

M I N U T E S  
STUDIES COMMITTEE

July 15, 1982

The meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order at 1:20 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 1982 in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present were:

Representative Lester D. Menke, Acting Chairperson  
Senator C. Joseph Coleman  
Senator Calvin O. Hultman  
Senator Lowell L. Junkins  
Senator John W. Jensen  
Senator Ray Taylor  
Representative Donald D. Avenson  
Representative John H. Clark  
Representative John H. Connors

Senator Hultman moved that the Committee approve the list of members for each interim subcommittee as distributed to the Committee. A copy of the list is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Coleman moved that a subcommittee composed of five members each from the Senate and House Standing Committees on Commerce be allowed two days to study the relationship between the growth in health care costs and the increases in fees charged by various types of insurers who provide health care insurance coverage. He noted that the motion is in response to letters submitted by Senators Priebe and Holden and Representative Schroeder. Copies of the letters are attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Hultman suggested that in light of the closure of the highway bridge in Sioux City because of structural deficiencies discovered, the Committee should urge the Senate and House Standing Committees on Transportation to use their statutory meeting to review the bridge problem. After Committee discussion, Senator Hultman moved that the Studies Committee urge the Chairpersons of the Senate and House Standing Committees on Transportation to review the problems arising on highway bridges which have required the closure of bridges because of structural problems to determine whether an interim study is needed and report back to the Studies Committee. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Representative Avenson indicated that the Studies Committee had earlier discussed the possibility of establishing a subcommittee to look at the problem relating to student loans and other programs affected by the federal budget. He suggested that in light of recent action at the federal level on the federal budget, it is appropriate that the review begin and moved that the Studies Committee recommend a study of student loans in light of federal

budget cuts to allow the state to respond to the problem of reduced funding. Senator Hultman moved a substitute motion that the Federal Budget Impact Review Subcommittee be directed to establish a special subcommittee to review the impact of federal budget cuts for student loans. On a roll call vote, the substitute motion was adopted unanimously.

Representative Avenson suggested that a study should be authorized to review the bidding procedures used by the Board of Regents in purchasing Indiana coal. He further opined that such a study might include studying the future of the Iowa coal industry. Representative Avenson moved that such a study be recommended to the Legislative Council. The motion was seconded by Representative Connors. Senator Hultman suggested that the study regarding the bid procedures used by the Board of Regents could be done by the Contract and Bidding Procedures Subcommittee already authorized by the Council. A roll call vote was requested on the Avenson motion. Voting in the affirmative were Senators Coleman and Junkins and Representatives Avenson and Connors. Voting in the negative were Acting Chairperson Menke, Senators Hultman, Jensen, and Taylor, and Representative Clark. The motion failed.

Senator Junkins suggested that the Studies Committee recommend that the Contract and Bidding Procedures Subcommittee established by the Legislative Council also review the bidding procedures used by the Board of Regents as it relates to the purchase of Indiana coal for use at the Regents' institutions. The Committee agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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