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June 20, 2001

First Meeting of the 2001-2002 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Chairperson

Speaker Brent Siegrist, Vice Chairperson

Senator Nancy Boettger

Senator Joe Bolkcom

Senator Mike Connolly

Senator Michael Gronstal

Senator Johnnie Hammond

Senator John Jensen

Senator Mary Kramer

Senator Jeff Lamberti

Senator Andy McKean

Senator Neal Schuerer

Representative John Connors

Representative Chuck Gipp

Representative Betty Grundberg

Representative Libby Jacobs

Representative Pam Jochum

Representative Dolores Mertz

Representative David Millage

Representative Pat Murphy

Representative Richard Myers

Representative Christopher Rants

Representative Steven Sukup

MEETING IN BRIEF

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I. Procedural Business.

Call to Order. The first meeting of the 2001-2002 Legislative Council was called to order by Acting Chairperson Brent Siegrist at 11:08 a.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2001, in Room 116, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa.

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Senator John Jensen moved that Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., and Speaker Siegrist be elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council, respectively, for the 2001-2002 biennium. The motion was seconded by Representative Dolores Mertz and adopted by voice vote.

Presentation of Plaque. Upon assuming the chair, Chairperson Iverson presented Speaker Siegrist with a plaque recognizing the Speaker's leadership and service as Chairperson of the Legislative Council for the 1999-2000 biennium.

Welcome of New Members. Chairperson Iverson welcomed Senator Joe Bolcom, Senator Mike Connolly, Senator Jeff Lamberti, Senator Andy McKean, Senator Neal Schuerer, and Representative Dick Myers as new members of the Legislative Council.

Membership of Legislative Council Committees. Chairperson Iverson noted that a copy of the membership of the Legislative Council committees has been distributed. There being no questions or comments, Representative John Connors moved that the membership of the Legislative Council Committees be received. The motion was adopted. A copy of Legislative Council Committee membership is attached to these minutes.

Rules of the Legislative Council. After review of the proposed Rules of the Legislative Council, Senator Michael Gronstal moved that the proposed Rules be adopted as Rules of the Legislative Council for the 2001-2002 biennium. The motion was seconded by Representative Mertz and adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Rules of the Legislative Council is attached to these minutes.

Minutes of December 12, 2000. Senator Mary Kramer moved that the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2000, be approved. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was seconded by Senator Johnie Hammond and adopted by voice vote.

Adjournment. Representative Connors moved that the Legislative Council meeting adjourn at 11:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by Representative Pat Murphy and adopted by voice vote.

II. Pricing for Legal Publications.

Chairperson Iverson recognized Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, to review the memorandum relating to price recommendations for legal publications. Ms. Bolender stated that Mr. Scott Burtness, Administrator, Printing and Imaging, Department of General Services, recommends a 3.5 percent increase for the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, Iowa Administrative Code Supplement, the Iowa Administrative Code, the Iowa Court Rules and the Iowa Court Rules Supplement. She added that the Legislative Service Bureau anticipates that the Iowa Supreme Court will approve the publication of a new 4th Edition of the Iowa Court Rules soon and, therefore, requests that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council be authorized to approve the prices for the 4th Edition of the Iowa Court

Rules and Court Rules Supplement. In addition, she requested that the \$50,000 included in the 2000-2001 budget of the Legislative Service Bureau be carried over to the 2001-2002 fiscal year to provide funding for publishing and distributing copies of the 4th Edition of the Iowa Court Rules and Court Rules Supplement. Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of the Department of General Service's pricing recommendations and recommendation for publication, pricing, and distribution of the proposed 4th Edition as requested by Ms. Bolender. The motion was seconded by Representative Betty Grundberg and adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Pricing Recommendations of the Printing and Imaging Division of the Department General Services is attached to these minutes.

III. Rules for Prefiling Bills – 2002 Session.

Chairperson Iverson again recognized Ms. Bolender, regarding the Rules for Prefiling Legislative Bills for the 2002 Session. Ms. Bolender stated that the rules are the same as previous prefiling rules except for date changes and striking references to members-elect. Representative Myers moved the adoption of the Prefiling Rules. The motion was seconded by Senator Schuerer and adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Rules for Prefiling Legislative Bills for the 2002 Session is attached to these minutes.

IV. Report of the Fiscal Committee.

Chairperson Iverson recognized Representative David Millage for the Report of the Fiscal Committee. Representative Millage briefly reviewed the discussion and information received by the Committee at its June 11 meeting, and noted the tentative meeting dates and topics planned for the interim. Representative Millage moved that the Report of the Fiscal Committee be received. The motion was seconded by Senator Lamberti and adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Fiscal Committee is attached to these minutes.

V. Report of the Oversight Committee.

Chairperson Iverson recognized Mr. Douglas Wulf, Division Administrator, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, for the Report of the Oversight Committee. Mr. Wulf stated that the Committee met on May 16 for its organizational meeting and established the tentative meeting dates and topics for the interim. He added that the Oversight Committee plans a joint meeting with the Fiscal Committee on June 25 to review state budgeting practices and discuss a National Conference on State Legislatures' proposal to study the Iowa legislative staff offices and legislative procedures. Senator Hammond moved that the Report of the Oversight Committee be received. The motion was seconded by Representative Pam Jochum and adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Oversight Committee is attached to these minutes.

VI. Security Issues.

Chairperson Iverson recognized Mr. Mark Willemssen, Legislative Facilities Manager, who reported on thefts and attempted break-ins which have occurred recently within the State Capitol. He noted that these incidents have occurred both before and after normal working hours and are a concern to employees working within the State Capitol. Vice Chairperson Siegrist stated that he recommends that a committee of Council members and legislative staff be appointed to review the various options and costs and make a recommendation to the

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Legislative Council or to the four legislative leaders to improve security in the State Capitol. In response to a question by Senator Schuerer, Mr. Willemssen replied that two Iowa State Patrol officers are assigned to the Capitol Complex, but when an emergency occurs elsewhere, one officer may be called away. After discussion, Vice Chairperson Siegrist moved that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council, in consultation with the other legislative leaders, appoint a committee consisting of legislators, caucus staff, and central legislative staff to consider security options for the State Capitol and to make recommendations to the legislative leaders. The Council members will be consulted as to the final recommendations and costs of implementation. Senator Hammond suggested that the committee consider the problems of property security, specifically the purses and hand bags of members and staff. The motion was seconded by Representative Steven Sukup and adopted by voice vote.

VII. Report of the Capital Projects Committee.

Chairperson Iverson recognized Senator Jensen for the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. Senator Jensen stated that the Committee received presentations on air quality issues within the State Capitol, the relocation of the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, a progress report on the planning and design of the state laboratory facility, and a progress report on the renovation of the Senate and House of Representative chambers. In conclusion, Senator Jensen stated that the Committee recommends that \$114,000 of the moneys appropriated to the Legislative Council for legislative support space be obligated for new cube dividers and accessories for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. Senator Jensen moved that the Report of the Capital Projects Committee be adopted. The motion was seconded by Senator Lamberti and adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee is attached to these minutes.

VIII. Report of the Studies Committee.

Representative Chuck Gipp was recognized to present the Report of the Studies Committee. After a brief review of the study recommendations, Representative Christopher Rants moved that the membership of the Education Accountability and Oversight Study Committee be reduced from five legislative members of the Senate and House to three legislative members of each chamber. The motion was seconded by Senator Nancy Boettger. Representative Rants stated that the legislation requesting the study specified three legislative members of each chamber. Representative Gipp stated that the Committee generally recommends five members from each chamber to provide more representation for significant studies. Senator Gronstal expressed support for the five members from each chamber to ensure broader representation. Representative Myers and Senator Kramer also expressed support for the five legislative members from each chamber. After further discussion, the motion was defeated.

Representative Grundberg moved that the charges of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Services Task Force and the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Services Study Committee be amended to add "consideration of issues relating to involuntary hospitalization including, but not limited to, both inpatient and outpatient commitment proceedings and advanced directives." The motion was seconded by Representative Gipp and adopted by voice vote.

In reply to a question by Representative Connors, Representative Gipp replied that the charge of the Lobbyist Regulation Study Committee is to review the reporting requirements and the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 68B. In response to a comment by Senator McKean, Representative Gipp stated that he believes that the Study Committee will need four meeting days to complete a thorough review of the lobbyist regulations.

Representative Gipp moved the adoption of the Report of the Studies Committee as amended. The motion was seconded by Senator Boettger and adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Studies Committee is attached to these minutes.

IX. Report of the Service Committee.

Chairperson Iverson recognized Representative Rants for the Report of the Service Committee. Representative Rants stated that the Committee received the annual and June personnel reports from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the Legislative Service Bureau, the Legislative Computer Support Bureau, and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman and recommends three lists of promotions. He added that the Committee recommends the adoption of a pay resolution, a 3 percent increase to the legislative pay matrix, and the implementation of a flexible pay plan for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. The Committee also requests the authority from the Legislative Council to approve, disapprove, or modify a proposal to grant 40 additional hours of compensatory time to eligible employees who have accumulated over 300 hours of overtime during a legislative session. In conclusion, Representative Rants stated that the Committee recommends that the authorized amount to pay the annual dues for membership on the Commission on Uniform State Laws be increased to a total of \$28,600.

Representative Rants moved that the Report of the Service Committee be adopted. The motion was seconded by Senator Kramer and adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Report of the Service Committee is attached to these minutes.

X. Miscellaneous Business.

Representative Millage moved that the Fiscal Committee be reauthorized to employ outside consultants to provide critiques of various operations of state government under the same guidelines approved by the Legislative Council at its meeting on June 27, 2000. He stated that the cost of each project would be approved by at least three Committee members of the majority party and two Committee members of the minority party. Representative Myers commented that he views the recommendations of outside consultants with suspicion and believes that it is the job of legislators to review and critique the operations of state agencies. Representative Murphy expressed support for the proposal and noted that the National Conference of State Legislatures will present a proposal to study Iowa legislative staff offices and procedures at the next joint meeting of the Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Committee. After further discussion, Senator Kramer seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by voice vote.

XI. Attachments.

A. Legislative Council Committee Membership.

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- C.** Legal Publication Prices – Department of General Services.
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