

MINUTES

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 23, 1993

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The second meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council for the 1993 Interim was called to order by Chairperson Mary Lundby at 1:11 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 1993, in Room 305 of Kirkwood Hall on the Kirkwood Community College campus in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Lundby were:

Senator Leonard Boswell
Senator Wally Horn
Senator Emil Husak
Senator Jim Lind
Senator Jack Rife
Representative Robert Arnould
Representative Richard Vande Hoef

Also present were staff members of the Legislative Service Bureau, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and caucus and research staffs, and other interested persons.

Chairperson Lundby noted that a quorum was present. Upon motion of Senator Husak the minutes of the previous meeting held on May 26, 1993, were approved without dissent.

PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDIES

Senator Horn was recognized for purposes of the proposed Council studies which were distributed to the members. Senator Horn reminded the members that at the last meeting four studies were approved and added that Chairperson Lundby and he are now preposing four additional studies. These include interim study committees to review adoption laws, open enrollment, critical infrastructure needs, and underground storage tanks. Senator Horn noted that there still is time for additional studies to be added if such are needed. It was suggested that contact be made with Chairperson Lundby, Senator Horn, or their staffs to express interest in additional studies. He stated that leadership prefers to contain the number of meeting days of each committee but if circumstances require, additional meeting days may be granted. Senator Horn then moved the adoption of the four interim study committee proposals including the charges, numbers of members, and meeting days. This was seconded by Senator Boswell.

Chairperson Lundby informed the committee that Speaker Van Maanen, in setting the House's 1993 interim budget for additional studies following the May meeting, authorized 115 legislator meeting days, e.g., 5 members meeting 2 days equals 10 legislator meeting days. She expressed her desire to set aside a number of those legislator meetings days to be available if the approved committees need additional days to complete their work.

Senator Husak moved to add 5 nonvoting public members to the proposed Underground Storage Tanks Interim Study Committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Boswell. Senator Husak explained that he has received a number of calls from organizations who expressed interest in being part of this committee. He also explained to Senator Horn that the reason he chose 5 public members was because there are to be 5 Senate and 5 House members. Chairperson Lundby added that she also would like to see 3 public members appointed to the proposed Critical Infrastructure Needs Interim Study Committee. Senator Lind inquires as to how the public members are to be selected since there are two chambers with different parties in the majority. It was noted that the Legislative Council generally grants authority to the leaders for appointment of committee members. Chairperson Lundby stated she had been informed that the most recent procedure has been for all the leaders to agree upon the members. Senator Lind made an amendment to change the 5 public members to 4 public members on the proposed Underground Storage Tank Committee so that each leader could select one member. Without objection the Studies Committee approved adding 4 public members to the Underground Storage Tank Committee and 3 public members to the Infrastructure Committee.

Representative Vande Hoef proposed that the Open Enrollment Committee consider open enrollment with Minnesota. Senator Horn amended that proposal to include all contiguous states. Senator Husak asked if this would involve discussions with those other states. Chairperson Lundby opined that it need only involve a review of the potential for such arrangements. The motion involving open enrollment arrangements with contiguous states was adopted without dissent. The Studies Committee then adopted all the 4 study committee proposals as amended. Chairperson Lundby noted that the public members are to be nonvoting.

Representative Arnould moved that as part of the recommendations of the Studies Committee that a committee be appointed to evaluate activities involving the Iowa Communications Network, which committee would consist of 5 members from each chamber and 3 nonvoting public members with authorization for 2 meeting days. This motion was seconded by Senator Rife and adopted unanimously.

GUIDELINES FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES

The Committee next considered proposed guidelines for the interim committees which were based upon previous years' guidelines. Chairperson Lundby moved to alter the wording relating to compensation for public members so that the public members would be eligible to

receive actual expenses but could refuse such reimbursement. This was seconded by Senator Husak and adopted without objection.

Senator Husak made the motion which was seconded by Senator Boswell that the guidelines for the interim study committees be approved as amended. The motion was approved. A copy of the Studies Committee recommendations is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There being no additional business to come before the committee, the committee adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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