

M I N U T E S  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

April 13, 1982

The thirteenth meeting of the 1981-1982 Legislative Council was called to order at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 1982 in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines. Council members present were:

Senator Calvin O. Hultman, Chairperson  
Speaker Delwyn Stromer, Vice Chairperson  
Senator Gary L. Baugher  
Senator C. Joseph Coleman  
Senator C. W. Hutchins  
Senator Lowell L. Junkins  
Senator John S. Murray  
Senator Richard R. Ramsey  
Senator Ray Taylor  
Representative Donald D. Avenson  
Representative John H. Clark  
Representative John H. Connors  
Representative Ingwer L. Hansen  
Representative Lester D. Menke  
Representative Richard W. Welden

Other persons present for the meeting were:

Mr. Gerry D. Rankin, Legislative Fiscal Director  
Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide  
Ms. Phyllis Barry, Deputy Code Editor  
Mr. Serge Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau  
Ms. Christine Gaare, Legislative Fiscal Bureau  
Mr. Burnette Koebernick, Legislative Service Bureau  
Ms. Diane Bolender, Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were a number of other Iowa legislative staff persons, news media representatives, and other interested individuals.

Mr. Garrison asked that the minutes of the February 23 meeting, page 2, paragraph 3, second to last line, be amended to read as follows: "with Mr. Faupel serving as Code Consultant and Ms. Barry serving as Deputy Code Editor and Supervisor of the Administrative Rules Publication." Senator Taylor moved that the recommended change be made to the minutes. The motion was adopted. Senator Taylor moved that the minutes be approved as corrected and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Garrison noted that the Report of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council for February 23, 1982, which is attached to the minutes of the Council meeting for that date, provides that the Session Laws be prepared by designating the first bill approved this session as Chapter 1001 and subsequent bills passed be designated by chapter number in numerical sequence except

that appropriation bills be grouped towards the end of the Session Laws. He commented that in order to expedite printing the Session Laws will be numbered in the order in which they are received for enrolling rather than the order in which they are passed. Mr. Garrison added that bills are not necessarily enrolled in the order in which they are passed since they are of various sizes and complexities.

Representative Connors moved that the Legislative Council receive the Educational Leave Report and the motion was adopted.

Chairperson Hultman commented that he had received a letter from Senator Bisenius requesting that he convene the Legislative Council to decide a policy definition of absenteeism for members of the General Assembly. Chairperson Hultman asked the Administration Committee to study the issue and the Legislative Service Bureau to conduct research on the question. He stated that he anticipates a report from the Administration Committee at the May meeting of the Legislative Council.

Representative Connors asked for further clarification about the issues involved. Chairperson Hultman suggested that there is no definite policy about absenteeism of members of the General Assembly and whether members of the General Assembly should and can receive compensation for days in which they are not present. Mr. Garrison added that the statute is not clear, but appears to state that members of the General Assembly must receive their annual compensation whether or not they are present during the legislative session. He added there are also Constitutional questions involved relating to the authority of the chambers to adopt rules about the conduct of their members.

Senator Junkins moved that proofreaders for the Session Laws and the 1983 Code be employed in such number as needed and for as long as necessary. He asked that Mr. Garrison report to the Service Committee concerning the number of proofreaders and their duration of employment. Mr. Garrison added that Ms. Barry will actually do the employing and supervising of the proofreaders. Senator Junkins motion was adopted.

Chairperson Hultman commented that section 601G.5 of the Code states that the Citizens' Aide will hold office for four years from the first day of July of the year of his approval and he noted that Mr. Angrick's term ends on July 1, 1982. He referred the matter to the Service Committee to recommend the procedure to be used for hiring a Citizen's Aide for the next term of office.

Chairperson Hultman called for a report of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. Mr. Rankin commented that Ms. Christine Gaare conducted a survey of all the cities in the state asking them how the cutbacks in federal funds will affect cities. He indicated that the report is completed and has been distributed to members of the General Assembly. He added that a companion report relating to the effects on counties of the cutbacks in federal funds will be

completed within the next three or four weeks. He called for a summary of conclusions by Ms. Gaare. Ms. Gaare briefly outlined the conclusions reached from a study of the answers to a questionnaire which was developed by the Fiscal Bureau staff in cooperation with the League of Iowa Municipalities. She commented that there are two types of federal funds involved, federal revenue sharing funds and federal moneys received through grant applications. She commented that the cuts in funds will reach approximately 30 percent from 1981 to 1982 and 39 percent from 1981 to 1983.

Ms. Gaare stated that cities are confused about how much grant moneys are available to them and what grants are available for application. She added that cities appear to have lowered their federal fund expectations, and the effects of federal funds cuts will result in probable increases in fees or decreases in city services for Iowa citizens, and may include an increase in property taxes.

Senator Murray stated that he has reviewed the report and believes it is excellent. He moved that the Legislative Council accept the report of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau and direct the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to send copies of the report to members of the United States Congress from Iowa; the General Accounting Office; the Office for Management and Budget; Mr. Rich Williamson, the liaison in the White House; the National Conference of State Legislatures; and the Governor's Office. Mr. Rankin commented that many of the persons mentioned by Senator Murray are already on the mailing list to receive a copy of the report, and those not on the mailing list will be added. Senator Murray's motion was adopted.

Speaker Stromer asked that the Legislative Council look into the feasibility of establishing a joint House-Senate public information office. Chairperson Hultman referred the matter to the Administration Committee for further study.

The Legislative Council adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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