

M I N U T E S
IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 15, 1989

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The eighth meeting of the 1989-90 Legislative Council was called to order by Senator Bill Hutchins, Chairperson, at 1:08 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, 1989, in Senate Room 22, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Hutchins were:

Speaker Donald Avenson, Vice-chairperson
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Emil J. Husak
Senator John Nystrom
Senator Dale Tieden
Senator Joe J. Welsh
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Florence Buhr
Representative Kay Chapman
Representative John Connors
Representative Roger Halvorson
Representative Bill Harbor
Representative Tom Jochum
Representative Mary Lundby
Representative Harold Van Maanen

Also present were: Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman; Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau; Mr. Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Richard Johnson, Legal Division Chief, Legislative Service Bureau; other legislative staff members; representatives of the news media; and other interested persons.

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Chairperson Hutchins recognized Representative Arnould who moved to dispense with the roll call and approve the minutes of October 18, 1989, as distributed. The motion was adopted.

MEDIA ORIENTATION DATE

Chairperson Hutchins recognized Ms. Bolender for a brief explanation of the plans for the Media Orientation Program. Ms. Bolender stated that the date selected for the media orientation is December 19, 1989. She added that the orientation program will be similar to the program presented in 1988.

SALE OF 1989 CODE SUPPLEMENT PAGES

Chairperson Hutchins next recognized Ms. Bolender for a brief explanation of the memorandum dated November 15, 1989, relating to the sale of the 1989 Code Supplement to West Publishing Company. She stated that for the last several years West Publishing Company has purchased copies of the Code and the Code Supplement for approximately \$500 per year. She added that this is a paper copy and not a sale of computer tapes. She added that without objection the Legislative Service Bureau will also sell the 1989 Code Supplement to West Publishing Company for \$500, and the receipts will be deposited in the state general fund. There being no objection, Chairperson Hutchins stated that the Legislative Council approves the sale of the 1989 Code Supplement to West Publishing Company for the price of \$500. A copy of the memorandum is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins recognized Representative Arnould for the Report of the Administration Committee. Representative Arnould stated that the Administration Committee met on October 18, 1989, to consider recommendations for adoption by the Legislative Council relating to procedures for the hiring of consultants by interim study committees. He added that, in the absence of a quorum, the members present recommend to the Legislative Council that the procedures previously used by the Legislative Council for the hiring of consultants by interim study committees be continued. He added that the procedures are outlined in the Report of the Administration Committee. There being no comments from the Council, Representative Arnould moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Administration Committee is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE REDISTRICTING TECHNOLOGY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins reviewed the Report of the Redistricting Technology Selection Committee which met on November 14, 1989. He

stated that the Committee recommends that a letter be sent to the United States Bureau of Census confirming that the Phase 2 census block maps will be developed in a nonpartisan manner as required by federal law. The Committee also recommends approval of the establishment of seven computer work stations for redistricting work, approval of computer hardware and software capability for supporting up to 50 Senate and 100 House districts, approval of the use of precincts as basic building blocks for redistricting, and the employment of an additional temporary full-time research analyst for redistricting purposes. Chairperson Hutchins stated that a subcommittee of the Committee was established to negotiate computer system costs, the membership of which includes Senator Hutchins, Senator Hultman, Representative Arnold, and Representative Van Maanen.

In reply to a question by Senator Husak, Chairperson Hutchins stated that the Committee did not discuss the number of districts which would be included in the reapportionment plan for the state. He added that the Iowa Constitution specifies a maximum number of 50 districts for the Senate and 100 districts for the House. In reply to a question by Representative Halvorson, Chairperson Hutchins stated that the Committee did not discuss any reduction in the number of districts for the House or the Senate.

There being no further comments, Representative Van Maanen moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was carried. A copy of the Report of the Redistricting Technology Selection Committee is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins recognized Representative Jochum for the Report of the Legislative Capital Projects Committee. Representative Jochum stated that Senator Welsh and Representative Wayne McKinney are the co-chairpersons of the Committee. He briefly reviewed the issues discussed by the Committee at its meeting on Monday, November 13, 1989. He added that the Committee requests two additional meeting days in December at which time the Committee can examine agency capital project requests and make appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly.

There being no comments, the Report of the Legislative Capital Projects Committee was adopted without objection. A copy of the Report is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins next recognized Speaker Avenson for the Report of the Studies Committee. Speaker Avenson briefly reviewed the seven recommendations of the Studies Committee.

Concerning item six relating to the proposal of the Department of Employment Services Study Committee that the Department conduct a survey of its employees, Representative Lundby stated that she questions whether federal money can be used to implement a study of its own department. Speaker Avenson responded that the Governor's Office and the Department have both stated that funds from the Department can be used for an internal study or survey. Representative Lundby responded that she believes the question should be more thoroughly researched before the funds are expended.

In response to a question by Representative Chapman relating to a report on literacy assessment from the Department of Education, Ms. Gail Sullivan from the Department of Education commented that a national adult literacy assessment survey is being conducted over a three-year period. Ms. Sullivan stated that the Department plans to request approval, as a part of the national survey, of an additional segment relating to adults in the 21-year-old to 25-year-old category as a special sample for the state of Iowa.

There being no further comments or questions, Representative Connors moved the adoption of the Report of the Studies Committee. The motion was carried. A copy of the Report of the Studies Committee is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins next recognized Representative Connors for the Report of the Service Committee. Representative Connors reviewed the 11 recommendations of the Service Committee.

In reply to a question by Senator Husak concerning the purchase of a tape duplicating machine for the duplication of tapes of national legislative meetings, Representative Connors stated that the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has tapes available for purchase by the various state legislators or agencies. He stated that the original tape would be purchased and additional copies of the tape can be made from the original for interested members of the General Assembly and legislative staff.

In reply to a question by Representative Lundby relating to the proposed budgets of the central legislative staff agencies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1990, Representative Connors recognized the directors of the three central agencies other than the Legislative Service Bureau, to explain why the travel request totals in their budgets are almost double the expenditures for the current fiscal year. Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director of the Computer Support Bureau, responded that the request for travel funds also includes funds related to education which may be required for new staff members if there is a turnover in staff. He stated that

during the current fiscal year educational expenses have not been necessary because no new staff have been employed and therefore the costs have been substantially below the requested amount. He stated that both education and travel are included in the same budget item.

Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, stated that the Fiscal Bureau travel budget is larger for the same reason as explained by Mr. Scharf. He commented that staff turnover will make a substantial difference in the amount of money needed for educational purposes and also, for the Fiscal Bureau, it is difficult to estimate the number of visitation days which will be authorized by the Legislative Council and sufficient funds must be allocated for Fiscal Bureau staff to attend the visitations.

Concerning the Office of Citizens' Aide, Mr. Bill Angrick stated that his expenditures for travel have been somewhat curtailed this year and the additional amount budgeted for next year is in anticipation of future travel needs.

Chairperson Hutchins commented to Senator Welsh that perhaps the appropriations subcommittees should review the travel budgets of the various state departments to determine what is included as travel within those budgets. He asked, for instance, whether public hearings held by the Department of Natural Resources were paid for from travel funds or from other sources.

Representative Lundby commented that the budgets for the central legislative agencies should be itemized so that the costs of education and training are separated from other travel expenses.

There being no further comments, Representative Connors moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was carried. A copy of the Report of the Service Committee is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

As required by law, copies of the budgets of the central legislative staff agencies will be sent to the Department of management to be included as a part of the Governor's budget.

VIPS ORIENTATION

Chairperson Hutchins urged the members of the Legislative Council to remain following the meeting for an orientation program relating to the VIPS Communication and Message System which is being used on a trial basis by the members and employees of the General Assembly.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Speaker Avenson stated that the Report of the Studies Committee should be amended, with regard to the child care service recommendation, so that the Department of Management is included with the Departments of General Services and Personnel in the development of the specific child care service proposal recommended under item seven of the Report. There being no further comment, Representative Connors moved that the amendment be adopted. The motion was adopted.

MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hutchins noted that the next regular meeting of the Legislative Council is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 1989.

There being no further business to come before the Legislative Council, Chairperson Hutchins adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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