

**MINUTES**  
**STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**May 19, 1992**

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Bill Hutchins, at 12:28 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 1992, in Senate Room 22 of the State Capitol Building in Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Hutchins were:

Speaker Bob Arnould, Vice Chairperson  
Senator Wally Horn  
Senator Emil Husak  
Senator Jim Lind  
Senator Jack Rife  
Representative Clifford Branstad  
Representative Mary Lundby  
Representative Wayne McKinney, Jr.

Also present were staff members of the Legislative Service Bureau, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and Caucuses, and other interested persons.

Senator Lind moved that the minutes of the December 19, 1991, meeting be approved as previously distributed to the members. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted without objection.

**AUTHORITY TO APPOINT MEMBERS**

Representative Lundby moved that the joint bipartisan leadership be authorized to appoint the members of the mandated interim studies that were contained in Acts of the 1992 Session which were signed by the Governor. In response to a query from Senator Lind, Senator Hutchins stated that this authority would apply to studies mandated in all Acts, not just appropriations Acts. Senator Husak stated that the studies to which this authority would apply are the Transportation Policy Review Committee established by SF 2345; the task force to develop a plan for restructuring the services delivery systems for persons with mental illness, mental retardation, and other developmental disabilities, and brain injury established by SF 2355; and the study relating to ethics for state public officials established by HF 2466. There being no further discussion, Representative Lundby's motion was adopted without objection.

**ADDITIONAL MEETING DAYS**

Senator Hutchins noted that there are two requests by existing interim study committees before the Committee seeking additional meeting days. The Committee adopted without

comment or objection the request by the K-12 Education Reform Study Committee for one meeting day for the full Committee and two days for each of the three Subcommittees. In regard to the request for three meeting days for the Tax Fairness and Equity Study Committee, Mr. Mike Goedert of the Legislative Service Bureau explained that the study committee has used the four meeting days previously authorized for the process of hiring a consultant and needs the additional days to review the progress of the consultant and to approve the multitax data processing and software and databases. In addition, he noted, meeting time would be needed if the Legislative Council provides funding for the consultant's tax study proposal. This request for the additional three meeting days was also adopted without objection.

### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Senator Hutchins stated that the Studies Committee does not need to do anything in regard to the study committee to review Iowa's handgun and offensive weapons law because the appointment of the full contingent of the membership is still in process.

Senator Husak asked if the practice last year of tentatively scheduling the meeting days of the Legislative Council and the Studies Committee for the whole interim would be continued. Speaker Arnould responded that it would, but as yet no schedule is available.

Mr. John Pollak of the Legislative Service Bureau explained to Representative Lundby that the proposed swine studies in SF 2244 and SR 105 are the same. Senator Hutchins assured Senator Lind that every effort would be made to ensure that the Committee members receive notice of potential studies prior to their consideration by the Committee. He added that Senator Lind has received in the packet distributed by the Legislative Service Bureau information on proposals for the 1992 interim legislative studies.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A copy of the Committee's recommendations are attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion of Senator Husak, the Committee adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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