

M I N U T E S
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 6, 1983

The fourth meeting of the 1983-1984 Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Speaker Donald Avenson, at 1:55 p.m., Monday, June 6, 1983 in Senate Committee Room 22 of the State House in Des Moines. Council members present were:

Speaker Donald Avenson, Chairman
Senator Lowell L. Junkins, Vice Chairman
Senator James E. Briles
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Donald V. Doyle
Senator Merlin D. Hulse
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator C. W. Hutchins
Senator Charles P. Miller
Senator Arthur A. Small, Jr.
Representative Dale M. Cochran
Representative John H. Connors
Representative Thomas J. Jochum
Representative Jean Lloyd-Jones
Representative Lester D. Menke
Representative Lowell E. Norland
Representative Delwyn Stromer
Representative Richard W. Welden

Other persons present for the meeting were:

Mr. Serge Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Vern Lundquist, Superintendent of Printing
Mr. Dennis C. Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Mr. Burnette Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau
Ms. JoAnn Brown, Legal Editor, Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were a number of other Iowa legislative staff persons, news media representatives, and other interested individuals.

Senator Coleman moved that the minutes of the April 6 meeting be approved as distributed to Council members, and the motion was adopted.

Representative Connors moved that the Legislative Council accept the Educational Leave Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Welden and adopted.

The Report on Marine Fuel Tax financing, the State Printer's Report, and the Reports of the Salary Subcommittee of the Service Committee, the Computer Subcommittee, the Fiscal Committee, and the Studies Committee are attached and by reference made a part of these minutes. Other materials distributed are available for reference in the Legislative Service Bureau.

Mr. Garrison explained the report on Marine Fuel Tax financing. Vice Chairman Junkins moved that the Council approve the request. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Lundquist presented his report and recommendation regarding printing of the Session Laws for the Seventieth General Assembly. Responding to questions from Representative Stromer, Mr. Lundquist remarked that if the margin between bids is about three percent or less, he tends to recommend the Iowa-based bidder, but in this case the margin is close to fourteen percent. On motion by Senator Hultman the recommendation by the Superintendent of Printing was accepted.

Chairman Avenson called for the report of the Service Committee. Senator Hutchins submitted the Salary Subcommittee's Report and moved its adoption. Mr. Prouty explained the misunderstanding which led to the recommendation that certain salaries be increased. The motion to accept the report was adopted. Senator Hutchins also reviewed Mr. Garrison's request for authority to hire Mr. David Lyons for an Attorney I position and Ms. Julie Elder as an Assistant Public Information Officer. The Service Committee recommended approval of the hiring of Mr. Lyons at an annual salary of \$21,465.60, and recommended approval of the hiring of Ms. Elder, beginning July 1, 1983, at a salary per pay period which would produce a temporary annual starting salary of approximately \$12,000, to be determined exactly after further study as to the appropriate salary for this position subject to the proviso that after Ms. Elder gains experience she will be eligible for the position of Assistant Public Information Officer within the grade recommended by the Service Committee. The motion by Senator Hutchins to approve the Service Committee's recommendation was adopted.

In regard to action by the Council on appointment of members of the Commission on Professional and Occupational Regulation under Senate File 391 and the Steering Committee for the Comparable Worth Study under House File 313, Senator Hultman moved that the Speaker and the minority leader in the House and the majority and minority leaders in the Senate make the appointments, much as is done for other interim committees, and report to the Council. The motion was so adopted.

Chairman Avenson called for the report of the Computer Subcommittee, also given by Senator Hutchins. Mr. Garrison noted that material relating to the proposed meeting with representatives of

Honeywell and Sperry Univac will be mailed to the Council members. He also noted a report is included in material given to the Council members. Senator Hultman moved the recommendations, and the motion was adopted.

There was no formal report or recommendation from the Administration Subcommittee but Chairman Connors noted that the Committee will have to consider space for the Public Information Office and will have responsibility to consider a legislative computer plan.

Representative Jochum presented the Report of the Fiscal Committee and moved its adoption. Vice Chairman Junkins moved an amendment to provide that the Visitation requests be sent to the Studies Committee for coordination with the proposed studies, and that a further report then be made to the Council. This amendment was adopted, and the Report of the Fiscal Committee was so accepted.

Chairman Avenson relinquished the chair to Vice Chairman Junkins, who called upon Chairman Avenson for the Studies Committee Report.

Speaker Avenson asked to amend item 2 of the Studies Committee Report to indicate that the Speaker and the majority leader of the Senate will confer with the minority leaders of the House and Senate and the majority leader of the House to develop the scope of the studies, and that the minority leaders of both houses and the Speaker and Senate majority leader will make the appointments. This amendment was adopted. Speaker Avenson explained that it is the intent to mandate the scope of each interim study committee in order to avoid the use of a day's committee meeting discussing and determining the committee's scope. The scope can be expanded later if necessary.

Speaker Avenson noted that the Studies Committee recommends 14 studies, five of which were mandated by law, leaving open the possibility of adding additional studies at its next meeting, and including the recommendation for at least one more study on unemployment compensation, pending the Governor's action on that bill. He explained that the Committee's intent, for the Excellence in Education study, is to consult with major public and private educational institutions in Iowa to obtain their recommendations for Task Force members, in order to obtain the best possible public members and a prestigious chairperson. The Task Force would then work through the summer reviewing the needs of Iowa's educational system over the next decade and formulating recommendations to be given to an interim committee which would meet in the fall and consider first steps to implement the recommendations. It would not be the intent to have only special interest groups represented in the public membership.

Speaker Avenson also noted that a bill proposing a Study Committee on Substance Abuse passed the House; that the IPERS Study

Committee would be mostly to implement some benefit changes already legislated to take effect next year; and that the Grain Dealers law is subject to a sunset in one year, so it is necessary to review and take action on it.

Speaker Avenson noted that there would actually be twenty days for legislative members on the Education Task Force, plus the member-days to be established later for the follow-up committee. Mr. Garrison explained that the Council can choose to pay per diem to nongovernmental public members.

Representative Stromer noted that the total meetings will probably exceed 225, which was the number approved in 1981. He asked if the committees are entitled to hold hearings outside Des Moines, and Speaker Avenson responded that this would require Council approval. Representative Stromer also suggested that the Studies Committee consider some means to increase business and industrial development in Iowa and create more jobs. Speaker Avenson suggested that the Tax and Education Studies may relate to this.

Representative Welden moved to amend the Studies Committee recommendation by increasing the members on the Substance Abuse Study Committee from five to seven and by including the Human Resources Standing Committee as an option from which members may be chosen. The amendment was adopted.

Representative Menke asked that the minutes show that a ten-year plan for education in Iowa is contemplated rather than a five-year plan as is indicated in the Study Committee's written explanation. This was approved.

Senator Doyle noted that the Judiciary Committee received a letter from Mr. Garrison during the session, asking that a three-member Code Editing Subcommittee be formed to review recommendations for substantive Code editing changes and propose policy regarding Code editing, especially the mandated project to adopt gender-neutral language in the Code. The Council adopted Senator Doyle's motion to send this request to the Studies Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

Representative Cochran moved that the Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee be included with the Natural Resources Standing Committee as an option from which members of the Recreation and In-state Tourism Study Committee may be chosen. The amendment was adopted.

Upon motion by Speaker Avenson, the Council adopted the Studies Committee Report as amended.

Vice Chairman Junkins relinquished the chair back to Chairman Avenson.

Senator Hultman moved that the next Council meeting be held on July 29th, because of the 4th of July holiday. The motion was adopted. Details as to time and place will be worked out and the members will be notified.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

JOANN BROWN
Legal Editor