

M I N U T E S
STUDIES COMMITTEE
OF THE
IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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The first meeting of the Studies Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by the Committee Chairman, Representative Andrew P. Varley, at 9:30 a.m., in the Speaker's Room, State House, Des Moines, Iowa, on July 26, 1971. Members present were:

Representative Andrew P. Varley, Chairman
Speaker William H. Harbor
Senator Lee H. Gaudineer, Jr.
Senator Vernon H. Kyhl
Senator Clifton C. Lamborn
Representative Dale M. Cochran

Also present were Serge Garrison and Diane Devin of the Legislative Service Bureau.

Chairman Varley stated that the purpose of the Committee meeting is to recommend to the Legislative Council the studies which should be authorized and the number of members of the Study Committees. Chairman Varley added that the Legislative Council has already authorized a subcommittee of the Joint Committees on Commerce to study the functions of the Iowa State Commerce Commission, and the Criminal Code Review Study Committee which was established in 1969 must report to the General Assembly in 1972.

Senator Gaudineer expressed the belief that subcommittees of standing committees should not be financed from section 2.12 of the Code, which is the unlimited General Assembly appropriation, but should be financed from moneys appropriated to the Legislative Service Bureau.

Chairman Varley commented that S.F. 565, the Department of Social Services appropriations bill, appropriated \$25,000 for a study of the mental health institutes and the existing institutions for juveniles under the Department of Social Services and membership for this study committee must be selected.

Chairman Varley commented that all study resolutions which were introduced during the 1971 legislative session were transmitted to the Legislative Council and the Studies Committee should select studies from the referred study resolutions. Senator Gaudineer suggested that a study should be conducted of the legislation needed to meet federal requirements for billboards, junkyards, and other refuse areas located adjacent to highways. He also suggested a study to develop recommendations regarding voting

residency requirements for various elections in the state. Chairman Varley responded that Senator Gaudineer's suggestions should be considered as studies to be conducted by subcommittees of standing committees.

Chairman Varley noted that S.C.R. 10, to study the functions of the State Commerce Commission, has already been acted upon by the Legislative Council. He called for discussion on S.C.R. 18, a study of the state housing code on residential rental property. It was noted that the study might also concern itself with student housing standards and standards for mobile homes. No action was taken by the Committee on S.C.R. 18.

With regard to S.C.R. 22, relating to application forms for licensing occupations and professions, Senator Gaudineer suggested that the resolution be referred to the Joint Committees on State Government, and that the Legislative Council authorize a subcommittee to hold a conference with personnel officers of the state in order to review the application forms. It was agreed that the Chairmen of the Committees on State Government will be requested to establish a subcommittee for such purposes.

Senator Gaudineer moved that S.C.R. 25, a study of the feasibility of the establishment of a Department of Transportation, be recommended as a major study to the Legislative Council with a reporting date of January 1, 1973. Senator Lamborn seconded the motion, and it carried.

The Committee agreed not to act upon the resolutions which relate to the establishment of a study of pari-mutuel betting.

Speaker Harbor suggested that S.C.R. 28 authorizing a study of bank holding companies should be adopted. Senator Lamborn responded that the study does not appear to be necessary at this time, and the Committee agreed to temporarily defer action on S.C.R. 28.

Chairman Varley stated that he has received requests from several individuals who would wish to appear before the Legislative Council to discuss the necessity for conducting a particular study, and he suggested asking such persons for a written recommendation. Senator Gaudineer suggested that if the person desires to appear, he be allowed to make a short presentation before the Studies Committee. The Committee agreed to discuss the matter with the Legislative Council.

With regard to S.C.R. 31, a study of the state environmental programs and agencies, Senator Gaudineer moved that any request regarding environmental studies should be sent to the

Chairmen of the Joint Committees on Environmental Preservation, and the Council should await a request from these Chairmen.

S.C.R. 39 directs the formation of a study committee to investigate and make recommendations concerning a reduction in present elementary and secondary school systems and the creation of a modified intermediate organizational structure. Chairman Varley suggested that S.C.R. 39 be considered in conjunction with S.C.R. 45 which requests a study of the statutory educational standards. Senator Gaudineer moved that S.C.R.s 39 and 45 be recommended as a major study to the Legislative Council with a reporting date of January 1, 1973. Speaker Harbor seconded the motion, and it carried.

H.C.R. 9 calls for a study to develop a master plan for higher education in Iowa. Speaker Harbor moved that H.C.R. 9 be recommended as a major study to the Legislative Council with a reporting date of January 1, 1973. Senator Kyhl seconded the motion, and it carried.

With regard to H.C.R. 22, which calls for a study of the Iowa penal and correctional institutions, Senator Lamborn expressed concern about the adequacy of present rehabilitation procedures for convicted offenders. Senator Lamborn moved that H.C.R. 22 be recommended as a major study to the Legislative Council with a reporting date of January 1, 1973. Representative Cochran seconded the motion and it carried.

Speaker Harbor suggested that H.C.R.s 23 and 42 relating to cable television and the state-owned communications facilities not be considered as studies. There were no objections.

Chairman Varley suggested that H.C.R. 25 to develop Iowa land use proposals should be a major area of consideration. Senators Kyhl and Gaudineer expressed reservations about the necessity of such a study at the present time. Representative Cochran moved that H.C.R. 25 be recommended as a major study to the Legislative Council with a reporting date of January 1, 1973. Speaker Harbor seconded the motion. Senator Gaudineer moved that the Cochran motion be amended to include H.C.R. 48, a study of eligibility requirements for recipients of categorical assistance, and S.C.R. 28, a study of bank holding companies as recommendations to the Legislative Council as minor studies with reporting dates of January 1, 1972. Senator Gaudineer's amendment carried with Senators Lamborn and Kyhl voting in the negative. Representative Cochran's amended motion carried with Senator Kyhl voting in the negative.

Lt. Governor Jepsen suggested that the retail consumer credit situation should be studied. No action was taken on Lt.

Governor Jepsen's suggestion.

The Studies Committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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