

M I N U T E S
STUDIES COMMITTEE

May 29, 1986

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairperson Speaker Donald D. Avenson called the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council to order at 11:40 a.m. May 29, 1986, in Senate Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present in addition to Chairperson Avenson were:

Senator Bill Hutchins, Co-chairperson
Senator Joseph Coleman
Senator Lee Holt
Senator Calvin Hultman
Senator James Wells
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Dorothy Carpenter

Chairperson Avenson stated that a set of materials had been distributed, including an agenda for the meeting; a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting; a list of studies continuing, mandated, or requested for the upcoming interim; and a general classification of the subject matter areas of the requested studies.

Chairperson Avenson entertained motions regarding the minutes of the previous meeting. Senator Coleman moved, and the motion carried, that the minutes be adopted as distributed.

REVIEW OF STUDIES - MANDATED

Chairperson Avenson proceeded to briefly review the continuing, mandated, and requested studies list, and outlined the mandated studies relating to the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System, the Liability and Liability Insurance Commission, the Public Health Rules Study, the Public Policy Research Foundation, and the Legislative Oversight of Governmental Reorganization Committee.

REORGANIZATION OVERSIGHT STUDY

Chairperson Avenson remarked that the Governmental Reorganization Committee would be of prime importance and that this Committee should begin its work immediately. Toward that purpose, Chairperson Avenson stated that he had conferred with the other legislative leaders and recommends the following appointments to the membership of that Committee.

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE:

Senator Charles Bruner
Senator Bob Carr
Senator Richard Drake
Senator Calvin Hultman
Senator Bill Hutchins
Senator John Nystrom

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE:

Speaker Don Avenson
Representative Rod Halvorson
Representative Darrell Hanson
Representative Jean Lloyd-Jones
Representative Del Stromer
Representative George Swearingen

CONTINUING STUDIES

Chairperson Avenson next reviewed the continuing or "hold-over" committees, including those relating to Recreation and Tourism, Alternative Crops and Livestock, Boundary Commission, World Trade Advisory Committee, Communications Review, and Mental Health Bill of Rights. He added that it was his recommendation that an additional 1985 interim committee be given continuing authorization. His recommendation was for the continuation of the Water Quality Study Committee, at least for purposes of reviewing the required report of the Department of Water, Air and Waste Management.

Chairperson Avenson also stated that it would be his recommendation that the subject matter of House Concurrent Resolution 114 (health care for indigent Iowans study) be treated as a mandated study, in that the resolution had been approved by both houses of the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairperson Avenson finished his remarks by stating that it would be his recommendation to the Studies Committee that authorization be sought from the full Legislative Council for the respective floor leaders to appoint the members of the studies previously discussed.

Representative Carpenter inquired whether a policy, as previously discussed by the Studies Committee, could be implemented whereby study committees could be given more specific and mandatory charges and instructions. Chairperson Avenson replied that the adoption of such a policy was also his intent regarding the upcoming interim studies.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairperson Avenson entertained motions from the Committee. Senator Hultman moved, and the motion carried, that the previous recommendations made by the Chairperson be adopted as formal recommendations of the Studies Committee to the full Legislative Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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