

M I N U T E S
STUDIES COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
October 16, 1985

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The fifth meeting of the Studies Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Speaker Donald D. Avenson, at 1:30 p.m., October 16, 1985 in Senate Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairman Avenson were:

Senator Lowell L. Junkins, Vice-Chairman
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins
Senator Lee Holt
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Dorothy Carpenter
Representative Richard W. Welden

Also present were Mr. Donovan Peeters, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, Ms. Diane Bolender, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau, Mr. Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau, representatives of the news media, legislative staff, and other interested persons.

ELDERLY SERVICE COORDINATION STUDY COMMITTEE - ONE MEETING DAY

The first agenda item was the deferred request for a meeting by the Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Ranking Members of the Senate and House Human Resources Standing Committees to review and discuss the results of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's inventory of coordination/delivery of community-based services to all elderly. Representative Carpenter commented that being the Legislative Fiscal Bureau was directed to conduct this inventory by the Legislative Council, it is appropriate that a legislative committee be authorized to review and discuss the inventory results. After further discussion Senator Junkins moved that an Elderly Service Coordination Study Committee consisting of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Ranking Members of the Senate and House Human Resources Standing Committees be authorized one meeting day to review and discuss the results of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's inventory of coordination/delivery of community-based service to all elderly. The motion was adopted.

HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS VISITATION REQUESTS DEFERRED

Concerning the deferred request for two visitations by the Health and Human Rights Appropriations Subcommittee, Chairman Avenson suggested that the request be deferred until all visitation requests can be considered together. Senator Junkins moved that the visitation request again be deferred. The motion was adopted.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MEETING REQUEST DEFERRED

Concerning the Transportation Funding Study Committee's request for two additional meeting days, Senator Junkins moved that the request be deferred until after the completion of its second authorized meeting. The motion was adopted.

PHASE-IN OF INTEREST RATES - ONE MEETING AUTHORIZED

The next request was for two meeting days by the Phase-In of Interest Rates Study Committee which is a mandated study without previously authorized meeting days. After discussion, Senator Junkins moved that the Phase-In of Interest Rates Study Committee be authorized one meeting day. The Committee may request additional meeting days if needed. The motion was adopted.

STATE TAXATION - CREATION DEFERRED

Chairman Avenson next suggested that the creation of a State Taxation Study Committee be deferred. There being no objections, Senator Junkins moved that the creation of a State Taxation Study Committee be deferred. The motion was adopted.

FEMALE-DOMINATED JOBS - EXPENSES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPARABLE WORTH SPECIALIST DEFERRED

Concerning the request of the Female-Dominated Jobs Study Committee for authorization to bring a comparable worth specialist from Minnesota to testify before the Committee, Senator Junkins moved that the request be deferred pending determination of a directive to include local government in the study assignment of the Female-Dominated Jobs Study Committee. Chairman Avenson stated that he does not believe the Legislative Council intended that the Study Committee include the study of comparable worth within local governments in its study assignment. After further discussion, Senator Junkins moved that the request be deferred. The motion was adopted.

DISCUSSION OF WATER QUALITY/HAZARDOUS WASTE PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZATION

Representative Welden commented that based on the Minutes of the Legislative Council and the Report of the Studies Committee for the September 19th meeting, the Hazardous Waste Study Committee and the Water Quality Study Committee were authorized

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one joint public hearing rather than the five or six hearings being held by the joint committees. Chairman Avenson stated that he misinterpreted the action of the Studies Committee and the Legislative Council and authorized more than one public hearing. He added that the members of the two Study Committees were authorized per diem and expenses to attend only one of the public hearings to meet the budgetary concerns of the Legislative Council. Representative Welden commented that he understands that each member of the Study Committees is authorized only one per diem for the public hearings, but this restriction does not take into account the extra costs and time involved with staff attending each of the public hearings. Chairman Avenson commented that he believes there is some advantage to having public hearings in other parts of the state so that constituents do not have to travel to Des Moines to attend public hearings. He added that if it isn't too late, he will order the Study Committees to change their schedule if that is the wish of the Studies Committee. Representative Carpenter commented that she also is concerned about the impact on legislative staff time and expenses required to attend several public hearings.

In response to a question by Chairman Avenson, Representative Welden suggested that one solution to the problem may be to amend the minutes from the September 19th meeting to reflect the current action taken by the two Study Committees.

MOTION CONCERNING WATER QUALITY/HAZARDOUS WASTE PUBLIC HEARING
FAILED

After further discussion, Senator Hutchins moved that the minutes of the September 19th meeting of the Studies Committee be amended to authorize not more than one meeting day for public hearings by the two Study Committees. The motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Studies Committee, Chairman Avenson adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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