

MINUTES
SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
December 19, 1991

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The December 19, 1991, meeting of the Service Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by Senator Joseph J. Welsh, Chairperson, at 10:22 a.m., in Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Welsh were:

Senator Bill Hutchins
Senator Jack Rife
Representative Kay Chapman
Representative John Connors
Representative Harold Van Maanen

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Mr. Tim Faller, Deputy Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau; Mr. William Angrick, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman; Ms. Ruth Moser, Deputy Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman; Ms. Carolyn Powell, Bill Clerk, Legislative Service Bureau; Ms. Janet Hawkins, Proofreader, Legislative Service Bureau.

Also present were other members of the legislative staff and other interested persons.

Representative Chapman moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the November 19, 1991, meeting which had been previously distributed to members of the Committee. The minutes were approved as distributed on a unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF THE COMPUTER USER POLICY DIRECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairperson Welsh recognized Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, for presentation of the report of the Computer User Policy Direction Subcommittee, which had been previously distributed to Committee members. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes and is incorporated by this reference. Mr. Prouty noted that the Subcommittee had met twice and that one of the recommendations in the report pertains to making an electronic copy of the Code of Iowa available to other state agencies. He noted that under the proposal if a state

agency wishes to use or distribute information obtained from the database of the Code to other than state agencies or employees, permission must be sought in advance of the use or distribution of the information. Mr. Prouty commented that the authority to give or sell an electronic copy of the Code database to private vendors is retained by the General Assembly.

Mr. Prouty reported that the Committee is also working on making bills and their corresponding amendments available on computer terminals. He indicated that it is hoped that the project work can be completed and implemented by the time that the General Assembly convenes.

Mr. Prouty informed the Committee that, with respect to the contract the General Assembly has with Mead Data Central, the Subcommittee recommends that the money be retained for use to install additional data transmission links between the Capitol and the Lucas Building, with the balance of the moneys to be used to further the study of computerization of the Administrative Code.

Representative Chapman asked how much work the Subcommittee had accomplished towards computerizing the Administrative Code, indicating her long-standing interest in having that database made available in an electronic format. Mr. Prouty informed the Committee that the Subcommittee had really only scratched the surface of the immense amount of work that will need to be accomplished. He also said that the amount of money that is anticipated to be available to conduct the Administrative Code computerization study would not be sufficient to complete the project, but that it should help to provide the Subcommittee with appropriate direction and should assist in helping to realize completion of the project.

Chairperson Welsh asked if there were any further questions regarding the report. There were none and Senator Hutchins moved that the report, and the recommendations contained in the report, be adopted. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICE BUREAU

Chairperson Welsh recognized Ms. Diane Bolender, Director of the Legislative Service Bureau, for presentation of her office's personnel report. A copy of the report is on file in the Legislative Service Bureau. Ms. Bolender began her presentation with the introduction of two new session-only employees: Ms. Janet Hawkins, Proofreader, and Ms. Carolyn Powell, Bill Clerk. Ms. Bolender noted that the Legislative Service Bureau has also employed Ms. Bridget Moser as a session-only Bill Clerk, and two pages, and that the notice of employment of Ms. Powell was contained in the Legislative Service Bureau personnel report that was presented at the last Service Committee meeting.

Ms. Bolender stated that she is seeking approval of the employment of Ms. Gerry Rydell to fill the vacant position of Publications Assistant in the Administrative Code Division of the Legislative Service Bureau. Ms. Rydell, Ms. Bolender explained, has worked in numerous temporary positions in the Administrative Code Division since 1976, and that the salary which she would be receiving for the Publications Assistant position is equivalent to the salary that she is currently receiving as a temporary employee.

Chairperson Welsh asked if there was any discussion of the Legislative Service Bureau personnel report. There was no discussion and Senator Hutchins moved that the report, and the recommendations contained in the report, be approved. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

INTERIM LEGAL REPORT OF THE CITIZENS' AIDE/OMBUDSMAN

Chairperson Welsh noted that the Committee members' packets contained copies of a legal report from the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman and asked if there was any discussion on the report. There was no discussion and the report was received and filed. A copy of the report is on file in the Legislative Service Bureau.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Welsh asked whether there was any additional business to come before the Committee. There was no further business indicated. Representative Connors moved that the Committee adjourn. The motion passed on an unanimous voice vote and the Committee adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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