

M I N U T E S

IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

March 21, 1985

The second meeting of the 1985-1986 Iowa Legislative Council was called to order at 11:55 a.m. by the Chairman, Senator Lowell L. Junkins, on Monday, March 25, 1985, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to the Chairman were:

Speaker Don Avenson, Vice Chairman
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Donald Doyle
Senator Lee Holt
Senator Calvin Hultman
Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins
Senator David Readinger
Senator Norman Rodgers
Senator Dale Tieden
Senator Joe Welsh
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Dorothy Carpenter
Representative Dale Cochran
Representative William Harbor
Representative Tom Jochum
Representative Delwyn Stromer
Representative Richard Welden

Also present were:

Mr. Burnette Koebernick, Acting Director,
Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau
Mr. Thane Johnson, Senior Research Analyst,
Legislative Service Bureau
Ms. Diane Bolender, Senior Research Analyst,
Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were other Iowa legislative staff persons, news media personnel, and other interested individuals.

Speaker Avenson moved that the minutes of the February 14, 1985 Council meeting be approved as distributed to Council members, and the motion was adopted. Speaker Avenson moved that the Legislative Council receive and file the Educational Leave Report, and the motion was adopted.

Speaker Avenson commented that he recently had a conversation with an individual who was the Doctor of the Day on a day in which a visitor fainted. He commented that since the Department of Health has restricted the availability of drugs, the Doctor felt that he was unable to deal with medical situations that might arise for which medication was needed. Speaker Avenson noted that the Department of Health had taken away the access to drugs, and he suggested that the Administration Committee communicate with the Department of Health about the situation and make the necessary arrangements so that drugs, on a restricted basis, could be available to medical personnel. Speaker Avenson moved that his suggestion be adopted by the Legislative Council, and the motion carried.

Senator Hutchins, Vice Chairman of the Service Committee, gave the report of the Service Committee, a copy of which is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Representative Carpenter asked for further information about the amount allocated in the budget proposal for salaries for the Computer Support Bureau. Mr. Scharf commented that the amount allocated is for five full-time employees and one session only employee, but that he presently employs only two full-time employees and one session only employee.

Senator Readinger asked for further information about the purchase of the computer. He asked about the original estimates of costs from Sperry Corporation compared to the present costs. Chairman Junkins responded that the original estimates were totalled 1.2 million dollars and the cost at the present time is \$921,100. Senator Readinger asked Chairman Junkins to list the items currently in place relative to the RFP (Request For Proposal). Mr. Scharf commented all items are in place in accordance with the RFP. In response to a question from Senator Readinger about whether the computer is working satisfactorily, both Mr. Prouty and Mr. Koebernick responded in the affirmative. Mr. Koebernick added that the "down time" is less than what was occurring under the Central Data Processing Division's computer.

Representative Stromer responded to Representative Carpenter's earlier question by commenting that the Legislative Council meeting last November approved a table of organization for the Computer Support Bureau that included five full-time employees and one session only employee. He commented that each time a new person is recommended for employment by the Computer Support Bureau, Mr. Scharf must notify the Service Committee, and the Service Committee will make recommendations to the Legislative Council about the employment of additional employees.

Senator Tieden asked whether two additional full-time employees are needed. Mr. Scharf responded that Sperry Corporation presently has three employees assisting the General Assembly at all times, but after June 1 these employees will not be present and it will be

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necessary to either employ additional personnel or contract with Sperry Corporation for additional personnel.

The motion to adopt the Service Committee Report carried.

Senator Doyle, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, commented that the Supreme Court is presently required to file its rules changes with the Chairmen of the Committees on Judiciary and the Legislative Service Bureau. He commented that after reviewing the proposed changes, he has no objections although he commented that a number of bills currently before the General Assembly may require changes in present Supreme Court Rules. Senator Doyle moved that the Legislative Council receive the Supreme Court Rules, and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Koebernick commented that a Vocational Education Plan has been submitted to the Legislative Council by the Department of Public Instruction. He noted that federal legislation requires that the Department of Public Instruction submit the plan to the General Assembly prior to submission to the United States Department of Education. He commented that the plan has been reviewed by representatives from each caucus staff. Senator Holt commented that Senate File 319 changes the makeup of the Vocational Education Advisory Council and is in response to a federal mandate. He commented that the appointments to the newly-constituted Council must be made by April 1, 1985 or nine million dollars in federal funds are in jeopardy. Speaker Avenson commented that if the Senate wishes the House to take up the bill during the week beginning March 25, 1985, it is necessary for the Senate to send the House of Representatives a Concurrent Resolution suspending the joint rule which requires that each house take up only bills originating in that house during that week. Senator Holt indicated that he will check further on the necessity for passage of the bill during the present week.

Mr. Koebernick explained that the cost of typesetting, printing, and labor for the 1985 Code of Iowa is \$63.16 plus tax. He commented that Mr. Lundquist, Superintendent of Printing, has recommended that the Code be sold for \$90.00 plus tax in order to recoup the cost of those Codes which are required by law to be distributed free. Senator Hultman moved that the price of the 1985 Code of Iowa be set at \$90.00 plus tax, and the motion carried.

The Legislative Council adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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