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Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

June 30, 1999

Second Meeting of the 1999-2000 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Chairperson
Representative Chuck Gipp, Vice Chairperson

Senator Nancy Boettger
Senator Michael E. Gronstal
Senator Johnnie Hammond
Senator Mary Kramer

Representative Christopher Rants
Representative David Schrader
Representative Brent Siegrist

MEETING IN BRIEF

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1. **Procedural Business.**
 2. **Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies.**
 3. **Additional Business.**
 4. **Materials Received by the Committee.**
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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. **Procedural Business.**

The second meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council for 1999-2000 was called to order by Chairperson Iverson at 2:11 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 1999, in Room 118 of the State Capitol Building in Des Moines, Iowa.

The minutes of the June 2, 1999, meeting were approved as distributed.

Adjournment. The Committee was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.



2. Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies.

Listing of Proposed Interim Studies. Chairperson Iverson called the attention of the members to a document in the member packets entitled "Proposed 1999 Legislative Interim Studies Actions." The document included a listing of seven proposed studies, a note on appointment of public members to statutorily required Legislative Council appointments, and a listing of mandated and previously approved studies. Vice Chairperson Gipp asked for discussion. Chairperson Iverson moved adoption of the listing of proposed studies.

Amendment to Listing – Contracts for Agricultural Commodities. Representative Schrader proposed an amendment to the listing to add "a study of issues relating to practices involving contracts for the production and marketing of livestock and other agricultural commodities, including but not limited to contracts executed by packers and cooperative associations." The proposal included a request for three meeting days of a committee consisting of five members of the House and five members of the Senate. The motion was defeated with Chairperson Iverson and Senators Boettger and Kramer and Vice Chairperson Gipp, Representatives Rants and Siegrist voting no and Senators Gronstal and Hammond and Representative Schrader voting yes.

Adoption of Listing of Proposed Interim Studies. Vice Chairperson Gipp moved adoption of the proposed listing without amendment, and the listing was adopted on a voice vote.

Human Services Reimbursement Interim. Senator Gronstal proposed an additional legislative interim study which was requested in legislation: "Create a task force to review the methodologies and distribution mechanisms used to reimburse providers of medical assistance, state supplementary assistance, social services, and other services funded in the Department of Human Services' budget" (HF 760, sec. 42). Senator Hammond noted that the request in legislation suggests a link between this study and tobacco litigation and suggested that the link has caused confusion with this issue. Following further discussion in which it was proposed that a committee, possibly utilizing the services of a consultant or a member of academia, be established to study these issues, Senator Gronstal withdrew his motion.

Aviation Interim Study. Representative Schrader proposed an additional legislative interim study: "To review aviation transportation in Iowa" (Requested in HCR 16). As provided in HCR 16, the charge of such a committee would be to "review all issues concerning aviation transportation in Iowa." The study shall include proposals for establishing an Iowa office of aviation and a Governor's council for air service development to provide leadership concerning aviation service in this state. The proposal included three meeting days of a committee consisting of five members of the House and five members of the Senate. Representative Siegrist suggested that such a committee be approved, but with only two meeting days. Representative Schrader agreed to the amendment of the proposal. The proposal was adopted.

Interim Guidelines. Member packets included a draft set of guidelines for the 1999 and 2000 Interims. Chairperson Iverson proposed that the guidelines for the 1999 interim study committees include a directive that unless otherwise authorized, interim study



committees shall complete their deliberations no later than December 3, 1999. The proposal was adopted.

Chairperson Iverson proposed that the draft guidelines for 1999 and 2000 interim study committees regarding approval of public member nominees be amended to read:

"Public members of study committees may be nominated by designated organizations, subject to Legislative Council approval or subject to the approval of the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Council and in consultation with the minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives."

Senator Gronstal noted his opposition to the proposed amendment and asked that if the proposal were adopted that the "consultation" consist of "real" consultation. Representative Schrader agreed with Senator Gronstal's request for consultation rather than dissertation. Representative Schrader added that because the proposal was in regard to the approval of nominees who are public members, the minority should be represented and the membership should reflect the diversity of the population. The proposal was adopted on a voice vote with Senators Gronstal and Hammond and Representative Schrader dissenting.

3. Additional Business.

Senator Hammond asked that the Studies Committee review the options available for studying the issue of provider reimbursements funded through the Department of Human Service's budget prior to the next meeting of the Studies Committee.

Representative Siegrist noted that the next meeting of the Legislative Council would probably take place in September.

Senator Gronstal noted, with regard to the Campaign Finance Commission, a statutorily mandated body which is to be composed of public members appointed by the legislative leaders, that prior to any such appointments, the leaders of the majority and minority parties of each house meet to discuss these appointments. Chairperson Iverson agreed and noted that no names had been received for nomination, to date.

4. Materials Received by the Committee.

The following materials were received by the Committee and filed with the Legislative Service Bureau:

- Minutes of June 2, 1999, meeting of the Studies Committee.
- Studies Compilation of Required and Requested Studies, compiled by the Legislative Service Bureau.
- Proposed 1999 Legislative Interim Studies Actions, distributed by Chairperson Iverson and Vice Chairperson Gipp.
- Proposed Guidelines for Interim Study Committees, prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau.



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- Memorandum requesting establishment of an interim study committee regarding regulation of the Internet, submitted by Senator Gronstal.
- Description of proposed study regarding contracts for agricultural commodities, submitted by Representative Schrader.

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