

M I N U T E S
STUDIES COMMITTEE

May 15, 1984

The meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Lowell L. Junkins, at 9:25 a.m., Tuesday, May 15, 1984, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present, in addition to Chairman Junkins, were:

Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins
Senator Charles P. Miller
Representative Donald D. Avenson
Representative Jean Lloyd-Jones
Representative Lester D. Menke
Representative Lowell E. Norland
Representative Richard W. Welden

Also present were Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau, and Mr. Serge H. Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, a number of legislative staff persons, representatives of the news media, and other interested persons.

Chairman Junkins stated that the Studies Committee will only review the mandated studies at this meeting and all other studies requested will be deferred until the next meeting of the Studies Committee.

Chairman Junkins noted that the first mandated study is contained in Senate File 2294 which provides for the establishment of an interim study committee to review the recommendations of the report of the governor's committee on the Iowa public records law. Senator Hultman moved that the study committee be composed of five members of the House and five members of the Senate and that two meeting days be authorized. The motion was unanimously adopted on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins noted that Senate File 2359 provides for the appointment of a seven-member comparable worth steering committee. This committee will consist of one member appointed by the governor and six members appointed by the Legislative Council. Senator Hultman pointed out that this bill has not been signed by the governor and that the appointments will be needed only if the governor's signature is obtained on the legislation. Senator Hultman moved that the six members to be appointed to the comparable worth steering committee be appointed by the Speaker of the House, the House majority and minority leaders, and the Senate majority and minority leaders, with the approval of the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins stated that Senate File 2361 provides for the establishment of a fifteen-member agriculture, food, and energy demonstration center study committee. He also pointed out that the membership shall include four members who are associated with the private sector nonprofit corporation formed to provide matching funds for the study. He suggested that since no authority exists for the appointment of these four individuals that the Legislative Council recommend that these four individuals be appointed by and approved by the Legislative Council. Senator Hultman made a motion to that effect which was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins stated that House File 2486 provides for the creation of a ten-member drunk driving study committee. Representative Lloyd-Jones moved that the Speaker of the House, the House majority and minority leaders, and the Senate majority and minority leaders appoint the members to the drunk driving study committee with the approval of the Legislative Council. Senator Hultman moved that the motion by Representative Lloyd-Jones be amended to provide that the study committee be authorized two meeting days. Senator Hultman's amendment to the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. Representative Lloyd-Jones' amendment, as amended, was adopted on a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Garrison pointed out that no funding has been provided under House File 2486 for this study committee. Senator Hultman moved that the drunk driving study committee be funded from funds available under section 2.12 of the Code. The motion was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Junkins stated that 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1117, provides for the establishment of a mental health reorganization study committee to review the program evaluation which is to be completed by September 1 of this year. Senator Hultman moved that the study committee consist of five members of the House, five members of the Senate, and be authorized one meeting day. The motion was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Junkins stated that Senate File 2014 establishes a political campaign study committee and that legislators are prohibited from serving on that study committee. Speaker Avenson moved that the study committee be authorized two meeting days. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Junkins stated that a study is needed with regard to the world trade center and exports. He distributed information on exports to the members of the Studies Committee. He emphasized that there is a need to study both issues to arrive at some meaningful conclusions. Representative Lloyd-Jones suggested that employment of a consultant be considered for study of the issue of the world trade center, exports, and economic development. Mr. Garrison noted that other states and the United States Department of Commerce have employed Price-Waterhouse to do such studies and that this information is readily available.

Senator Hultman suggested that it is necessary to decide what has to be done, where a world trade center ought to be established, and what the role of that trade center will be. Chairman Junkins opined that there is a need for the study and that there are many questions which were asked during the session which must be answered before it is feasible to proceed with a world trade center. He emphasized that the study should not direct its attention to where should a world trade center be located but rather is there justification for the establishment of a world trade center. Speaker Avenson noted that a need exists to develop a rationale for a world trade center and to determine whether a world trade center should be established at all. Senator Hultman moved that a study committee consisting of five members of the House and five members of the Senate be approved for the study with four authorized meeting days.

Senator Hutchins suggested that such a study should be set in a format similar to that established for the Education Task Force. Senator Hutchins further suggested that the committee consist of seven members of both houses. Senator Hultman asked unanimous consent to withdraw the previous motion and moved that a study committee consisting of seven members of the House, and seven members of the Senate, be approved and authorized four meeting days for the study.

Representative Norland inquired as to whether foreign trade includes trade outside the boundaries of the state or whether it includes only trade with foreign countries. Mr. Garrison responded that foreign trade usually includes trade outside of the state. Representative Lloyd-Jones opined that one develops the impression that a world trade center is needed and questioned whether that need exists. Chairman Junkins responded that it is not his intention to begin from the conclusion that a world trade center is needed but that the study committee must determine the feasibility for establishment of a world trade center and then proceeding with the study from that point. Representative Menke suggested that a world trade center is needed and supportable by the General Assembly. There being no further discussion, the Hultman motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Speaker Avenson moved that the creation of an economic development study committee be discussed at the next meeting of the Studies Committee. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. Speaker Avenson pointed out that before such a study committee may be established it is necessary to determine the parameters within which that study will be conducted.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Studies Committee was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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