

M I N U T E S

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 10, 1990

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on Thursday, May 10, 1990, in Senate Room 22, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson and Speaker of the House, Don Avenson, at 1:40 p.m. Members present in addition to Chairperson Avenson were:

Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Bill Hutchins
Senator Emil Husak
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Roger Halvorson
Representative Mary Lundby

Representative Halvorson moved to dispense with the calling of the roll, which motion was adopted unanimously.

PROPOSED INTERIM STUDIES

Chairperson Avenson circulated and commented on a listing of proposed 1990 interim study committees that he had distributed to Committee members. A copy of this listing is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes. The attached listing includes recommendations adopted at the meeting by the Committee. Chairperson Avenson noted that for purposes of the proposed interim study designated as #7, relating to a study of the feasibility of implementing a family court, approval of the Legislative Council is necessary for \$50,000 to be provided to the Judicial Department to develop an implementation plan. Chairperson Avenson pointed out that this funding is needed because of the Governor's item veto of a \$75,000 appropriation to the Judicial Department for this purpose in House File 2569. Chairperson Avenson stated that the membership of the interim study designated as #21 is in error and he directed that the listing be five members from each house instead of three.

Representative Halvorson asked how many member-days the proposed interim committees would entail. Staff estimated

approximately 570 member-days. Senator Hutchins moved that the attached listing, with the change in membership numbers for study #21, be recommended to the Legislative Council. Chairperson Avenson noted that this recommendation would include the authority for leadership to select the members. Representative Halvorson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

SUPREME COURT STUDY OF FAMILY COURT

The next item on the agenda was a request to authorize \$50,000 for the Supreme Court to conduct a feasibility study of a Family Court System for Iowa which had been explained by Chairperson Avenson. There being no questions, the Committee unanimously approved, as its recommendation to the Legislative Council, the authorization of the funding for the Supreme Court to conduct the study.

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Chairperson Avenson explained to the members that no one had realized or brought to the attention of the General Assembly that under section 28C.8 of the Code of Iowa the Iowa Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) is repealed on June 30, 1990. He commented that the Department of Management had requested that the ACIR be provided funds by the Legislative Council so that it may continue beyond its expiration date. Chairperson Avenson commented that because of the size of the membership and its staff, this would require a large expenditure. Therefore, he commented that the attached listing of proposed studies includes a recommendation that a committee be formed to study the ACIR structure and its mission and make recommendations as to the future of the Commission. It was noted that the members had already approved this as part of their studies recommendations so no further action was taken.

INPUT/OUTPUT ECONOMIC MODEL FOR IOWA

The last item to come before the Committee was the question of authorizing the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to expend funds in working with the Federal Reserve Bank to develop an Input/Output economic model for Iowa. Chairperson Avenson commented that the state presently uses three different models in its economic projections, all of which are out of date and need to be modernized. Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, concurred that it is a good project for the state to work with the Federal Reserve Bank to develop a modern and up-to-date economic model for the state. Senator Hutchins moved that the

Committee recommend that the Legislative Fiscal Bureau be authorized to expend up to \$125,000 on this project. In response to Senator Hultman, Chairperson Avenson stated that this model would be used by the General Assembly and Legislative Fiscal Bureau and would also be available for use by the state universities and businesses. There being no further questions, Senator Hutchins' motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made and seconded that the Committee adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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