife
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative John Connors
Representative Ron Corbett
Representative Teresa Garman
Representative Pam Jochum
Representative Mary Lundby
Representative Pat Murphy
Representative Brent Siegrist
Representative Richard Vande Hoef

Also present during all or part of the meeting were: Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Mr. Richard Johnson, Deputy Director, and Mr. Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau; other legislative staff members; representatives of the news media; and other interested persons.

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Chairperson Horn stated that the roll was taken as the members arrived and that a quorum is present.

Representative Connors moved that the minutes of the September 15 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Senator Husak and adopted.

EDUCATIONAL LEAVE REPORT

Chairperson Horn recognized Ms. Bolender for the Report of Educational Leave/Educational Assistance. Ms. Bolender stated that in accordance with Section 70A.25, subsection 3, Iowa Code, all state departments and agencies are required to submit Educational Leave Reports to the Department of Personnel and the Legislative Council indicating the expenditures for educational leave during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1994. There being no comment from the Council, Representative Connors moved that the Educational Leave Report be received and filed. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of Educational Leave/Educational Assistance is on file with the Legislative Service Bureau.

1994 ELECTION LAWS SUPPLEMENT PRICE

Chairperson Horn recognized Ms. Bolender for comments regarding the recommendation of Ms. Kristi Little, Superintendent, Printing Division, Department of General Services, for a price for the 1994 Election Laws Supplement. Ms. Bolender stated that Ms. Little's recommendation is for a renewal price of \$15.95 plus \$.80 tax. She added that this represents no change from last year's printing costs for the Election Laws Supplement. There being no further comments, Vice Chairperson Van Maanen moved that the price of \$15.95 plus \$.80 tax be approved for the 1994 Election Laws Supplement. The motion was adopted. A copy of Ms. Little's letter is on file with the Legislative Service Bureau.

PROPOSED COURT RULE AMENDMENTS

Chairperson Horn recognized Mr. Mark Johnson, Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau, for comments relating to proposed Court Rule amendments submitted by the Iowa Supreme Court pursuant to section 602.4202 of the Code. Mr. Johnson noted that two amendments have been submitted, one relating to serving of the answers to interrogatories to parties and the second relating to information included in the report of referees. Mr. Johnson stated that the Chairpersons of the Committees on Judiciary have been notified of the amendments and the Chairpersons have no objections to the changes.

Representative Connors moved that the proposed Court Rule amendments be received and filed without objection. The motion was adopted. A copy of the proposed Court Rule changes are filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.

NEW LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION REPORT

Chairperson Horn recognized Ms. Bolender for discussion of a preliminary agenda and dates for the New Legislator Orientation Program. Ms. Bolender stated that the dates chosen this year are Monday and Tuesday, December 12 and 13, 1994. She stated that the agenda is not final but that a luncheon is planned for the State Historical Building and a dinner at the Embassy

Suites Hotel. Ms. Bolender noted that the results from the questionnaire by the preceding orientation participants show that a more thorough tour of the State Capitol Building is important for the new legislators. She concluded by requesting approval of the Legislative Council to fund the orientation program as a joint expense of the House and Senate.

There being no further comments, Representative Connors moved that the 1994 Legislative Orientation Program be funded as a joint expense of the Iowa House of Representatives and the Iowa Senate. The motion was adopted.

REPORTS OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE

Senator Murphy stated that the Fiscal Committee met twice since the last meeting of the Legislative Council -- on September 16, 1994, and on November 14, 1994. Senator Murphy stated that the Committee took no formal actions at the September 16 meeting but received information concerning revenue estimates and projected general fund balances, the Iowa Communications Network, three lease-purchase notifications, the Capitol restoration update, and information from the Health Data Commission, the State-Federal Office, and other items.

At its November 14 meeting, Senator Murphy stated that again the Fiscal Committee took no formal actions but received presentations regarding programs at Iowa State University, investment in agricultural research, fire safety at Iowa State University, the Wallace Technology Transfer Foundation, and the Iowa Seed Capital Corporation.

There being no comments, Senator Murphy moved the adoption of the reports of the Fiscal Committee. The motion was adopted.

Copies of the Reports of the Fiscal Committee are attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Senator Palmer was recognized for the Report of the Administration Committee, which met on November 29, 1994. He stated that the Administration Committee received a report concerning fire and life safety projects approved by the Legislative Council in June and that the Committee received information concerning the completion of contracts with Mead Data Central and Compass Data Systems, Inc. He stated that the Committee was informed that the House and Senate have been wired for the use of the assistive listening device equipment and that personnel in each chamber will be trained in the use of the equipment prior to the next legislative session.

Senator Palmer stated that the Committee recommends that the staff of the Administration Committee, after consideration of the staff Computer User Policy Direction Committee's discussion of issues involved with providing access to various legislative databases to nonlegislative entities, recommend an amount or amounts to be charged for access to daily

update information regarding bills and amendments, bill history, and subject index and that the amount or amounts be subject to the approval of the Legislative Council at its next meeting.

In reply to a question by Senator Rife, Ms. Bolender stated that the Mead Data Central, Inc. purchases the Iowa Code database for various of its publications and that the Compass Data System, Inc., creates or develops the CD-ROM databases of the Iowa Code and other legislative documents.

There being no further comments, Senator Palmer moved adoption of the Report of the Administration Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Administration Committee is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Horn recognized Representative Teresa Garman for the Report of the Service Committee. Representative Garman reviewed the extensive recommendations of the Committee regarding personnel actions and the budgets for the various central legislative agencies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995. She stated that the Committee also received and filed a report of the Salaries Subcommittee. In reply to a question by Representative Siegrist, Representative Garman stated that the central staff agencies have given preliminary discussion to obtaining personal identification numbers for legislative employees for long distance telephone usage. Central staff agency directors were urged to obtain PIN numbers for their employees.

There being no further comment, Representative Garman moved adoption of the Report of the Service Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Service Committee is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Chairperson Horn recognized Senator Husak for the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. Senator Husak stated that the Committee met on November 29 to receive an update of the 1994 Infrastructure Study being conducted by consultants from the Iowa State University. He stated that this is the third progress report received by the Committee and one additional final report should be due in January or February. Senator Husak noted that the consultants reported some difficulty in receiving pertinent information from some school districts and that local public officials were somewhat suspicious of the types of information requested on the infrastructure surveys. He stated that the Committee agreed to assist the consultants by directing a letter to be sent by Chairperson Husak to cities and counties explaining the purpose of the statewide public infrastructure study and urging the recipients to complete the surveys as accurately as possible.

There being no further discussion, Senator Husak moved adoption of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Horn recognized Representative Lundby for the Report of the Studies Committee. Representative Lundby stated that the Studies Committee has two recommendations. She stated that the Studies Committee recommends that a request by the Regulation of Long-term Care in Iowa Health Care Facilities Interim Study Committee to have the Legislative Fiscal Bureau perform a program evaluation of the long-term care system should be sent back to the Chairpersons of the Committee to allow the program evaluation request to be condensed and resubmitted. Secondly, she stated that the Committee recommends that the request for extension of the deadline for completion of the work of the Government Bidding Processes Study Committee be approved. She added that the Committee contemplates holding its second meeting in early January and a third meeting subsequent to that meeting.

There being no further comments, Representative Lundby moved adoption of the Report of the Studies Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Studies Committee is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

POSTCARD AUTHORIZATION FOR 1995 IOWA CODE PRICE

Chairperson Horn noted that a December meeting of the Council may not be held and that the Council will have to approve a price for the 1995 Code when it is recommended.

Senator Husak moved that the Legislative Council authorize the approval by the Legislative Council of the 1995 Iowa Code price by postcard. The motion was unanimously adopted.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Senator Husak commented that it is his hope that the incoming Chairperson of the Legislative Council will set meeting dates for the Council on more than a tentative basis. He stated that tentative dates too often are changed, which causes problems in the scheduling of its members as well as in scheduling other meetings in Senate Room 22. Chairperson Horn stated that it has been his intention to meet as much as possible on the dates set for Council but there are circumstances which require that the dates be changed and he is sorry if inconveniences have resulted from these changes.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL SERVICES

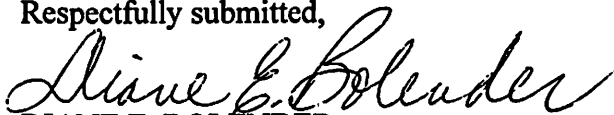
Vice Chairperson Van Maanen noted that a new Chairperson of the Legislative Council will be chosen in January 1995. He stated that he wanted to extend the appreciation of the members of the Legislative Council to Chairperson Horn for his leadership of the Council during the 1993-1994 biennium. Chairperson Horn was presented with an engraved plaque for his service as Chairperson of the Legislative Council. Members of the Legislative Council extended their thanks to Chairperson Horn for his Council service.

Representative Connors also asked the Legislative Council to extend their thanks to Representative Arnould for his years of service on the Legislative Council. The members of the Legislative Council extended their thanks to Representative Arnould.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Van Maanen moved that the Legislative Council adjourn at 2:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Representative Connors and adopted.

Respectfully submitted,


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Director

THANE R. JOHNSON
Senior Legal Counsel

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Reports of the Fiscal Committee**
- 2. Report of the Administration Committee**
- 3. Report of the Service Committee**
- 4. Report of the Capital Projects Committee**
- 5. Report of the Studies Committee**