

M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

April 12, 1988

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The eighth meeting of the 1987-1988 Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Donald D. Avenson at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 1988, in Senate Room 22 of the State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Avenson were:

Senator Donald V. Doyle
Senator Emil J. Husak
Senator Joe J. Welsh
Senator Lee W. Holt
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator David M. Readinger
Senator Dale Tieden
Representative Robert C. Arnould
Representative Florence D. Buhr
Representative Kay Chapman
Representative John Connors
Representative Dorothy Carpenter
Representative William H. Harbor
Representative Delwyn Stromer
Representative Harold Van Maanen

Also present were Senator Larry Murphy; Representative Arthur Ollie; Mr. Donovan Peeters, Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Ms. Diane Bolender, Research Division Chief, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Richard Johnson, Legal Division Chief, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Thane Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau; other legislative staff members; and other interested parties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Avenson moved to dispense with the roll call and to approve the minutes from the last meeting, as submitted. The motion was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

REVIEW OF RESEARCH AND CONSULTING PROPOSAL FOR SCHOOL FINANCE
STUDY COMMITTEE

Chairperson Avenson recognized Representative Arthur C. Ollie to present the School Finance Study Committee's proposal to implement Phase II of the study of school finance in Iowa. Representative Ollie made reference to the letter sent to the members of the Legislative Council proposing the implementation of Phase II. He commented that the Phase II proposed in the letter is different from the Phase II of the original proposal. He added that the interim committee has reviewed this proposal and has given its approval. He asked for questions on the matter. A copy of the letter is attached to, and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

Chairperson Avenson recognized Representative Stromer to question Representative Ollie. Representative Stromer inquired whether the money that Dr. Pogue and Dr. Chambers receive from the project is in addition to their regular salaries as professors at the University of Iowa. Ms. Diane Bolender responded that the amounts paid to them are in addition to their regular salaries, but she clarified that they would not personally receive all of the amounts listed. Part of the money will go to graduate assistants aiding the professors and some money will be spent for computer time and other expenses.

Chairperson Avenson next recognized Senator Husak. Senator Husak stated his concern for the contracting with individuals from out-of-state at a rate of \$300 per day plus expenses. Representative Ollie responded by stating that the individuals from out-of-state are experts in their respective fields. Also, he added, since they have no real vested interest in the results of the study, their input is valuable.

Senator Husak next questioned Chairperson Avenson on how the amount of \$300 a day was agreed upon. Chairperson Avenson responded that the amounts were agreed upon through negotiation with the Education Commission of the States (ECS) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

Senator Larry Murphy then rose to address to committee on clarifications as to financing and procedures of the study committee. He referred to the letter submitted to the committee in making his remarks. Representative Harbor asked Senator Murphy to clarify the function of the national panel in the project. Senator Murphy referred to the letter again to state that the national panel would serve an advisory function after the in-state consortium made their reports.

With no other questions, Chairperson Avenson moved that the Council approve the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Avenson next recognized Senator Welsh to present the report of the Service Committee concerning the appointment and reclassification of certain Legislative Service Bureau employees. Senator Welsh proposed an amendment to item 3 of the report. He commented that Ms. Miklus began her new duties in January, but the Council did not meet to approve the reclassification. As a result, he recommended that it should be retroactive.

Senator Welsh asked for unanimous consent to approve the amendment to item 3 of the report. Chairperson Avenson asked for any objections, hearing none, the amendment was adopted. Senator Welsh moved for the adoption of the report as amended. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Service Committee report is attached to, and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE CAPITOL SPACE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Avenson referred to the report of the Capitol Space Allocation Committee which met in January. Chairperson Avenson spoke of the remarks of Mr. Prouty of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau who stated concern to that committee on the number of moves that some of his staff have recently encountered. Chairperson Avenson moved that the Report of the Capital Space Allocation Committee be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, Senator Welsh moved that the Council adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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