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IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 13, 1969

The third meeting of the 1969-71 Legislative Council was called to order by the Council Vice Chairman, Representative Ralph McCartney, acting as chairman, at 9:40 a.m., Wednesday, August 13, 1969, in the Speaker's Room, State House, Des Moines, with the following members present:

Lt. Governor Roger W. Jepsen
Senator James E. Briles
Senator Andrew G. Frommelt
Senator Eugene M. Hill
Senator Elmer F. Lange
Senator Arthur A. Neu
Senator George E. O'Malley
Senator David M. Stanley
Representative Dale M. Cochran
Representative William J. Gannon
Representative William H. Harbor
Representative Charles P. Miller
Representative Leroy S. Miller
Representative Nathan F. Sorg
Representative Andrew P. Varley

Also present were State Senator Lee H. Gaudineer, State Representative Adrian B. Brinck, Director Leroy H. Petersen of the Office for Planning and Programming, and Director Serge Garrison and Phil Burks of the Legislative Service Bureau staff.

Pursuant to roll call, the acting chairman noted the presence of a quorum. Representative Sorg moved that the minutes of the July 9 Council meeting, as submitted to Council members, be approved. The motion was seconded by Representative Harbor and unanimously adopted.

Representative McCartney stated that he was acting as Council Chairman by virtue of his office as the Council's Vice Chairman, due to the recent resignation of the Council's elected Chairman, Senator Seeley G. Lodwick. Representative McCartney added that while the provisions of House File 390 of the Sixty-third General Assembly might permit him to automatically succeed to the office of Council Chairman, the pressure of other demands on his time during the interim will not permit him to serve in this office permanently. He therefore nominated Senator Lange to succeed Senator Lodwick as permanent Council Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Representative Harbor. Representative Sorg moved that the nominations cease and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Senator Lange as Council Chairman. The motion was seconded by Representative Varley and adopted unanimously.

Senator Lange assumed the chair. He stated that Mr. Petersen had come to the meeting for the purpose of presenting to the Council information regarding assistance by the staff of the Office for Planning and Programming to legislative interim committees.

Mr. Petersen made reference to certain provisions of Senate File 649, enacted by the first session of the Sixty-third General Assembly, particularly subsections 4, 11, 15, and 18 of section 3 of the bill. He stated that, pursuant to this legislation, the Office for Planning and Programming stands ready to assist legislative interim committees in any way possible, to the extent of the agency's ability and available staff time. Petersen added that the Office for Planning and Programming has no desire to preempt any of the functions of the Legislative Service Bureau or other legislative agencies, but realizes that the greatly increased demand for legislative staff services accompanying the advent of annual sessions is likely to be greater than the regular legislative service agencies can presently meet. He then briefly reviewed the present staff personnel of the Office for Planning and Programming, identifying the areas of particular knowledge and responsibility of each staff member.

Senator Hill pointed out that several years ago funds were appropriated to the State Comptroller to employ an individual whose duty it would be to keep account of all federal funds received by the state of Iowa, but that Mr. Petersen's comments indicate that the Office for Planning and Programming is now performing a similar Senator Hill inquired whether this responsibility had been transferred from the Comptroller's office to the Office for Planning and Programming, or whether a duplication of functions exists at this point. Mr. Petersen replied that the individual who was formerly employed by the Comptroller to do this work later resigned, and that for a time thereafter this function was not in fact performed by anyone. Senate File 649 assigns this function to the Office for Planning and Programming. Mr. Petersen added that state agencies are supposed to report within thirty days all federal funds which they receive, and that the Office for Planning and Programming works closely with the Comptroller in reviewing the data thus received. Also, the federal Bureau of the Budget is trying to advise the Office for Planning and Programming of all federal funds coming into Iowa, except those channeled to certain scientific and educational institutions.

Senator Hill then asked Mr. Petersen whether there is a possible duplication of legislative and executive branch studies, and what liaison efforts are being made to coordinate studies of related matters being conducted by the executive and legislative branches. Senator Hill made particular reference to various studies in the field of higher education which are now being initiated. Mr. Petersen replied that the executive branch does not want to interfere

in any way with the prerogatives of the legislative branch but that he has discussed the questions raised by Senator Hill with Legislative Fiscal Director Gerry Rankin and Senator Joseph Flatt of the Budget and Financial Control Committee. It was agreed that the various agencies studying the field of higher education would try to avoid covering the same ground, but Mr. Petersen pointed out that the thirty-member citizens committee appointed by the Governor to make a study of education in Iowa has some discretion as to what areas it will pursue, and it is possible that the committee may choose to go into some of the same areas which the Budget and Financial Control Committee's Subcommittee is going to cover. Petersen then mentioned several other executive branch agencies which have funds available to conduct various studies, and commented that the potential for duplication of areas of study undertaken by these agencies, both among themselves and with studies conducted by the General Assembly, is always a problem.

Representative Gannon commented that the Budget and Financial Control Committee's Subcommittee studying certain aspects of higher education has investigated the possibility of hiring an outside consulting firm, and asked whether the advisory committee appointed by the Governor to study education in Iowa is also considering hiring an outside consulting firm. Mr. Petersen replied that the Office for Planning and Programming is providing two staff persons to assist the Governor's education advisory committee, and that the committee's first meeting will be held on August 20. As decisions are made regarding specific areas for in-depth study by this group, one or more consultants may be obtained to assist with specific aspects of the study.

Representative Gannon then inquired whether a director has yet been hired for the Division of Municipal Affairs established within the Office for Planning and Programming by section 7 of Senate File 649. Mr. Petersen replied that no one has yet been hired to fill this position; two persons in the state who were considered well qualified for the post were contacted but neither would accept it. Mr. Petersen briefly discussed the possible duties of the Division of Municipal Affairs and its director, adding that the exact duties of the Division have not yet been fully determined. He also commented that he would welcome any suggestions which members of the Council or other legislators might have regarding a qualified individual to serve as Director of the Division of Municipal Affairs.

Chairman Lange expressed appreciation to Mr. Petersen for the information he had given the Council, and for his offer of assistance to legislative committees working during the present interim. Mr. Petersen then left the meeting, at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Lange next recognized Senator Gaudineer, who stated that the Crime Commission and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation have recently contacted the Budget and Financial Control Committee

regarding (1) a temporary inter-agency agreement for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation to be provided certain types of investigative laboratory services by University Hospital in Iowa City on an interim basis, pending action in 1970 by the House of Representatives on Senate File 585, relating to establishment of a state crime laboratory; and (2) a study looking toward authorization for use of electronic surveillance techniques by state and local law enforcement agencies in Iowa, under the terms of the federal omnibus crime act. Senator Gaudineer requested that the Council authorize the chairman of the Senate and House standing Law Enforcement committees to meet with the Budget and Financial Control Committee when the matters raised by the Crime Commission and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation are considered, so that these committee chairmen will be informed about any legislative action which may be requested in these areas in 1970.

Chairman Lange inquired whether the Budget and Financial Control Committee could not request these standing committee chairmen to attend one or more of its meetings, on its own authority. Senator Gaudineer replied that he does not believe the Budget and Financial Control Committee has authority to pay legislators who are not members of the Committee per diem or expenses for attending its meetings.

Senator Hill inquired whether the formal request that the chairmen of the standing Law Enforcement Committees be authorized to attend one or more meetings of the Budget and Financial Control Committee should not come from the Law Enforcement Committee chairmen. Senator Gaudineer replied that this appears to be a case of which comes first, the chicken or the egg. Senator Neu expressed the opinion that the procedure being followed by Senator Gaudineer is correct. Representative Leroy Miller commented that the Council should authorize each chairman of a standing committee to attend any legislative committee meeting which pertains to the jurisdiction of his standing committee, so that he may keep himself informed as to matters which may come before his committee in the next session.

Senator Neu moved that the Council authorize the chairmen of the standing State Government and Law Enforcement committees of the Senate and House of Representatives to attend any meetings of the Budget and Financial Control Committee at which discussion of an inter-agency agreement between the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and University Hospital is to be considered, if the chairmen so request. The motion was seconded by Senator Hill, and unanimously adopted.

Senator Stanley expressed concern as to whether the Budget and Financial Control Committee should become involved in the draft-ing of electronic surveillance legislation. Representative McCartney pointed out that the Council on July 9 had authorized the joint Law

Enforcement Committees to establish a subcommittee to consider such legislation, and therefore it should not be necessary for the Budget and Financial Control Committee to get into this area. Several Council members expressed agreement with Representative McCartney's statement.

Senator Gaudineer left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman Lange recognized Representative Brinck, who read a prepared statement alleging that Senator Stanley has breached the Legislative Code of Ethics by his recent appearances before the boards of review of Washington and Jasper counties in regard to the assessments of certain property in those counties. Representative McCartney asked Representative Brinck what specific section of the Code of Ethics he believes Senator Stanley has breached. Representative Leroy Miller stated that in his opinion the matter raised by Representative Brinck is not one properly within the jurisdiction of the Council in any case. Senator Neu said he agrees with Representative Miller, but would like to hear Representative Brinck's answer to Representative McCartney's question. In reply to that question, Representative Brinck read rule 4 of the Code of Ethics, and stated that this particular rule is the basis for his allegation, adding that since the General Assembly is not in session he was not certain what procedure he should follow in the matter. Senator Neu said that Representative Brinck's allegation should have been directed to the Senate Ethics Committee and that, as Chairman of that Committee, he would assure Representative Brinck that a meeting of the Committee would be called to consider the matter if it were so presented.

Lt. Governor Jepsen suggested that hereafter the Chairman be advised in advance of the subject of any requested appearances before the Council, in order to assure that the Council is not used as a political forum. Representative Brinck said he resents the Lt. Governor's statement. Chairman Lange indicated agreement with the Lt. Governor, but Senator Hill objected. He stated that any member of the Legislature should be able at any time to bring before the Council any matter which he believes merits the Council's attention. Chairman Lange replied that the point of advance determination of the subject of appearances by non-Council members before the Council would be to determine whether the matter proposed to be presented is pertinent to the Council's jurisdiction. Senator Hill commented that if such a procedure is to be instituted, it may be necessary for members of the General Assembly who are not members of the Council to advise individual Council members of matters which they believe should be brought to the Council's attention, so that these matters can be presented at Council meetings by Council members.

Representative Brinck left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Lt. Governor Jepsen requested the advice of Council members on the question whether he is empowered to fill the vacancy on the Council created by the resignation of Senator Lodwick, in view of the fact that Senator Lodwick was serving on the Council by virtue of his position as President Pro Tem of the Senate and not by appointment by the Lt. Governor. There was a brief discussion of the matter, during which several Council members expressed the view that the Lt. Governor should proceed to fill the vacancy. Senator Neu and Representative Gannon stated that they believe whoever is appointed should be advised that the appointment is not for the balance of the biennium, but only for the period until the Senate elects a new President Pro Tem. Lt. Governor Jepsen indicated he will appoint a successor to Senator Lodwick to the Council in the near future.

Copies of interim work proposals received from the joint Appropriations and Social Services Standing Committees were distributed to Council members. Copies of each of the proposals are attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Garrison briefly reviewed the two standing committee interim proposals. Senator Neu commented that the possible visits to state institutions by Appropriations Committee subcommittee chairmen and designated members appears to duplicate the role of the Budget and Financial Control Committee. There were several comments by Council members to the effect that possibly consideration should be given to future elimination of the Budget and Financial Control Committee, but that unless and until this is done the Council should not permit standing committees to duplicate the work of the Budget and Financial Control Committee.

Representative Leroy Miller called attention to the recent request by the Highway Commission to the Governor and Comptroller for a change in the allocations made by the Sixty-third General Assembly from the Road Use Tax Fund. Representative Miller added that the attorney general has held that such a request is proper under section 313.5 of the Code, and is within the power of the Executive Council to grant such request if it concludes that the request has merit. He added that this situation appears to him to be a serious infringement upon the powers and prerogatives of the legislative branch, and should certainly be reviewed by some legislative committee.

Senator Hill briefly reviewed for the Council the discussion of the matters referred to by Representative Miller which had occurred during the August 8 meeting of the Highway Commission Study Committee's Subcommittee on General Operations. It is Senator Hill's opinion that no real emergency exists at the present time with respect to the Highway Commission's allocations from the Road Use Tax Fund, and that the request for revision of the allocations should be submitted to the chairmen of the relevant Appropriations Committee subcommittees for review by the subcommittees, which could make recommendations to the 1970 session of the Legislature if they deem it necessary.

Representative Gannon asked Senator Hill if it is his position that all requests for emergency contingency increases or revisions in allocations from trust funds should be subject to legislative review. Representative Gannon cited as an example the request for an increase in the salary paid the state superintendent of banking. Senator Hill's reply to Representative Gannon's question was in the affirmative.

It was suggested that possibly the size of the joint Appropriation subcommittees which propose to meet during the present interim should be reduced from the suggested twelve members each. Representative Varley and Senator Hill pointed out that the six subcommittees of the respective Appropriations committees are the established subcommittees which functioned during the session, and will presumably function during the 1970 session, and that restricting the number of subcommittee members who could attend meetings during the interim might well be false economy.

Senator Frommelt said he objects to approving interim work proposals drawn up by committee chairmen only, because it is possible that the full membership of the standing committees involved may not agree with the proposals put forth by the chairmen. With specific reference to the joint Appropriations committee proposal, Senator Frommelt stated that it is his understanding that no capital appropriations requests are to be presented during the 1970 session, and that therefore he can see no reason to authorize an interim study of capital appropriations needs at this time. Representative Leroy Miller pointed out that there were some capital appropriations requests presented during the 1969 session which were not approved, and which may merit further consideration in 1970. There was a brief discussion of this point.

Senators O'Malley and Neu expressed concern about possible duplication of work by special interim study committees and subcommittees of standing committees which have already initiated interim work or have received approval from the Council to meet and work during the interim. They also questioned whether the amount of interim work proposed is realistic in view of the relatively short period between the annual sessions of the Legislature, and the availability of legislative staff personnel. There was some discussion of these points, during the course of which several Council members expressed the view that in the future the General Assembly should assign all or nearly all interim work to its regular standing committees or subcommittees of standing committees rather than creating special interim study groups.

Representative Cochran suggested that if the proposal submitted by the joint Appropriations committees is approved, the subcommittee which will review maintenance expenditures of the Conservation Commission be specifically directed to look into the adequacy of both the Conservation Commission maintenance and development

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budgets, in view of recent remarks by Conservation Commission officials to the effect that it may be necessary to limit the number of persons who visit or use camping facilities in state parks and recreational areas.

Senator New moved to defer both the Appropriations and Social Services committee requests until the next meeting of the Council, pending a review by Mr. Garrison of the present Legislative Service Bureau staff work load. The motion was seconded by Senator O'Malley and adopted on a voice vote, Representative Gannon voting no.

Copies of letters received from Representative Charles F. Strothman, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and Senator J. Henry Lucken, Chairman of the Senate Human and Industrial Relations Committee, relative to actions of the Council at its July 9 meeting, were distributed to Council members. Copies of each of the letters are attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

After discussion of Representative Strothman's letter, Representative Varley moved that the Council decline to approve paragraphs two and three of the letter. The motion was seconded by Representative Gannon and unanimously adopted.

Representative Varley then moved that the study of the possible relocation of the Department of Agriculture offices and laboratories into a single building, previously approved by the Council on proposal of the joint standing Agriculture committees, now be expanded to include a review of the various functions of and the possible reorganization of the Agriculture Department and that members of the Senate and House State Government committees be included on the study group. The motion was seconded by Representative Cochran.

Senator Frommelt said that adoption of Representative Varley's motion would move the study originally approved by the Council at the request of the chairmen of the joint Agriculture committees into the area of governmental reorganization, and that this is not a proper matter for assignment to what would basically be a subcommittee of the joint Agriculture committees. Representative Gannon agreed, adding that the Budget and Financial Control Committee has a Governmental Reorganization subcommittee. Representative Cochran expressed the opinion that the Council could coordinate the work of the various interim legislative bodies so as to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

Representative Varley's motion was adopted on a voice vote, Senator Frommelt voting no.

With respect to the letter from Senator Lucken, Chairman Lange explained that Senator Lucken is proposing that the Council

increase the size of the subcommittee of the joint Human and Industrial Relations committees approved at the July 9 meeting, but reduce the number of meetings to be held by the subcommittee, so that the overall cost of the interim work to be conducted by this particular subcommittee would not be increased. Chairman Lange added that he believes Senator Lucken's suggestion is quite reasonable and it should be approved. Representative Charles Miller so moved, Senator Briles seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Garrison reviewed the progress of the special interim study committees whose membership had been approved by the Council at the July 9 meeting, stating that all of these committees had either held or scheduled their organizational meetings except the Environmental Preservation Study Committee. Representative Gannon inquired why this committee has not scheduled an organizational Representative Cochran replied that he had recently visited with Senator Charles Laverty, designated temporary chairman of the Environmental Preservation Study Committee, and that Senator Laverty had indicated that no meeting was to be held during August because of the number of meetings already scheduled, but that he intends to call a meeting of the study committee in early September. Several Council members suggested that Senator Laverty be contacted and that the date for the organizational meeting of this study committee be definitely set as soon as possible. Senator Frommelt added that it should be suggested to the study committee that careful attention be given to the area of water pollution, particularly with respect to the major rivers within and along the borders of the state.

Representative Leroy Miller asked that the Council approve the addition of one more Senator to the Reciprocity subcommittee of the joint standing Transportation committees. Senator Hill pointed out that, as a practical matter, any recommendation coming from any subcommittee must be supported by a majority of the subcommittee members from each house in order to carry any weight. He stated that there are only two senators on the Reciprocity subcommittee, of which he is one, and it presently appears quite likely that he and the other senator on the subcommittee may not agree on recommendations to be made to the 1970 session. It was agreed that Chairman Lange and Senator Frommelt would consult about the naming of an additional senator to this subcommittee.

Representative Leroy Miller and Senator Hill suggested that chairmen of all Senate and House standing committees be authorized to attend all meetings of any subcommittee of their respective standing committees. Representative Sorg stated that Representative Joan Lipsky had asked that he present to the Council a request for authorization for the chairmen of the relevant subcommittees of the joint Appropriations committees to attend meetings of the Budget and Financial Control Committee at the respective state institutions. Representative Sorg added that Representative Lipsky has been attending some such meetings at her own expense.

Senator Frommelt expressed concern about the requests which had just been made. He said that it appears to him that the Council is being asked to move rapidly in the direction of establishing what amounts to a full-time Legislature. Representative Harbor reported that he has had the opportunity to visit with legislators from a number of other states which have initiated annual legislative sessions in recent years, and that they generally feel that although interim work by legislative groups is almost always increased with the advent of annual sessions, the costs of this additional interim work are more than balanced by the shorter sessions which the interim work makes possible.

Lt. Governor Jepsen requested that the Legislative Service Bureau prepare for the Council a list of every legislative interim study group which is presently working, the area in which the group is working, and the extent of any actual or potential duplication of effort with other interim legislative study groups. This document should also indicate to what extent presently available legislative staff is adequate to provide the needed services to each of these groups. Senator Frommelt endorsed the Lt. Governor's request, and added that he believes the Council should recommend to the 1970 session that per diem pay for interim work by legislators be ended when annual salaries for legislative service are implemented, as a means of discouraging the proliferation of legislative bodies engaged in interim work.

Senator Hill said he might or might not be willing to support Senator Frommelt's proposal, depending upon the adequacy of the annual salary being paid members of the General Assembly. Senator Hill added that he is concerned that the Legislative Service Bureau staff may be attempting to provide too many services to interim subcommittees of joint standing committees. He suggested that the Bureau assign a member of the secretarial staff, rather than a professional staff person, to at least some of the joint subcommittee meetings.

Mr. Garrison stated that he appreciates the concern of Senator Hill in regard to staffing of the Bureau but he does not feel that his secretarial staff has the time to take minutes for standing committees because of the present work load resulting from typing of minutes, memorandums, making out vouchers, and general administrative work. Even if there were a sufficient number of secretarial persons available, Mr. Garrison stated that he would hesitate to assign them to act as staff personnel for the committees because of the complexity of the subject matters being considered. He noted that secretaries could certainly record all matters under discussion but might not place the correct emphasis on certain portions of the meeting. Furthermore, a research or legal staff member would have to review the minutes of the secretary to determine what projects the committee desires the staff to carry out, which would appear to be a duplication of effort.

When a research or legal staff member attends a meeting he or she becomes much better informed as to the desires of the committee because of the detailed discussions which are not often recorded in the minutes. In addition a research or legal staff member may have personal knowledge of the subject matter being discussed which will be of value to the committee.

Mr. Burks commented that although as many as three Service Bureau staff persons have attended some of the early joint subcommittee meetings, this is being done primarily because some of the newer persons on the Bureau staff have had no previous experience in staffing legislative committee meetings. As they gain such experience, only one staff person will generally be sent to any one sub-With particular reference to Senator Hill's committee meeting. suggestion regarding use of secretarial staff members to take minutes of subcommittee meetings, Mr. Burks stated that while the Service Bureau has a highly competent secretarial staff, experiments with having secretarial personnel take minutes of legislative committees in previous years have not been particularly successful because the secretarial personnel are not expected to become familiar with the technical details of matters under consideration by legislative committees and therefore may not be in a position to accurately interpret the discussion at meetings of such committees.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 Noon, and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in the Speaker's Room with all persons present who had been present at the time of the noon recess except Senator Frommelt.

Representative Harbor reported on the meeting of the Council's Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee held on the previous day. The Committee had witnessed a demonstration, by Data Retrieval Corporation of America, of a computer system which enables legislators to see a law or pending bill with one or more proposed amendments in place and language proposed to be removed by such amendments so designated.

Representative Harbor stated that the Procedures and Facilities Committee had also discussed the pay and voting status of nonlegislative members of special interim study committees. Mr. Garrison reviewed the relevant provisions of House File 390 of the Sixty-third General Assembly. He stated that the amount which non-legislative members of special study committees could be reimbursed from state funds is generally limited to a total of \$13.00 per day for meals and lodging, plus mileage. However, the Comptroller has in some instances waived this limitation.

There was a further discussion of the question of voting rights of nonlegislative members of special interim study committees, which had been discussed at the July 9 Council meeting. (See minutes of the Council meeting of July 9, pp. 11-12.) Senator Stanley moved that it be declared the consensus of the Council that

nonlegislative members of the Collective Bargaining and Municipal Laws study committees do have voting rights by virtue of the language of House Concurrent Resolution 33 and House Joint Resolution 15, respectively, and that nonlegislative members of all other special interim study committees established pursuant to resolutions adopted by the 1969 Legislature do not have voting rights. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Jepsen and, after some discussion, adopted unanimously.

Mr. Garrison informed the Council that there appears to be a strong possibility of obtaining federal funds to assist with the cost of the Criminal Code Review being conducted pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 18. The funds which it is hoped can be obtained would be provided under a federal action program, and would pay up to seventy-five percent of the total cost of the Criminal Code Review, and the twenty-five percent state matching contribution could be provided in kind, that is in the form of staff services and other noncash contributions.

There was a discussion of plans for attendance at the National Legislative Conference by some members of the Council and of the Service Bureau staff. Mr. Garrison stated that, although the Conference formally opens on the evening of Tuesday, August 26, there are a number of advance meetings earlier on that day which may be of considerable interest to some Iowa legislators and staff personnel.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council in Des Moines will be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 10 in the Speaker's Room. A meeting of the Council may also be convened at some time during the National Legislative Conference if circumstances warrant.

Lt. Governor Jepsen suggested that some thought be given to developing a more comprehensive process for evaluating bills passed by the General Assembly, with respect to clarity of intent, internal consistency, adequacy of any necessary conforming amendments to existing statutes, and compatibility with legislation passed earlier during the same session. Senator Stanley endorsed the Lt. Governor's suggestion, adding that he is constantly amazed that the present lack of comprehensive procedures of this kind does not create more problems than do in fact occur. He added that the data processing procedures discussed earlier in the meeting by Representative Harbor should also contribute materially to the solution of some of the problems suggested by Governor Jepsen. Senator Hill expressed the belief that legislators generally need more time in the concluding days of each legislative session for study of bills on which action is about to be taken, pointing out that in recent years it has been increasingly common for both houses to be in session almost continuously during the day in the latter part of each session. Senator O'Malley suggested that

the Council give some consideration to speeding up the process of publishing the official compilation of the acts of each session. Council members briefly discussed each of the suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Phil Burks, Acting Secretary Serge H. Garrison, Director