

**MINUTES**  
**STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**May 11, 1994**

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

The sixth meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council for 1993-1994 was called to order by Chairperson Representative Mary Lundby at 1:12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 1994, in Room 22 of the State Capitol Building in Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Lundby were:

Senator Leonard Boswell  
Senator Wally Horn  
Senator Emil Husak  
Senator Jim Lind  
Senator Jack Rife  
Representative Clifford Branstad  
Representative Wayne McKinney, Jr.  
Representative Richard Vande Hoef

Also present were staff members of the Legislative Service Bureau, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, members of caucus and research staffs, and other interested persons.

Chairperson Lundby noted that a quorum was present. Upon motion of Senator Husak, the minutes of the previous meeting held on December 1, 1993, were approved without dissent.

**REQUESTS FOR INTERIM STUDIES**

Chairperson Lundby commented that a compilation of study requests was assembled by the Legislative Service Bureau for the members. This list contains the two carryover studies from the 1993 Interim, study requests contained in enacted bills or resolutions which involve legislators, and other requests. Chairperson Lundby stated that she and Senator Horn would meet in early June to formulate suggestions for 1994 studies, membership, and meeting days. These will be presented to the members at the next meeting in June.

Senator Husak distributed the charge of a proposed study relating to the environmental impact of animal agriculture in the state. He expressed his concern for the delay in establishing this study because the issue was controversial at the close of the 1994 Session. Senator Husak concluded by expressing a desire to see this issue be made a priority. Senator Boswell and Representatives Branstad and Vande Hoef all favored Senator Husak's study request and related to the Committee the phone calls and concerns expressed to them by neighbors and others in regard to expanded livestock confinement facilities. Chairperson Lundby said that she did not

want to recommend studies at this meeting because the Speaker is developing a budget for meeting days during the interim. Senator Husak added that some boards of supervisors feel they can regulate or prevent confinement facilities or feedlots from expanding in their county while others are not confident they can stop them. Senator Husak emphasized that it is important to let the public know that the General Assembly will study the issue of the impact of livestock feedlots on the environment.

Senator Lind made a motion that the Committee recommend to the Legislative Council that this study be approved and the charge defined but that the makeup of the membership or number of meeting days should not be set until next month's meeting. This motion was seconded by Senator Husak and was adopted.

Chairperson Lundby pointed out to the members that no study was mandated during the legislative session but said she would like to treat as a priority the request for substance abuse care and treatment since the request was enacted both for the 1993 and 1994 Interims. Senator Boswell expressed favor in so treating that request.

Senator Horn queried if the Speaker will limit the total number of meeting days representatives can attend as he did last interim. Chairperson Lundby stated her belief that that is the Speaker's intention.

A copy of the Studies Committee report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Committee adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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