

M I N U T E S
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

April 6, 1983

The third meeting of the 1983-1984 Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Speaker Donald Avenson, at 12:10 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 1983 in Senate Committee Room 22 of the State House in Des Moines. Council members present were:

Speaker Donald Avenson, Chairperson
Senator Lowell L. Junkins, Vice Chairperson
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Merlin D. Hulse
Senator C. W. Hutchins
Senator Charles P. Miller
Senator Arthur A. Small, Jr.
Senator Dale Tieden
Representative Dale M. Cochran
Representative John H. Connors
Representative Betty Hoffman-Bright
Representative Jean Lloyd-Jones
Representative Lester D. Menke
Representative Richard W. Welden

Other persons present for the meeting were:

Mr. Serge Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Dennis C. Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Mr. William Angrick, Citizens' Aide
Mr. Jack Walters, Director of General Services
Mr. Burnette Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau
Ms. Diane Bolender, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were a number of other Iowa legislative staff persons, news media representatives, and other interested individuals.

Senator Coleman moved that the minutes of the February 24 meeting be approved as distributed to Council members, and the motion was adopted.

Senator Coleman moved that the Legislative Council accept the Educational Leave Report, and the motion was adopted. Chairperson Avenson called for a report from the Subcommittee on Educational Leave. Representative Lloyd-Jones commented that a bill was drafted and introduced in both the House and Senate, but in neither house were the bills reported out by the committee to which they were referred.

Chairperson Avenson called for the report of the Administration Committee. A copy of the Administration Committee Report is attached to the minutes and by this reference made a part thereof. Representative Connors commented that the original estimates for

the cost of installation of a fire detection and alarm system for the State House were about \$250,000, and the low bid was \$136,950.

Representative Connors asked for direction concerning the acquisition of funds to install the fire detection and alarm system. Mr. Walters, Director of General Services, commented that he does not possess the money to install such a system. Chairperson Avenson noted that the adoption of the Report of the Administration Committee does not mandate the expenditure of funds for installation. Representative Connors moved that the Administration Committee Report be adopted and that the Legislative Council ask the Chairpersons of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to include in an appropriation bill the money for installation of the fire detection and alarm in the State House. The motion carried.

Chairperson Avenson called for a report of the Data Processing Subcommittee. Senator Hutchins noted that a subcommittee composed of himself as chairperson, and Senator Hultman and Representatives Stromer and Connors was appointed by Chairperson Avenson to submit recommendations to the Legislative Council concerning the future of data processing in the legislative branch. Copies of a proposed request for proposals were distributed to Council members. He indicated that the Subcommittee is asking the Legislative Council to submit a request for proposal to vendors that provide details instructions for the development of proposals to supply data processing and text processing for use by the legislative branch. A copy of the proposal can be obtained from the Legislative Service Bureau upon request. Mr. Prouty commented that it is anticipated that the request for proposal will be sent to about 28 vendors for their ideas and for costs and specifications information.

Representative Welden asked about the cost of implementing a data processing system for legislative use. Senator Hutchins stated that the cost is unknown and it is important to survey the vendors to determine the equipment that is available and the kinds of costs that can be anticipated. He suggested that after bids are received, the Legislative Council can then proceed. Senator Junkins interjected that the General Assembly is not bound by any action of the Legislative Council in soliciting requests for proposals. Senator Hutchins moved that the Legislative Council send the request for proposal to the vendors and receive sealed proposals back until 1:00 p.m., April 27, 1983 and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Garrison asked for approval to employ Mr. David Lyons for the duration of the legislative session. Mr. Garrison commented that Mr. Lyons has been working for the Legislative Service Bureau during the session as an intern from the University of Iowa Law School and has been a valuable member of the staff. His internship has now expired. He asked for approval to pay Mr. Lyons at the beginning salary of a Research Analyst on the pay schedule used by the House of Representatives and Senate. Senator Hutchins moved

that approval be granted for the employment for the duration of the session. The motion carried.

The Legislative Council adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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