



# MINUTES

## International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council

April 12, 2000

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Nancy Boettger,  
Chairperson  
Senator Bill Fink  
Senator Eugene Fraise  
Senator Sheldon Rittmer

Representative Willard Jenkins,  
Vice Chairperson  
Representative Paul Bell  
Representative Minnette Doderer  
Representative Chuck Gipp  
Representative Jane Greimann  
Representative Scott Raecker  
Representative Paul Scherrman

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## MEETING IN BRIEF

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## **International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council**

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### **I. Procedural Business.**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Boettger at 7:50 a.m. in Committee Room 24 of the Statehouse and was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

### **II. Committee Discussion.**

The Committee discussed proposed protocol for hosting international visitors at the Statehouse which, if adopted by the Committee, would be submitted to the Legislative Council for approval.

Regarding the notification provisions of the proposed protocol, the Committee agreed that an international visitor form should be developed by the Legislative Service Bureau in the interim period following the 2000 legislative session. Copies of the international visitor form would be distributed to state agencies and entities that promote international relations in this state.

Regarding the introduction of international visitors, the Committee agreed that, during the introduction, persons in the chamber should abstain from telephone conversations. If the visitor will be present in the chamber following the visitor's introduction to meet and converse with members, the presiding officer should announce the location of an adjacent room reserved for that purpose. The Legislative Information Office stated that a wireless microphone should be available for purposes of the introductions of international visitors.

The Committee did not discuss any changes to the gift provisions of the proposed protocol.

Regarding the provisions of the proposed protocol relating to expenses for hosting international visitors, the Committee recommended that the tax implications of those provisions need to be investigated.

The Committee discussed the need to make one significant addition to the proposed protocol. The Committee suggested that a member or a staff member of the General Assembly who travels internationally representing the General Assembly file a report with the International Relations Committee regarding the trip.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposed protocol as amended by the Committee. A copy of the approved, amended protocol is attached to these minutes.

Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, informed the Committee of Open World 2000, which is a project endorsed by the National Conference of State Legislatures and involves educating international officials about democracy. The Committee instructed Ms. Bolender to further investigate the issue.

The Committee agreed that the Legislative Information Office should make another application to the Governor's Office for approval to use the Great Seal of Iowa. The Committee agreed that the application should include a letter of recommendation from the International Relations Committee.

### **III. Future Meetings.**

Chairperson Boettger stated that the next meeting would be scheduled when the Legislative Council meets during the interim.

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