

MINUTES

of the

STUDIES COMMITTEE

September 11, 1984

The meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Lowell L. Junkins, at 11:55 a.m., September 11, 1984 in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present in addition to Chairman Junkins, were:

Senator James E. Briles
Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins
Senator Charles P. Miller
Representative Donald D. Avenson
Representative Jean Lloyd-Jones
Representative Lester Menke
Representative Lowell Norland

Also present were Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau, a number of legislative staff persons, representatives of the news media, and other interested persons.

Chairman Junkins stated that the minutes of the August 14, 1984 meeting have been distributed and asked for corrections or additions to those minutes. Senator Hutchins moved that the minutes be approved as distributed and the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Senator Junkins stated that the Studies Committee has received a request from the Drunk Driving Study Committee requesting two additional meeting days. Senator Hutchins moved that the Studies Committee recommend approval of two additional meeting days for the Drunk Driving Study Committee to the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins stated that the Studies Committee has received a request from the Export and Trade Center Study Committee requesting authority to hold six public hearings in lieu

of one of the four meetings approved for the Study Committee by the Legislative Council. It is proposed that each of the six hearings would be attended by four members of the Study Committee and those four members would receive per diem and expenses. If any other members of the Study Committee attended a hearing, those members would not receive per diem and expenses for that meeting. Representative Menke inquired as to when it is proposed to conduct these hearings. Chairman Junkins responded that the Co-chairs of the Study Committee have indicated that the hearings would be conducted during the last two weeks of September and the first two weeks of October. Representative Menke suggested that public hearings would be helpful for the work being done by the Study Committee but suggested that the hearings be conducted following the report of Price Waterhouse & Company on the study currently being done by that firm or after the election. Chairman Junkins stated that he had discussed this matter with the Co-chairs of the Study Committee and their fears were the amount of compression of work into a very short period of time. Senator Hutchins moved that the Studies Committee approve and recommend to the Legislative Council that the Export and Trade Center Study Committee be authorized six public hearings in the state in lieu of one of the regular meetings authorized by the Legislative Council, and that not more than four Study Committee members receive per diem and expenses per hearing. Representative Menke moved to amend the motion to provide that the hearings shall be conducted following receipt of the Price Waterhouse & Company study results on the "Assessment of Alternatives for the Promotion and Development of Opportunities for the Foreign and Domestic Sales of Products of the State of Iowa", which study was undertaken for the Economic Development Administration of the United States Department of Commerce. Chairman Junkins called the question on the Menke amendment and it was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The Hutchins motion, as amended, was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins recognized Speaker Avenson. Speaker Avenson moved that a Parole Board Study Committee be established consisting of five members of the Senate and five members of the House and be authorized three meeting days. Speaker Avenson stated that with the events in recent months it is necessary for the General Assembly to review current sentencing procedures and review general procedures of the Parole Board to make sure that persons are not released from the correctional system until those individuals are prepared to return to society. He noted that he has discussed this problem with a member of the Parole Board who lives in Oelwein and that a number of problems have to be reviewed and steps taken to improve the present process. He also emphasized that it is necessary to look at whether the Parole Board is currently overworked and whether the community correctional facilities and the state correctional facilities are

doing an adequate job with rehabilitation and training programs to adequately prepare offenders to return to society. Following a general discussion of the subject matter, the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins noted that Representative Connors had inquired at the last Legislative Council meeting as to whether the Studies Committee was going to review or propose a study of current adoption laws. He pointed out that he has been informed that the Child Protection Study Committee has indicated that they will be looking specifically at adoption laws and there will not be a need for a separate study committee on this subject.

Chairman Junkins noted that a request for visitations has not been received from the Legislative Fiscal Committee but that he feels the Studies Committee should inform the Legislative Fiscal Committee that any proposed visitations should be in conjunction with specific studies being conducted rather than simply visiting various state institutions which have been visited in previous years and that failure to recommend visitations in conjunction with existing studies would not be looked upon favorably by the Studies Committee. Senator Miller moved that the Studies Committee inform the Legislative Fiscal Committee of its position on proposed visitations. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins recognized Mr. John Fuller of the Legislative Extended Assistance Group for a report on the progress of committees. Mr. Fuller noted that he has for distribution to members of the Studies Committee and the Legislative Council at this meeting working papers on Bank Deregulation, Out-of-State Use at Selected Iowa Recreation Areas, and the Farm Credit Crisis. He stated that all of the reports are being prepared and should be presented to him in early November. Representative Menke noted that the outline of the study for Out-of-State Use at Selected Iowa Recreation Areas is reviewing only state facilities and inquired as to why this approach was selected. Mr. Fuller responded that only state facilities were being reviewed and that those persons conducting the study felt that it should be limited to state facilities because it is only these facilities upon which state policy recommendations can be made.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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