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International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council

March 1, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Nancy Boettger,
Chairperson
Senator Dennis Black
Senator Eugene Fraise
Senator Neal Schuerer
Senator Elaine Szymoniak

Representative Willard Jenkins,
Vice Chairperson
Representative Paul Bell
Representative Jane Greimann
Representative Scott Raecker
Representative Paul Scherrman

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business.
 - II. Committee Discussion.
 - III. Future Meetings.
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I. Procedural Business.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Boettger at 7:50 a.m. in Committee Room 24 of the Statehouse and was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

II. Committee Discussion.

Brainstorming Results. The Committee engaged in a brainstorming session. The Committee discussed the possibility of amending House File 2442, relating to the establishment of a protocol for international visitors, to reflect the recommendations of the Committee. The brainstorming session resulted in the following listing of ideas:

- Meet and greet at airport
- Know they are coming
- Signs at Capitol
- Coordinate with agencies and groups
- Visitor packet with state government information
- Packet for international students
- One "go to" person
- Gifts and gift protocol
- Professional input on gifts
- Notify leadership of visitors
- Annual international relations fair—statewide
- Follow-up with visitors
- Home visits
- Protocol for international trips—who goes?
- State follow-up with contacts made in private sector
- Commodity groups
- Improve communication with IDED
- One person dedicated to international relations and to coordinate all groups
- Consider contracting with a private/nonprofit such as ICIU
- LIO: GA give direction on whom to entertain
- LSB: Possible emphasis: Democracy, economic development
- What is the GA's intent and mission?
- Coordination with executive branch
- Expand duties/staff of LIO
- LIO: GA and LIO lack focus on international relations
- Standing committee status for international relations

The Committee agreed to review the listing prior to the next meeting and to make recommendations for future Committee action.

III. Future Meetings.

Chairperson Boettger stated that the next meeting would be scheduled during the week of March 6, and that members would be notified when the meeting is scheduled.

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