

MINUTES

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

July 17, 1985

The third meeting of the Studies Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Speaker Donald D. Avenson, at 9:40 a.m., Wednesday, July 17, 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 Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Lee Holt
Representative Lowell E. Norland
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Richard W. Welden

Also present were representatives of the news media, legislative staff, and other interested persons.

Senator Junkins moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the presence of Committee members be noted by the secretary.

Chairman Avenson asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of June 18. There being no additions or corrections, Senator Holt moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was carried.

Chairman Avenson noted that the membership of the interim study committees is being finalized but that a number of public members are still to be contacted before the list is made public. He stated that the list should be completed before the Legislative Council meeting is adjourned.

Concerning additional interim studies, Chairman Avenson stated that he has two studies for consideration of the Committee. He stated that the first relates to local government structure including the evaluation of the Iowa Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations' Report on alternative forms of local

government. He added that the evaluation would include recommendations for legislation regarding authorization for local governments to change their governmental structure.

The second study, he added, relates to transportation funding. He stated that the study includes an evaluation of the capacity of road funds to accommodate the state economic development goals under the current distribution formula/classification. Representative Welden commented that the study should also include the funding of transfers of roads from one jurisdiction to another. He added that the functional classification system and the transfer of roads from one jurisdiction to another is ineffective unless funding is available to carry out the road transfers. Chairman Avenson commented that he has no objection to including the subject matter requested by Representative Welden. After further discussion, it was agreed that the transportation funding study should include reference to "including funding for the needs of those roads transferred between jurisdictions".

After further discussion, Vice Chairman Junkins moved that the Studies Committee recommend the establishment of the Local Government Structures Study Committee and the Transportation Funding Study Committee, including the subject matter as presented by Chairman Avenson and the amendment recommended by Representative Welden. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Avenson requested that the Studies Committee to approve the public and legislative members of the interim study committees even though the respective lists are not finalized. He noted that the leadership has agreed on the memberships so that there should be no controversy on the matter.

Vice Chairman Junkins moved that the Studies Committee recommends approval of the public and legislative members of the interim study committees as submitted by the legislative leadership appointed to make the membership selections. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Studies Committee, Senator Coleman moved that the Committee adjourn at 9:50 a.m. The motion was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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