

M I N U T E S

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 7, 1988

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairperson Bill Hutchins called the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council to order at 1:14 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 1988, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Hutchins were:

Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Speaker Donald D. Avenson
Representative Robert C. Arnould
Representative Dorothy F. Carpenter
Representative Harold Van Maanen

Also in attendance were legislative staff, members of the press, and other interested individuals.

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Senator Hultman moved to dispense with the roll call and reading of the minutes. Seeing no objection, Chairperson Hutchins so ordered.

EXPENSES OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Senator Hultman moved that all newly elected members of the General Assembly who attend standing committee meetings prior to the beginning of the Session, be entitled to reimbursement of actual expenses incurred. There being no objection, the motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

CODE PUBLICATION REVIEW STUDY COMMITTEE

Senator Hultman moved that the Code Publication Study Committee be formally established consisting of the Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons, and Ranking Members of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees and authorized one meeting day. There being no objection, Chairperson Hutchins so ordered.

PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF PRIVACY STUDY COMMITTEE

In regards to the request for allowing an additional meeting day for the Individual Rights of Privacy Study Committee during the Legislative Session, Chairperson Hutchins noted that he could see no problem with that, but recommended they meet on Friday when the Legislature is normally not in Session. Representative Carpenter moved that the Individual Rights of Privacy Study Committee be authorized a meeting during the Legislative Session to be held preferably on a Friday. There being no objection, Chairperson Hutchins so ordered.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins commented on the request for an additional meeting day by the Health Care Services Study Committee by noting that it would be permissible for them to have an additional meeting day but they should meet not later than December 20, 1988. Senator Coleman moved that the Committee approve the additional meeting day and the motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

WELFARE REFORM STUDY COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins commented that if the Welfare Reform Study Committee would be granted an additional day to meet during the Session, they should do so on a Friday. Representative Arnould moved that the Welfare Reform Study Committee be granted an additional meeting day during the Legislative Session, preferably on a Friday. There being no objection, Chairperson Hutchins so ordered.

CORRECTIONS SYSTEM REVIEW TASK FORCE

The Corrections System Review Task Force submitted two requests. One was for per diem and expense reimbursement relating to the contract for the study. Representative Arnould moved that per diem and expense reimbursement for the Co-chairpersons of the Corrections System Review Task Force be authorized. There being no objection, Chairperson Hutchins so ordered. In regards to the second request for authorization of meetings during the 1989 Legislative Session, Senator Hultman pointed out that the members of the Task Force could meet any time they wish and do not need permission from the Studies Committee. It was decided that the request would not be considered by the Committee since it was not needed.

WASTE VOLUME REDUCTION AND RECYCLING STUDY COMMITTEE

Travel reimbursement expenses for Mr. John Reindl and Mr. Jeffrey Tryens, witnesses before the Waste Volume Reduction and Recycling Study Committee, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

DISCRIMINATORY INSURANCE PRACTICES STUDY COMMITTEE

Representative Arnould moved that respective travel reimbursement expenses for Ms. Nadly Norris, possible witness, and Ms. Marcia Youngman, actual witness, before the Discriminatory Insurance Practices Study Committee, be approved. Seeing no objection, Chairperson Hutchins so ordered.

HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE

Senator Hutchins noted that each of the members have received an organizational plan that was put together by the Higher Education Task Force and that the Task Force is seeking the Council's approval of this proposed budget and plan. Senator Hultman pointed out that this is a two-year study and they are at liberty to meet whenever they wish. Representative Carpenter also pointed out that all of the expenses of the plan are within the budget that was provided to the Task Force. She did ask whether or not court reporters were taking minutes of all the meetings. She was informed by staff that they did that only for the public hearings. Senator Hultman noted that since the Task Force plan and budget were within the guidelines of the Council, they do not need to approve anything. He therefore moved the report be accepted. There being no objection, Chairperson Hutchins so ordered.

WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE STUDY COMMITTEE

The Committee accepted the progress report of the World Trade Institute Study Committee. The Study Committee was also requesting \$10,000 which is the amount of remaining funds that were originally appropriated to the Committee for projects relating to the establishment of a World Trade Institute. They want this money for the purpose of making a survey determining of Phase I of the proposal by the International Trade Centers of Iowa is feasible. Chief Clerk of the House Joe O'Hern was asked to provide further information. Mr. O'Hern stated that the original contract of \$100,000 for the study had set aside \$10,000 as a miscellaneous fund to be used only upon approval of the Council. The other moneys have now all been spent and they need to tap into the \$10,000 in order to complete the survey. Senator Coleman moved that the World Trade Institute Study Committee be allowed to use the additional \$10,000 to complete the study. Representative Carpenter commented that some members have felt that because the

timeframe is so close to the appropriations process, we should just wait and allow for another appropriations bill to be passed that would authorize the amount, rather than do it through the Council. Senator Hultman pointed out that in order to continue the study without interruption. The request needs to be approved. Senator Hultman moved approval of the request. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION RELATED STUDIES

The Studies Committee received the progress reports of the three independent transportation related studies: Road Use Tax Fund Distribution Study, Public Transit Funds Distribution Formula Study, and Alternative Roadside Vegetation Study. Senator Hultman asked whether or not the Road Use Tax Fund Distribution Study was going to be on schedule. Mr. Mike Goedert, Legislative Service Bureau, pointed out that as of the last meeting between the Road Use Tax Fund Distribution Steering Committee and the consultant, the consultant indicated he was right on target to finish by January 13, 1989. Mr. Goedert also pointed out that the Legislative Council had approved the extension of the Road Use Tax Fund Distribution Study for two weeks if need be. Senator Hultman pointed out that it was a statutory deadline so a progress report would have to be filed by the end of January 1989. This was acknowledged by Mr. Goedert as being correct.

REPORT ON STATUS OF INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEES

A report on the status of interim study committees indicating the number of meetings authorized, and the number of meetings held, and the date of the latest meeting of each study committee, was distributed to the members of the Committee. Senator Hultman moved that the Legislative Service Bureau provide the final reports of these interim study committees to the General Assembly by January 15, 1989. If a final report has not been completed, a progress report should be submitted by that date. He indicated that the reason for this is that in the past, there have been times when final reports have been getting to the Legislature in February and March, which is too late for use by the Legislature. There being no objection, Chairperson Hutchins so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Hultman moved the Committee adjourn. There being no objection, the Committee adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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