

M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 30, 1985

The second meeting of the Administration Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by the Chairman, Senator Donald V. Doyle, on Thursday, May 30, 1985 in Senate Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairman Doyle were:

Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Representative Dale Cochran
Representative William Harbor

Also present during all or part of the meeting were:

Senator Lee Holt
Ms. Virginia Moore, R.N., State Department of Health
Mr. Loren Slade, Des Moines General Hospital
Dr. M. J. Dakovich, D.O., Des Moines General Hospital
Ms. Linda Goeldner, Iowa Hospital Association
Ms. Marguerite Cothorn, Iowa Civil Rights Commission
Mr. Ron Marvelli, State Department of Health
Mr. Jack Kelly, State Department of Health
Mr. David J. Fries, State Department of Health

Chairman Doyle asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of April 3, 1985. There being none, Senator Coleman moved that the minutes of the April 3 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Doyle next recognized Mr. Jack Kelly who outlined the proposed contract between the State Department of Health and the Des Moines General Hospital relating to medical coverage for the State Capitol Complex. Mr. Kelly stated that there are four items which the Department requests direction and approval of the Legislative Council relating to the proposed medical coverage. The first item is that the State Department of Health proposes to enter into a contract with the Des Moines General Hospital without cost to the state to have a physician available for two-hour coverage (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.) five days per week in the State House with telephone coverage during routine daily working hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) during the legislative session and one-hour coverage (8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.) five days per week within the State House with telephone coverage during routine daily

working hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) during the period between legislative sessions. A copy of correspondence relating to the proposed contract is attached and, by this reference, made a part of these minutes.

Secondly, Mr. Kelly stated that the Department will provide within its budget, medical supplies and equipment for the physician supplied by Des Moines General Hospital.

Thirdly, the Department requests that a reserved parking space be retained for the Des Moines General Hospital physician in the legislative parking lot near the State House.

And finally, the State Department of Health requests that the "Physician" or "Doctor of the Day" program be terminated.

In reply to a question by Representative Harbor, Mr. Kelly stated that the Department wishes to terminate the "Doctor of the Day" program because it is not efficient and there has not been a volunteer physician available to the General Assembly each day. He added that the Department has been unable to develop an effective program with volunteer physicians who have varying needs for supplies and equipment and no one physician is available to be responsible for these medical supplies and equipment. He added that the proposed contract with the Des Moines General Hospital will provide a response for emergency medical purposes within a very few minutes.

Representative Harbor replied that he has personally received assistance from a "Doctor of the Day" and he does not understand why the "Doctor of the Day" program as well as the proposed coverage by Des Moines General Hospital cannot be worked together. Representative Harbor also asked if there will be a problem if a patient expresses a different choice than Des Moines General Hospital when they are being transported from the Capitol Complex.

Mr. Kelly responded that he does not believe that there will be a problem with the choice of hospital after the patient has been stabilized through the procedures proposed by the Des Moines General Hospital. Mr. Kelly also responded that he believes confusion may result if the physician from the Des Moines General Hospital and a "Doctor of the Day" have joint authority during a legislative session.

Representative Cochran commented that he believes the "Doctor of the Day" program has been good and that a separate program should be developed so that the two programs will not be in conflict.

Chairman Doyle next recognized Dr. Dakovich who further explained the procedures which Des Moines General Hospital will follow in case of a heart attack or cardiac problem at the Capitol

Complex. He stated that the patient should be stabilized at the closest hospital, meaning Des Moines General Hospital, and then if desired, moved to the patient's or patient's doctor's choice of hospitals. Dr. Dakovich stated that the Des Moines General Hospital needs a commitment from the Committee or the Legislative Council concerning the proposed program so that a long term schedule can be developed and not be subject to change during the next legislative session.

After further discussion, Senator Coleman moved that the Administration Committee recommends that the State Department of Health provide the necessary medical supplies and equipment within its budget for that purpose for the Capitol Nurse Station. The motion was adopted.

Concerning a parking reservation for the physician, Representative Cochran moved that the Administration Committee recommends that a reserved parking place adjacent to the State House be maintained for the physician provided by the Des Moines General Hospital. The motion was adopted.

Concerning the proposal to eliminate the "Doctor of the Day" program, Representative Cochran suggested that this issue be deferred because there will be additional time to discuss it between now and January, 1986. Representative Harbor again expressed his desire that the "Doctor of the Day" program be continued and that the Department contact the Academy of Family Practice and invite one or more representatives to the next meeting of the Administration Committee to discuss the program. There being no objection the proposal to eliminate the "Doctor of the Day" program was deferred.

After further discussion, Representative Cochran moved that the Administration Committee recommends that the State Department of Health enter into a contract with the Des Moines General Hospital to provide without cost to the state a physician for two-hour coverage (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.) five days per week in the Capitol with phone coverage during routine daily working hours during legislative sessions and one-hour coverage (8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.) five days per week in the Capitol with telephone coverage during routine working hours during the period between legislative sessions. The motion was carried.

Senator Coleman said he believes that on days when the Legislative Council meets, the Department of General Services should be requested to reserve at least twenty parking spaces for Council members. He noted that it is difficult to find parking spaces near the State House during the interim period. There being no further discussion, Senator Coleman moved that the Administration Committee recommends that the Department of General Services be requested to reserve twenty parking spaces in the legislative parking lot on meeting days of the Legislative Council

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and that the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau is to inform the Department of the dates of the Legislative Council meetings. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Doyle adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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