

M I N U T E S

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 3, 1987

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairperson Senator Hutchins called the meeting of the Studies Committee to order at 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 1987, in Senate Committee Room 22, State House, Des Moines. Committee members present in addition to Chairperson Senator Hutchins were:

Senator Emil Husak
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Calvin Hultman
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative John Connors
Representative Dorothy Carpenter
Representative Harold Van Maanen

Senator Hultman moved, and the motion carried, that the Committee accept the minutes of the December 3, 1986, meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Senator Hutchins stated that the proposed additional members to the Education Uplink Interim Study Committee needed to receive approval. Representative Carpenter noted that although an attempt had been made for a gender balance, she did not consider five women of the twenty-one members a considerable achievement and stressed that the need for the Legislative Council to make an attempt in the future for gender balance. Senator Coleman moved that the six proposed additional members to the Education Uplink Study Committee be approved. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MANDATED STUDIES

Chairperson Senator Hutchins indicated that the Studies Committee needed to approve the studies mandated by enacted legislation or by concurrent resolutions which had been approved by both Chambers of the General Assembly. He stated that the number of meeting days and the number of members needed to be approved for the mandated study committees. He added that it is his goal to permit the Leadership of the Legislature to appoint the members of the study committees at a later date.

Chairperson Senator Hutchins stated that the School Finance Study Committee was mandated in House File 499. Representative Arnould moved that the membership be composed of seven members of the Senate, seven members of the House, and seven members of the public, yet to be designated. Representative Carpenter questioned the efficacy of the twenty-one member study committee. Chairperson Senator Hutchins indicated that the responsibility of the School Finance Study Committee is considered a major task and delineated the responsibilities of the proposed committee. He stated that the House of Representatives, with twice the number of members of the Senate, needs to be permitted to have more than five members from the House on the School Finance Study Committee. Representative Carpenter replied that she would like five members of the House, five members of the Senate, and five public members as the designated membership. After discussion, Representative Arnould's motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Senator Hutchins indicated that the Juvenile Runaways Study Committee would be composed of five members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives and have one meeting. Representative Connors indicated that Senate File 522 did require the Study Committee be created and asked that more than one meeting be permitted for this Study Committee. Chairperson Senator Hutchins stated that it is the intent of the Leadership to restrict the number of meetings for each study committee. Representative Connors moved that the Juvenile Runaways Study Committee be permitted to hold two meetings. Senator Husak indicated the belief that the goals and purposes of the Study Committee was similar to the Adolescent Pregnancy Task Force created in Senate File 511 and that each study committee should be permitted to meet twice. Representative Carpenter stated that Senator Husak made a good point and that the Adolescent Pregnancy Task Force is to study more than just adolescent pregnancy, in addition suicide prevention and substance abuse usage are to be reviewed. She suggested that the Leadership suggest to the chairpersons of the Adolescent Pregnancy Task Force and the Juvenile Runaways Study Committee have one joint meeting between the two committees. Chairperson Senator Hutchins agreed with such a suggestion but noted that the suggestion should be made to the Chairpersons of the Task Force and Study Committee. Representative Connors' motion for two meetings of the Juvenile Runaways Study Committee was approved unanimously. Representative Arnould moved that the Juvenile Runaways Study Committee be created. Representative Arnould's motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Senator Hutchins stated that the Mental Health Bill of Rights Funding Study Committee was required to be created in Senator File 516. He indicated that the Leadership would like the Mental Health Bill of Rights Funding Study Committee to meet three times and that the membership be composed of five members of the Senate, five members of the House of Representatives, and four non-voting members from interested groups. He stated that the

non-voting designation of members of the interested groups was specified in Senate File 516. Senator Hultman moved that the Mental Health Bill of Rights Funding Committee be created as specified by Chairperson Senator Hutchins and the motion passed.

Chairperson Senator Hutchins indicated that the Underground Storage Tank Insurance Study Committee was required to be created in House File 631 and that the Leadership would like the meetings to be held twice and that the membership be composed of two legislators appointed by the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, two legislators appointed by the Speaker of the House, and Minority Leader, one petroleum industry representative appointed by the Legislative Council, and one gas station operator appointed by the Legislative Council. Senator Hultman moved that the Underground Storage Tank Insurance Study Committee be created as specified. The motion passed.

The Adolescent Pregnancy Task Force was required in Senate File 511 and Chairperson Senator Hutchins stated that the Leadership would like the Task Force to meet three times and the membership consist of the Lieutenant Governor or designee of the Lieutenant Governor, two members of the Senate, two members of the House of Representatives, one member from each of the Department of Education, Department of Human Rights, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health, and six public members from specific categories specified in Senate File 511. Following a comment by Representative Connors, Chairperson Senator Hutchins stated that the Leadership would discuss the possibility with the eventual designated Chairpersons of the Adolescent Pregnancy Task Force and the Juvenile Runaways Study Committee to eliminate duplications of discussion and recommendations and to work in coordination with each other.

Chairperson Senator Hutchins stated that the Welfare Reform Study Committee was required by the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 33 and that the Leadership would like the Study Committee to meet four days and that the membership consist of seven members of the Senate, seven members of the House, and seven nonlegislative members. Senator Hultman moved that the Welfare Reform Study Committee be established as specified. The motion passed.

SELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP

Representative Arnould moved that the membership of the Study Committees be specified by the Leadership and recommended that the Studies Committee recommend gender balance for the appointment of the public members of committees. Representative Connors seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL STUDY COMMITTEES

Representative Van Maanen asked whether the Studies Committee would be authorizing additional interim study committees. Chairperson Senator Hutchins indicated that the Leadership would like to control the number of interim committees and eliminate the need for the establishment of interim study committees during the fall months. Representative Van Maanen distributed a request by Representative Jochum and himself for an interim study committee to review the budgetary process. The request is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. Representative Van Maanen asked that the next meeting of the Studies Committee consider the creation of an interim study for review of the budgetary process. Chairperson Senator Hutchins indicated that the Studies Committee would review that request at the next meeting.

TIMELINES FOR STUDY COMMITTEES

Representative Carpenter moved that Mr. Donovan Peeters, Director of the Legislative Service Bureau, be directed to provide a proposal for the timeframes for interim committee work to be completed by the various interim study committees. She expressed the belief that often the work is delayed until very close to the beginning of the next legislative session and that the workflow and time deadlines are difficult to maintain. Senator Coleman indicated that the major problem is that the interim study committees have not been created early in the interim and that problem should be solved with six being created at the June meeting and more to be created during the next meeting. Senator Hultman added that with legislators going on vacations during the summer months, it is difficult to get started before the fall season. Representative Carpenter noted that the motion was just to establish recommended timeframes. Senator Hultman explained that several years ago, the interim committees were required to provide a final report by the second Tuesday in November and expressed the belief that it is difficult to reach that timeline. Chairperson Senator Hutchins indicated that Speaker of the House Avenson and himself had discussed the possibility of timeframes and indicated that Senator Hultman's reasoning for vacation is a difficult one to surpass. Representative Carpenter included in her motion that the recommended timeframes proposed by Mr. Peeters be made in conjunction with Leadership. The motion passed.

L.E.A.G. STUDIES

Chairperson Senator Hutchins indicated that the Legislative Extended Assistance Group is again requesting approval for the conducting of research and studies as requested by the General Assembly. Senator Hultman moved that the Leadership and

representatives of the Legislative Extended Assistance Group meet and determine the categories for the studies and issuance of requests for proposals. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Senator Hutchins commented that the Legislative Council meeting would be held at 3:00 p.m. rather than 2:00 p.m. There being no further business the Studies Committee adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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