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Iowa Legislative Council

December 12, 2000 Sixth Meeting of the 1999-2000 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Speaker Brent Siegrist, Chairperson	
Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Vice Chairperson	
Senator Nancy Boettger	Representative John Connors
Senator Michael Gronstal	Representative Chuck Gipp
Senator John Jensen	Representative Betty Grundberg
	Representative Libby Jacobs
	Representative Pam Jochum
	Representative Pat Murphy
	Representative Christopher Rants
	Representative Steven Sukup

MEETING IN BRIEF

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I. Procedural Business.

Call to Order. The sixth meeting of the 1999-2000 Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Brent Siegrist at 1:45 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2000, in the Reagan Conference Room, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa.

Minutes of June 27, 2000. Representative Connors moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2000, be approved as submitted. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was seconded by Senator Boettger and adopted by voice vote.

Adjournment. Representative Jacobs moved that the Legislative Council meeting adjourn at 2:18 p.m. The motion was adopted.

II. Report of the Capital Projects Committee.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Representative Chuck Gipp for the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. Representative Gipp stated that the Committee received a report update on the plans for renovation of the Senate and House chambers, a progress report on the proposed parking structure on the northwest corner of the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Grand Avenue, a progress report on the proposed Department of Public Safety building, and a report on the employee office space being vacated in the House due to air quality tests. He added that the Committee also recommends the adoption by the Legislative Council of a resolution which, pursuant to the Council's authority in section 2.43 of the Code, assigns all of the space in the Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building for use of the General Assembly. After discussion, Representative Gipp moved the adoption of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Gronstal and adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee, including the resolution assigning the space in the Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building to the Legislative Branch and memorandum relating to the legislative space study, is attached to these minutes.

III. Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance Report.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, regarding the Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance Report. Ms. Bolender stated that Iowa Code section 70A.25, subsection 3, provides that the head of each state agency report to the Director of the Department of Personnel and the Legislative Council annually the educational leave and educational assistance authorized and paid to employees within their respective agencies. Senator Gronstal asked if the state agency monitors whether or not the state employees successfully complete the educational courses before reimbursement is allowed. Representative Grundberg also asked if employees receiving the educational leave/assistance benefits have employment commitments. Ms. Bolender stated that the statute is general and would be subject to implementation as determined by the respective state agencies. After further discussion, Chairperson Siegrist directed that the Legislative Service Bureau request additional information from the Department of Personnel concerning the implementation of the educational leave and educational assistance programs by state agencies. Senator Jensen moved that the Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance Report be received. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Educational Leave/Educational Financial Assistance Report is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.



IV. Pricing of Election Laws Supplement.

Chairperson Siegrist again recognized Ms. Bolender regarding the establishment of the sales price for the 2000 Iowa Acts and for the Iowa Election Laws Supplement. Ms. Bolender stated the Mr. Scott Bertness, Administrator of the Printing and Imaging Division, Department of General Services, recommends that the price of the 2000 Iowa Acts be increased by five percent to \$71.93 and that the price of the 2000 Election Laws Supplement be reduced to the price of \$20.75. Neither price includes the retail sales tax. She also requested that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council be authorized to approve the pricing for the 2001 Iowa Code on behalf of the Legislative Council. Representative Connors moved the adoption of the pricing recommendation of the Department of General Services and approval of the 2001 Iowa Code price by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted. A copy of the memoranda regarding pricing recommendations of the Department of General Services is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.

V. Report of the Fiscal Committee.

Representative Murphy presented the Report of the Fiscal Committee. He stated that the Committee met five times since the last meeting of the Legislative Council. The Report includes appropriations transfers, lease-purchase acquisitions, the underfunding of health insurance, and updates on the activities of the Tobacco Settlement Authority. There being no questions or comments, Representative Murphy moved that the Report of the Fiscal Committee be received. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Fiscal Committee is attached to these minutes.

VI. Report of the Oversight Committee.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Mr. Douglas Wulf, Division Administrator, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, for the Report of the Oversight Committee. Mr. Wulf stated that the Committee met three times since June 27, 2000. He stated that the Committee received information on fraudulent activities in child care services funding, privacy and security issues related to public records, the use of contract employees, video rate changes for the Iowa Communications Network, and the Governor's Strategic Planning Council 2010. Senator Gronstal moved that the Report of the Oversight Committee be received. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Oversight Committee is attached to these minutes.

VII. Report of the Service Committee.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Vice Chairperson Iverson for the Report of the Service Committee. Senator Iverson stated that the Committee received the December personnel reports of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the Legislative Service Bureau, the Legislative Computer Support Bureau, and the Office of the Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman. The Committee also received and recommends approval of the proposed budgets of the four central legislative staff agencies. He added that the Committee also recommends that the Legislative Council approve the expenditure of the designated amounts for membership dues in five national professional organizations, including the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Commission on Uniform State Laws, the National



Conference of Insurance Legislators, and the American Legislative Exchange Council. The Committee recommendations also include annual raises of approximately one pay step for the four directors of the nonpartisan staff agencies and the grant of discretionary authority to the four nonpartisan staff agencies to develop flexible compensation plans as an alternative to the current personnel system which provides for step increases for consideration by the Service Committee. After a question and discussion initiated by Representative Murphy concerning the intent of the recommendation to grant discretionary authority to develop flexible compensation plans, Vice Chairperson Iverson stated that the Service Committee is to approve or disapprove the compensation plans, but not individual pay adjustments. He also noted that the House and Senate Administration Committees will have to address this issue for their administrative and caucus staffs. Senator Gronstal 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 these minutes.

VIII. Report of the International Relations Committee.

Senator Boettger was recognized to present the Report of the International Relations Committee. Senator Boettger reviewed the activities and recommendations of the Committee. She stated that the Committee discussed the need for coordination between the Executive Branch Protocol Officer and the Legislative Branch Protocol Officer, the potential for a visit from governmental officials from Saskatchewan Province, Canada, the recommendation that international relations protocol be adopted as joint rules of the General Assembly, and that all members of the General Assembly receive survey forms, gift forms, and visitor introduction forms on the first day of the 2001 Legislative Session. Senator Boettger moved the adoption of the Report of the International Relations Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the International Relations Committee is attached to these minutes.

IX. Iowa Court Rules.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Ms. Bolender for a review of the changes to the Court Rules submitted by the Iowa Supreme Court. She stated that the two proposed changes relate to cover sheets to accompany civil petitions. She stated that the proposed rules will take effect on January 2, 2001, unless the Legislative Council delays the effective date. Representative Sukup moved that the proposed court rules be received and filed without objection. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Court Rules is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.

X. Prefiling Agencies – Underground Storage Tank Fund Board.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Ms. Bolender for an explanation of the prefiling request of the Underground Storage Tank Fund Board. She stated that Board recently requested a prefiled bill for the first time. The Board is not included on the list of state agencies that are eligible to request prefiled bills. She recommended that the Board be included among the state agencies that are eligible to request prefiled bill drafts. Senator Gronstal moved that the recommendation be approved. The motion was carried.



XI. Miscellaneous Business.

Senator Jensen suggested that the Legislative Council plan a ceremony in April or in the early spring of 2001 to celebrate the completion of the exterior renovation of the State Capitol building. The suggestion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Representative Gipp moved that the Legislative Council authorize the Capital Projects Work Group to address space allocations in the Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building for the legislative agencies staff. The motion was adopted without objection.

XII. Attachments.

- A.** Report of the Capital Projects Committee.
- B.** Report of the Fiscal Committee.
- C.** Report of the Oversight Committee.
- D.** Report of the Service Committee.
- E.** Report of the International Relations Committee.

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