

M I N U T E S
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 3, 1986

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The sixteenth meeting of the 1985-1986 Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Bill Hutchins, at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 1986, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Hutchins were:

Speaker Donald D. Avenson, Vice Chairperson
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Beverly A. Hannon
Senator Lee Holt
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator David M. Readinger
Senator Dale L. Tieden
Senator James D. Wells
Senator Joe J. Welsh
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Dorothy F. Carpenter
Representative Dale Cochran
Representative John H. Connors
Representative William H. Harbor
Representative Tom Jochum
Representative Lowell Norland
Representative Delwyn Stromer

Also present were:

Mr. Donovan Peeters, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau
Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman
Ms. Diane Bolender, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were other legislative staff persons, representatives of the news media, and other interested persons.

Chairperson Hutchins stated that the roll has been taken and that there is a quorum present. Chairperson Hutchins asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 17,

1986 meeting of the Legislative Council. It was moved that the minutes be approved as distributed and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WORLD TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Ned Chiodo, Chair of the World Trade Advisory Committee, provided a summary of the proceedings of the Committee during the 1986 interim. He stated that the Committee is working in consultation with the Department of Economic Development and, among other things, is working on the development of training programs for education on export opportunities and is studying other programs for world trade and export development. One thing the Committee is focusing on is educational resources for encouragement and training of small business in world trade activities, and also, development of financial resources to enable Iowa companies to pursue larger export markets. The Committee is reviewing the operations of the foreign trade and investment offices currently operated by the State of Iowa. In response to a question, Mr. Chiodo reported that the Committee had expended a total of \$19,500 out of its appropriation of \$250,000.

Mr. Chiodo mentioned the following specific topics the Committee had worked on and was interested in pursuing:

1. Insuring clean grain for export and developing the reputation of Iowa in this area;
2. Appropriate participation by Iowa and Iowa firms at trade shows and in trade missions;
3. Operations of Iowa's foreign trade and investments offices;
4. World trade centers currently being operated by cities and by other states;
5. Available and potential educational resources for training Iowa business persons, particularly in small business, to develop foreign markets;
6. Availability of financial resources for Iowa firms to develop foreign markets;
7. Activities of the Iowa Department of Economic Development in developing foreign markets;
8. Research to identify foreign trade opportunities for Iowa; and
9. Development of any other needed resources for foreign trade, such as freight forwarding services.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CODE PUBLICATION

A handout was presented to the Legislative Council of the proposal of the Superintendent of Printing for the award of the contract for Code publication. Senator Holt moved that the contract be approved as presented to the Council, and his motion was adopted. Copies of the handout are available from the Legislative Service Bureau.

REPORT ON NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

A handout was presented to the Legislative Council which contained the agenda developed by the Legislative Service Bureau for New Member Orientation. The agenda was received and filed by the Legislative Council. Copies of the agenda are available from the Legislative Service Bureau.

REPORT OF THE CAPITOL SPACE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Speaker Avenson, Chair of the Capitol Space Allocation Committee, presented the report of that Committee. Speaker Avenson said that the plan was to move expeditiously on the matter of Capitol space allocation and that no radical changes were expected. Representative Harbor and Senator Holt had questions on the procedure for Council approval of the Capitol space allocation changes and in response it was stated that any proposals for changes in the allocation of Capitol space would be submitted to the Legislative Council. A copy of the report by reference is made a part of these minutes and is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE COMPUTER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The report of the Computer Outreach Committee was deferred until later in the meeting.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Representative Connors, Chairman of the Service Committee, presented the Report of the Service Committee. Representative Connors reviewed each item in the Report of the Service Committee and the various items were considered by the Council as Representative Connors reviewed them.

In regard to the specific items on the Report of the Service Committee, the points raised were as follows:

1. Points one and two of the report were approved with the explanation that positions which receive full compensation for overtime would be compensated with either overtime pay at the rate of time-and-a-half or with compensatory time at a rate of hour-and-a-half for each hour of overtime. Those positions which do not receive full compensation for overtime would be subject to the policy contained in point two of the report. Placement of employees among the alternative compensation possibilities would be settled in the pay resolutions for House and Senate employees and determined by agency heads for the central staff agencies.

2. Point three of the report was approved.

3. Point four of the report was approved with the explanation that increased funds were included to provide additional personnel in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau in order to implement some changes made in government reorganization including development of a legislative budget.

4. Points five, six, seven, and eight of the report in regard to the salaries of the heads of the central staff agencies were approved.

5. Points nine through sixteen of the report concerning administration of the central staff agencies were approved. Point thirteen was approved after the defeat of a motion to strike it.

6. Point seventeen of the report concerning legislative branch communications was approved.

At the conclusion of Representative Connors' presentation, a motion was made for the adoption of the Report of the Service Committee and the motion was approved. A copy of the report by reference is made a part of these minutes and is attached to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE COMPUTER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Senator Welsh presented the report of the Computer Outreach Committee which was approved upon motion. A copy of the report of the Committee by reference is made a part of these minutes and is attached. Senator Welsh also mentioned that a request had been received from the State Library for access to technical guidance and equipment resources from the Legislative Computer System. Any expenses incurred by the Computer Support Bureau would be reimbursed by the State Library. Upon motion, the request was approved by the Legislative Council.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Speaker Avenson, Chair of the Studies Committee, presented the Report of the Studies Committee. The Report of the Studies Committee included appointments to various Study Committees and approval of payments for LEAG studies. After review of the Report of the Studies Committee as submitted, Speaker Avenson added that there was one item to be added and that Senator Hultman would present this item. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes and it provides the details of the recommendations of the Studies Committee.

EDUCATIONAL UPLINK PROJECT

Following the review of the Report of the Studies Committee presented by Chairperson Avenson, Senator Hultman stated that he had an additional proposal to make for the Studies Committee Report in regard to the work of the Education Uplink Study Committee. Senator Hultman remarked that tremendous possibilities are opening up for the use of advanced telecommunications in education and economic development. With satellite communications through "uplink" and "downlink" units it would be possible to tie together the three state universities, Iowa Public Television, the satellite business development centers of the Department of Economic Development, local school districts, the area schools, and the area education agencies. Senator Hultman added that he had talked to representatives of the various institutions involved and all were very enthusiastic about setting up such an inter-communications network with its great potential for use in the fields of education and economic development.

Senator Hultman stated that he is asking for authorization of an uplink study with an expenditure allowance of up to \$200,000 to employ Larry Patten to develop a plan for a statewide system of educational communications as discussed above. The expenditure authorization would be from moneys available under Section 2.12 of the Code. The study contract would be entered into by the Co-chairs of the Education Uplink Study Committee with the approval of the Legislative Council Chairperson in consultation with the legislative leaders. The final plan from the consultant would be subject to review by the Legislative Council. Senator Hultman moved the adoption of his proposal and it was seconded by Speaker Avenson.

Speaker Avenson stated that the state is on the brink of accomplishing something that has never been done in any state. The proposed system would link together existing systems with new

systems to be added. It would expand on existing opportunities to fill in voids so students, displaced farmers and homemakers, and small business people throughout the state would, for example, have access to advanced courses in all areas of learning. Speaker Avenson stated he concurred with Senator Hultman's proposal for the hiring of Mr. Patten as a consultant to pull together all the suggested elements into a statewide system.

Senator Hutchins stated that the potential is endless for what could be done if such a system were put together; potential in terms of education, rural development, and economic development.

Representative Stromer stated that the consultant would be working with the Education Uplink Committee on this.

Speaker Avenson reviewed the additional membership for the Committee as recommended in the Studies Committee Report. These members would serve with the legislative members.

Representative Harbor inquired if education was over-represented on the Committee and industry under-represented. Speaker Avenson replied that the Committee would be working for two years and could adequately address all areas. The legislature would ultimately decide the structure of the system. He added that General Telephone has offered their full cooperation in the project.

Senator Readinger inquired as to the basic purpose of the project and the reply was that it was to provide equal educational opportunity for all Iowans and assist in economic development.

Senator Hultman added that the system would take advantage of all available educational television technology. A program is being implemented in southwest Iowa on this and it could be a pilot and model for the statewide system that the Committee would be developing. Senator Hultman agreed that additional funding would be necessary to put a statewide system into place. The current proposal is for \$200,000 to design the statewide system, including setting up a pilot project or model.

There being no further discussion, the motion of Senator Hultman was voted on and adopted.

APPROVAL OF STUDIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Representative Connors moved the adoption of the Studies Committee Report as amended and, after seconding, the motion was adopted. The report of the Studies Committee is, by reference, made a part of these minutes and is attached.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH COMPARABLE WORTH

One item in the September 16 Report of the Service Committee was deferred at the last meeting of the Council. The deferred item was the recommendation of the Service Committee that the Staff Committee Report on Comparable Worth be adopted and implemented. Upon motion, the deferred item was approved.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON HUTCHINS

Speaker Avenson rose and stated that this was the last meeting of the 1985-1986 Legislative Council at which Senator Hutchins would be presiding since his term of office as Chair is close to ending. Speaker Avenson expressed the appreciation of the entire Council for the outstanding leadership and services rendered to it by the outgoing Chairman and presented him with a gavel on a plaque as a token of the appreciation of the Council.

In addition, it was mentioned that Representatives Cochran, Norland, and Welden were ending their distinguished terms of long service to the people of Iowa in their roles as members of the General Assembly and of the Legislative Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Legislative Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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