

# M I N U T E S

## IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 15, 1975

The sixth meeting of the 1975-1976 Iowa Legislative Council was called to order at 10:20 a.m., Wednesday, October 15, 1975, in the Speaker's Room of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members attending the morning session of the meeting were:

Speaker of the House Dale M. Cochran, Chairperson  
Senator Minnette F. Doderer, Vice Chairperson  
Senator James E. Briles  
Senator Lucas J. DeKoster  
Senator Willard R. Hansen  
Senator Eugene M. Hill  
Senator George R. Kinley  
Senator Clifton C. Lamborn  
Senator William D. Palmer  
Senator Steve Sovern  
Representative Elmer H. Den Herder  
Representative Donald V. Doyle  
Representative Keith Dunton  
Representative Jerome Fitzgerald  
Representative William J. Hargrave  
Representative James I. Middleswart  
Representative Floyd H. Millen  
Representative Delwyn Stromer  
Representative Andrew Varley

Also present for the morning session was Representative Greg Cusack. In addition, a number of legislative staff personnel, representatives of the news media and other interested persons also were present for all or portions of the meeting.

On motion of Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Hill, the minutes of the September 15 Legislative Council meeting were approved as previously submitted to Council members.

Chairperson Cochran noted receipt of a letter from Senator Hilarius Heying, Chairperson of the Livestock Laws Subcommittee of the Standing Committees on Agriculture, presenting two requests from the Subcommittee. The first is that the Council approve payment of actual expenses and travel for Professor Richard F. Dole of the University of Iowa College of Law and one of his students to attend a meeting of the Subcommittee on October 24, 1975, for the purpose of giving advice on the legal effects of proposed legislation to provide Iowa livestock producers with a lien or other interest to insure payment of livestock sold by those producers. Second, the Subcommittee--originally authorized three meetings--had requested permission to hold a fourth meeting on October 31, explaining that the complexity of the subject of liens

would necessitate devoting an entire meeting to that matter, and that the fourth meeting would be used to finalize bill drafts.

On motion of Senator Hill, seconded by Representative Den Herder, both requests submitted by the Livestock Laws Subcommittee were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Following this action, Senator Hansen inquired why the Livestock Laws Subcommittee had chosen to seek the advice it felt was needed from Professor Dole, rather than seeking it from someone located in Des Moines who could more readily attend the Subcommittee meeting. Senator Hansen noted that to his knowledge there is at least one member of the Drake University law faculty who is well versed on the subject matter in question. Mr. Garrison commented that he knows of no central repository of information regarding knowledgeable persons in various fields and that when a study committee or subcommittee seeks special expertise it is likely to turn to someone of whom one or more of its members happens to be aware.

Senator Briles reported that a two-day meeting of the Joint Standing Committees on County Government has been scheduled for October 29-30 in the Legislative Dining Room. As has been done in recent years, it is intended to devote the first day of the meeting to receiving legislative requests and recommendations from various county officer groups and other interested parties and then to review and take tentative action on these requests and recommendations on the second day of the meeting. Senator Briles noted that since the Code authorizes each standing committee only one meeting day each interim, Council approval would be necessary for the second day of the scheduled two-day meeting. On motion of Senator Briles, seconded by Senator Hill, the Council granted the necessary approval by a unanimous voice vote.

Chairperson Cochran reported receipt of a letter sent on behalf of Senator Lowell L. Junkins, Chairperson of the Malpractice Insurance Study Committee, requesting that the Council approve expenditure by the Study Committee from the funds appropriated by Senate Joint Resolution 12 for purchase from the federal Government Printing Office of not more than 10 copies of the 1973 Report of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare on Medical Malpractice, one copy to be provided to each Study Committee member who desires to make use of it. The price of the document at last indication was \$11.30 each.

Senator Doderer moved that the request of the Malpractice Insurance Study Committee be approved with the provision that the documents so purchased are to be considered the property of the General Assembly, checked out to the respective Study Committee members for the duration of the study, but thereafter to be available for use by other legislators. The motion was seconded by Representative Hargrave and adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Senator Sovern, observing that the Council at its July 16, 1975 meeting had limited the Land Use Study Committee to three meetings during the current interim, moved that the Council now authorize this Study Committee one additional meeting during the present interim. The motion was seconded by Representative Middleswart, who commented that he did so in part because at the 1975 annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures held the previous week, New Jersey had presented new concepts in land use regulation which he believes the Study Committee should have the opportunity to consider. The motion was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Senator Doderer moved that the Council authorize reimbursement to Professor Josephine Gittler of the University of Iowa College of Law for expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Juvenile Justice Study Committee, to which Professor Gittler is providing research assistance. Senator Doderer noted that Professor Gittler had been appointed an advisory member of the Penal and Correctional Systems Study Committee during the previous interim because of her expertise in the area of juvenile justice, and thus had been eligible for compensation for her attendance at meetings of that Study Committee, but that no advisory members had been appointed to the Juvenile Justice Study Committee during the current interim. Senator Doderer's motion was seconded by Senator DeKoster and adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Chairperson Cochran recognized Representative Cusack, who briefly recounted the background and intent of House File 913 of the 66th General Assembly, "An Act creating an employment opportunity board authorized to grant funds for the creation of employment and making an appropriation." Representative Cusack explained that the federal funds which it had been anticipated would be used to provide the 3-1 federal-state match required by the bill had subsequently been frozen by the President, but that it had been suggested by a member of U.S. Representative Neal Smith's staff that Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) funds made available to Iowa by the federal government might meet the requirements of House File 913. The Employment Security Commission (designated the Employment Opportunity Board for purposes of administering H.F. 913) had tentatively made plans to implement the bill by using CETA funds made available to local governments, however the Attorney General has ruled that the language of H.F. 913 requires entirely "new" federal money, made available by the federal government specifically to match the \$1 million state money appropriated by H.F. 913, rather than any federal money which would have been available to the state in the absence of this legislation.

Representative Cusack commented that he personally believes the Attorney General's interpretation is wrong on this point, but that the Employment Security Commission will not proceed to implement H.F. 913 by use of CETA funds unless the Legislative Council indicates that it concurs with the interpretation of H.F. 913 in a manner which would support this approach. Finally, Representative Cusack pointed out that the matter is of great

urgency because H.F. 913 requires that the \$1 million state money revert to the general fund if the required 3-1 federal match is not available by October 15, 1975, the date of the present meeting.

Chairperson Cochran noted that he and Representative Cusack had conferred prior to the present Council meeting with Director Robert Tyson of the Office for Planning and Programming, through which CETA funds are distributed in Iowa, and Mr. Max Allender of the Employment Security Commission. He noted that Mr. Allender and Mr. Walter Salomon, representing Mr. Tyson were present at the meeting to answer questions regarding H.F. 913.

Considerable discussion followed regarding H.F. 913 and the manner in which it should be interpreted. Proponents of Representative Cusack's proposal contended that the words "funds or grants from any source" in section 4(1) of the bill are broad enough to justify use of CETA funds to match the \$1 million state appropriation. They also pointed out that the allocation of CETA funds to Iowa during the current fiscal year has been increased, by much more than the required federal matching level of \$3 million, over the previous year's CETA allocation and asserted that this increased funding should be considered "new" money.

Council members opposed to Representative Cusack's proposal said that H.F. 913 had been described on the floor of the Senate as requiring a specific matching appropriation or allocation of at least \$3 million in federal money, so that if implemented it would provide \$4 million in total additional public anti-unemployment funds in Iowa. They said that the Legislative Council would be acting as a "mini-Legislature" if it took action which in effect changed the interpretation upon which passage of the bill was predicated. They also argued that the increased CETA funds are not really "new" money, because these funds are available for use in Iowa whether or not the \$1 million in state money provisionally appropriated by H.F. 913 is spent.

Senator Kinley suggested that the \$1 million provisional appropriation be allowed to revert under the terms of H.F. 913 and that the General Assembly consider reappropriating this money in January, 1976 if the Employment Security Commission has identified matching federal funds for this purpose. After further discussion, upon motion of Representative Fitzgerald seconded by Representative Dunton, the Council voted unanimously to defer the entire matter until the afternoon session of the present meeting.

Chairperson Cochran then recognized Representative Glenn Brockett, Chairperson of the Capitol Planning Commission, for a report from that body. Key points in Representative Brockett's report were:

1. The contract for construction of the new state office building southeast of the existing Lucas Building has been let and excavation is already underway. The bids received were substantially lower than had been anticipated, so that there will

be sufficient money available to add a fifth floor at a cost of \$43 per square foot, which represents an opportunity to acquire additional office space at a bargain price the state is unlikely to find available on very many occasions.

2. The Capitol Planning Commission proposes to use a portion of the funds saved due to the unexpectedly low bids on the new office building to pay the cost of installing a sprinkler system throughout the building.

3. The contest to chose a name for the new office building, which the last session of the General Assembly directed the Capitol Planning Commission to conduct, is now being initiated.

4. Construction of the new Wallace building is now underway and excellent progress is being made.

5. The proposed new capitol complex power plant has been designed and the Capitol Planning Commission will present to the 1976 legislature a proposal that legislation to authorize its construction be enacted and made effective at the earliest possible date by means of a publication clause. Representative Brockett explained that early action is needed because additional capacity which will be provided by the new power plant will be needed at an early date to serve the Wallace building, which it appears will be completed ahead of schedule.

6. Preparations are now underway to install the solar power plant previously authorized to help serve the needs of the capitol complex. It will be of a type never before constructed in full commercial application scale. Representative Brockett noted that the heat exchange medium will not be water but a special type of liquid which has a freezing point of 100 degrees below zero, thus permitting the plant to be shut down at any time should it be necessary or desirable to do so for any reason.

7. The Capitol Planning Commission would prefer that the General Assembly not undertake the remodeling of the Legislative Copy Center and Legislative Post Office enclosures in the second floor rotunda area, suggested by Chief Clerk of the House David Wray to the Council at its previous meeting. (See minutes of Council's September 17, 1975 meeting, page 7.) The Commission's hope is that the eventual removal from the State House of a number of the executive branch offices will permit the relocation of the copy center and post office facilities, thereby allowing the second floor rotunda area to be restored to its original appearance. However, Representative Brockett added that the Capitol Planning Commission will not strenuously oppose the proposed remodeling project if the General Assembly feels that the additional space that would thereby be obtained is urgently needed in the immediate future.

8. The Capitol Planning Commission continues to be interested in placing an enclosure in the rotunda opening at the first

floor level, so as to screen the upper floors of the State House from the sights and sounds of the Capitol Cafeteria.

9. The Capitol Planning Commission continues to regard the Capitol Mall project, which Representative Brockett has discussed with the Council on previous occasions, as viable.

Chairperson Cochran then recognized Director of General Services Stanley McCausland, who presented additional information regarding the contracts for construction of the Wallace building and the other new state office building, the estimated cost of adding a fifth floor to the new office building, and related matters. Mr. McCausland distributed to Council members a document headed "Budget Two Office Buildings", a copy of which is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

In commenting on the figures presented in the document he had distributed, Mr. McCausland stated that the cost estimates shown are deliberately rather high so as to avoid any undue optimism about the final cost of the respective projects. For example, the bid for construction of the E.O.C. (i.e., emergency operations center) well in the new office building which had been opened two days earlier was \$9,500, as opposed to an estimate of \$12,000 on the attached sheet. For these reasons, Mr. McCausland feels quite confident that the proposed fifth floor could be added to the new office building at a cost which would still fall well within the existing appropriation for construction of the building. Mr. McCausland continued that while it might be possible to construe the law so as to permit him to proceed on his own authority in this matter, he would not in fact do so without an expression of approval of the Legislative Council.

In answer to questions from Senator Lamborn and Representative Middleswart, Mr. McCausland stated that even when the new buildings are completed it is not expected to be possible to bring back into the capitol complex all of the state agencies which are now housed in rented space elsewhere in the city of Des Moines. He explained that state agency space needs are constantly changing, and that therefore it is very difficult to say 1 1/2 to 2 years in advance exactly which agencies are going to be housed in what building when the two new buildings are completed.

Chairperson Cochran pointed out that the next item on the Council's agenda would be presentation of the report of the Council's Administration Committee, and that items 2, 3, and 4 of that report are pertinent to the matters which had just been discussed by Representative Brockett and Mr. McCausland. A copy of the Administration Committee's report is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

Representative Doyle moved that the Department of General Services be authorized to plan for an addition of a fifth floor to the new state office building, as proposed by the Capitol Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Senator DeKoster.

Senator Hansen expressed serious concern about the continuing need of the General Assembly for additional space in the State House. Representative Dunton and Senator Lamborn expressed agreement with Senator Hansen's concern. In response to a related question from Senator Hansen, Mr. McCausland indicated that since it is intended to house the Secretary of Agriculture and his department in the new Wallace building, and if the General Assembly intends to use all space in the Capitol Building except that reserved for the Governor's office and the courts, Mr. McCausland would suggest moving the offices of the Auditor of State, Secretary of State and Treasurer of State--who serve on the Executive Council with the Secretary of Agriculture--into the Wallace building and shift some other agencies tentatively designated for the Wallace building to the other new state office building.

Senator Hansen then moved to amend Representative Doyle's motion so as to specify that first priority shall be given to moving the Executive Council officers, other than the Governor, and their respective agencies out of the State House and assigning the space thus made available to the General Assembly. Chairperson Cochran pointed out that the language of item 4 of the Administrative Committee report covers the motion of Senator Hansen and it was agreed that the intent of item 4 would be included in Senator Hansen's motion. The motion was seconded by Representative Dunton and unanimously adopted.

In further discussion on the amended motion, Senator Lamborn noted that the assistance of the Capitol Planning Commission would be needed in making the contemplated arrangements. Senator DeKoster said that the Supreme Court needs additional space, and that it should be made clear that the proposed motion would not put the Legislative Council on record as opposing the assignment of some additional State House space to the Supreme Court. Chairperson Cochran agreed that item 4 of the Administration Committee's report need not be construed as an intent to limit the Supreme Court to the space it now occupies in the State House. Representative Doyle's motion, as amended, was then adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 noon, and reconvened in the Speaker's Room at 2:00 p.m. All Council members who had been present at the morning session also attended the afternoon session, and in addition Lieutenant Governor Arthur A. Neu was present for the afternoon session.

The Council resumed consideration of the Administration Committee's report and recommendations. Senator Hill moved that the Council approve the recommendation expressed in item 1 of the attached report. The motion was seconded by Representative Doyle.

Senator Hansen inquired whether use of the same consultant who has previously worked for the General Assembly in respect to various State House air conditioning projects is again

contemplated. He continued that if this is the case, it should be brought to the consultant's attention that some of the air conditioning systems which have previously been installed are not functioning as well as had been expected and it should be determined whether this situation can be improved. Senator Hill's motion was then adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

It was agreed that the actions previously taken by the Council pursuant to the report of Representative Brockett and Mr. McCausland had in effect disposed of the Administrative Commission's recommendations expressed in items 2, 3, and 4 of the attached report. It was also agreed that action on item 5 was not required at the present meeting.

Chairperson Cochran called attention to the proposed Statement of Policy regarding dissemination of printed material attached to the Administration Committee's report. After a brief discussion of this proposed Statement of Policy, Representative Dunton moved that it be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded by Representative Middleswart and unaimously adopted.

Chairperson Cochran recognized Senator Doderer, Chairperson of the Council's Service Committee for the Committee's report. A copy of the report is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Senator Doderer commented that the Service Committee would welcome any input from members of the Legislative Council regarding the appointment to the position of Specialist for Indian Affairs in the Citizens' Aide office.

Chairperson Cochran recognized Representative Dunton for the report of the Legislative Fiscal Committee. A copy of the report is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Vice Chairperson Doderer assumed the chair at 2:35 p.m.

After a brief preliminary explanation, Representative Dunton moved that the Council approve a contract with the Home Economics Research Institute and Department of Family Environment of the College of Home Economics at Iowa State University in Ames for comprehensive development for a standard of need for Iowa ADC recipients, at a cost of \$64,898, to be completed in November, 1976. A formal proposal describing this project is on file with and may be obtained from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

Senator DeKoster commented on the proposed procedure and the objectives of the contemplated project. He added that the Fiscal Committee hopes to use the results of the project as a basis for establishing variable regional standards of need for use in the Iowa ADC program. He noted that Illinois is currently using a regional standard of need approach in its ADC program.

Senator Hill expressed the view that any attempt to establish a regional standard of need would be futile, because experience has shown that some ADC recipients will move to those states which have more generous ADC benefits, and it may therefore



be assumed that recipients who learn that benefits are higher in some areas of the state than in others will tend to move to those areas where the higher benefits are paid. In reply, it was pointed out that if the variable standard of need is operating appropriately, the higher benefits paid in some areas would be offset by a higher cost of living in those areas. Senator DeKoster remarked that it is his understanding that in some rural areas of the state at the present time, the statewide ADC needs standards results in benefits approximately equal to the take-home pay remaining after taxes are imposed on an income of \$8,000.

There was also some discussion of how the cost of the proposed study might be paid. Senator DeKoster commented that the Social Services and Mental Health Study Committee apparently has not used any of the \$50,000 appropriated for that study by Senate Joint Resolution 13, and that possibly the Council could transfer that money for use in the ADC standard of need project, which would mean that only about \$15,000 additional money would have to be provided. Representative Hargrave, who serves as Co-chairperson of the Social Services and Mental Health Study Committee, expressed objection to any such transfer.

Senator DeKoster also pointed out that the project could be completed at a total cost of \$50,000, but that the proposed total cost of \$64,898 would permit completion of the study one year earlier than would be possible at the \$50,000 figure. In concluding remarks, Representative Dunton asserted that the proposed project is well worth the cost, and pointed out that it had been unanimously recommended by the members of the Legislative Fiscal Committee.

Representative Dunton's motion to approve the Fiscal Committee's recommendation failed on a roll call vote of nine ayes to seven nays, eleven affirmative votes being required for approval. Those voting yes were Senators DeKoster, Hansen, Palmer and Sovern and Representatives Den Herder, Doyle, Dunton, Hargrave and Middleswart; those voting no were Vice Chairperson Doderer, Senators Briles, Hill, and Lamborn and Representatives Millen, Stromer and Varley; Chairperson Cochran, Senator Kinley, and Representative Fitzgerald were not in the room when the vote was taken.

After completing the presentation of the Fiscal Committee's report, Representative Dunton noted that he had been unable to prepare for consideration by the Fiscal Committee at its meeting on the previous day one item in which he personally is quite interested. Stressing his concern that the ADC program be extended only to those who are actually eligible for its benefits, Representative Dunton noted that during the recent trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of the Iowa Congressional delegation, he had made the acquaintance of Mr. John A. Svahn, Acting Administrator, Social and Rehabilitation Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, who until recently had been extensively involved with welfare control efforts in the state of California.

Representative Dunton then moved that the Legislative Council authorize the payment of travel expenses for Mr. Svahn from Washington, D.C. to Des Moines and return, for the purpose of a meeting by Mr. Svahn with the Human Resources Appropriations Subcommittees of the House and Senate concerning the ADC program, and that the Human Resources Appropriations Subcommittees of the House and Senate be authorized a one-day meeting for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Representative Stromer.

There was a brief discussion, in the course of which Representative Hargrave requested that the Department of Social Services also be involved in the proposed meeting. Representative Dunton's motion was then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

There was a brief discussion of the manner in which reports of interim study committees and joint interim subcommittees are to be received and considered by the Council at its meeting on November 19-20. Mr. Garrison outlined a proposed procedure, and in the absence of objection the chair directed that this procedure be followed. The procedure will be described in a letter to be sent by Mr. Garrison to the chairpersons of all interim study committees and joint interim subcommittees.

Lieutenant Governor Neu noted that the Legislative Council now has a total of 21 members, and that therefore the Speaker's Room is barely adequate for the Council's regular meetings. Since the Council normally experiences an unusually large attendance of interested persons and participants at its report meetings, Lieutenant Governor Neu suggested that the November 19-20 meeting be held in Senate Committee Room 22 rather than the Speaker's Room. Representative Stromer and Senator Hill expressed agreement. No opposition being expressed it was so ordered.

Mr. Garrison noted that at its previous meeting, the Council had requested that the Legislative Service Bureau contact Revenue Director Gerald Bair regarding his ruling that individuals who bought a state gambling permit at the former \$10 fee, prior to the August 15 effective date of the gambling law revision passed by the 1975 session, must purchase another permit at the new \$25 annual fee and are not entitled to either a refund of the \$10 fee or application of it toward the higher fee. Mr. Garrison reported that a reply had been received, and distributed to Council members copies of his letter of inquiry to Director Bair, Mr. Bair's reply and a memorandum prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau in regard to the matter. A copy of each of those documents is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

Representative Middleswart reported that Speaker Cochran had been elected to the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures at the recent annual meeting in Philadelphia. Representative Middleswart remarked that this is a signal honor upon which the Speaker is to be congratulated.

Representative Middleswart then expressed concern and disapproval regarding the decision of the Iowa Highway Patrol to publish a magazine and sell advertising to businessmen and others in Iowa. He asserted that this practice can be construed as coercion, and that while he is confident that this is not the intent of the Highway Patrol the appearance should be avoided. He said that he hopes this situation will not prove to be an embarrassment to the Highway Patrol, but fears that this will be the result.

Chairperson Cochran resumed the Chair at 3:10 p.m.

Senator Doderer expressed agreement with the views stated by Representative Middleswart and suggested that the Legislative Council might prepare a resolution of concern for transmittal to the Department of Public Safety and the Highway Patrol. Chairperson Cochran suggested that, alternatively, the Council could ask the Chief of the Highway Patrol to appear before it at its next meeting to discuss the plans for publication of the magazine. There was further discussion of the matter, in the course of which several Council members expressed concern that the Council might be departing from its proper role in considering matters of this kind.

Representative Dunton moved to defer the matter, and to invite appropriate persons from the Department of Public Safety and the Iowa Highway Patrol to meet with the Council at its next meeting to discuss plans for publication of a magazine by the Highway Patrol and sale of advertising therein. The motion was seconded by Senator Hill.

In the continuing discussion, Senator Sovern noted that the Highway Patrol is not the only law enforcement agency which has a publication in which advertising is sold to various parties. He added that he himself has been approached to buy such advertising on a number of occasions. Senator Hill agreed, and moved to amend Representative Dunton's motion so as to include in the scope of the motion other law enforcement agencies which maintain publications in which advertising is sold. The amendment was seconded by Senator Sovern.

In further discussion, Senator Lamborn suggested that the practice of selling advertising in magazines by law enforcement agencies is not basically different from the sale of advertising to manufacturers of construction equipment, etc. in publications such as those of the County Officers Association and the League of Municipalities. Representative Varley commented that the problem, at least so far as the Highway Patrol's magazine is concerned, may have originated with representatives of the publishing firm involved, which is apparently engaged in similar enterprises in a number of other states.

At the conclusion of the discussion the amendment by Senator Hill, and then the motion by Representative Dunton as so amended, were adopted by successive voice votes.

The Council resumed consideration of the matter relating to H.F. 913 of the 66th General Assembly, which had been presented during the morning session by Representative Cusack. Representative Fitzgerald moved (1) that this particular question be indefinitely postponed; (2) that the Employment Security Commission be requested, prior to the Council's December meeting, to list all available programs which presently or potentially offer funds that could be used to match state appropriations to support projects for employment of the unemployed, and also to list alternative programs of either an experimental or comprehensive nature which would be used to implement the objectives of H.F. 913; and (3) that the Council recommend to the General Assembly, based on the information provided by the Employment Security Commission, legislation having the same objective as H.F. 913 which could be adopted early in the 1976 session and made effective immediately by means of a publication clause. The motion was seconded by Representative Millen and unanimously adopted.

Senator Doderer moved to reconsider the vote by which the proposal to undertake a project for development of a comprehensive standard of need for Iowa ADC recipients failed to pass the Council. The motion was seconded by Representative Hargrave.

Representative Varley suggested that a number of relevant studies have been done in other states, and that the figures derived from these studies should be available and adaptable at a lesser cost than that of the proposed project. Senator Briles noted that the Council had approved Representative Dunton's request to authorize expenses for Mr. John Svahn to come to Iowa to meet with the Appropriations Human Resources Subcommittee, and that after these meetings have been completed it may not be necessary to undertake the proposed project.

Senator DeKoster stated that the views just expressed reflect misconceptions. He asserted that figures which can be applied in Iowa to develop a variable standard of need for ADC recipients are not available from prior studies, and that the matters which Representative Dunton proposes that Mr. Svahn discuss with the Appropriations Human Resources Subcommittee are related to the application of eligibility standards, not need standards.

In reply, Representative Varley and Senator Lamborn asserted that the proposed study seems to be aimed more at desires rather than needs, and questioned whether it will result in any really new information being acquired. After further discussion, Representative Varley offered to support the reconsideration motion if the Council would then defer the matter in order to review the project proposal and clarify its objectives.

Senator Doderer's motion to reconsider was then approved by a voice vote.

Senator Doderer then moved to defer the matter and to ask the Legislative Fiscal Committee to further review the project proposal, in conjunction with the Social Services and Mental Health Study Committee if appropriate. The motion was seconded by Representative Varley.

Senator DeKoster noted that since the Legislative Fiscal Committee had already reviewed the project proposal at some length, and unanimously supports it, the Legislative Council is the appropriate forum in which any further consideration should occur. He therefore moved to amend Senator Doderer's motion so as to defer the matter until the next meeting of the Legislative Council and to ask Dr. Ruth Deacon, Dean of the College of Home Economics, to meet with the Council at that time for discussion of the matter. Representative Varley suggested that Senator DeKoster also include in his amendment a request that Dr. Deacon outline alternatives to the project proposal recommended by the Legislative Fiscal Committee. Senator DeKoster agreed and his motion to amend was seconded by Representative Dunton.

After further discussion Senator DeKoster's motion to amend, and then Senator Doderer's motion as so amended, were adopted by successive voice votes.

Senator Hansen noted that reports in the news media indicate that the Department of Transportation proposes to open a Washington, D.C. office at a cost of \$22,000. He asserted that this amount is inadequate to pay the cost involved, but that in any case he does not recall this proposal ever being presented to the Appropriations Subcommittee involved, and that the General Assembly had clearly indicated that it is not in favor of the concept of the State of Iowa maintaining an office in Washington, D.C. He added that the establishment of such an office by the Department of Transportation would be a bad precedent to set for other departments of Iowa state government.

Senator Hansen therefore moved that the Legislative Council go on record as strongly opposed to the proposal by the Iowa Department of Transportation to establish a Washington, D.C. office. The motion was seconded by Senator Hill and, after a brief discussion in which several other Council members criticized the Department of Transportation's proposal, adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Representative Stromer again expressed concern about the effect recent revaluations of property throughout the state for tax purposes is likely to have on the total amount of property tax levied in Iowa next year, and renewed the suggestion he had made at the previous Council meeting that this matter might best be dealt with by a short special session of the General Assembly. Chairperson Cochran replied that the matter is under consideration by the Property Tax Study Committee, to which it had been referred by the Council.

Senator Doderer noted that the restoration and conversion of the Terrace Hill mansion for use as the official residence of Iowa's Governor, and for other general public purposes, apparently has been halted for lack of funds. She moved that the Council request that the Terrace Hill Planning Commission submit a report on the financial status of this project and the prospects for its completion. The motion was seconded by Senator Sovern and adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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