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Studies Committee of the Legislative Council

June 2, 1999

First Meeting of the 1999-2000 Biennium

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Chairperson

Representative Chuck Gipp, Vice Chairperson

Senator Michael E. Gronstal

Senator Johnie Hammond

Representative Dolores Mertz

Representative David Schrader

Representative Brent Siegrist

MEETING IN BRIEF

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1. Procedural Business.
2. Interim Studies.
3. Materials Received by the Committee.
4. Attachments.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Procedural Business.

The first meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council for 1999-2000 was called to order by Temporary Chairperson Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., at 1:07 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 1999, in Room 118 of the State Capitol Building in Des Moines, Iowa.



Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Senator Michael E. Gronstal moved that Senator Iverson be elected Chairperson. The motion was adopted by voice vote. Senator Gronstal also moved that Representative Chuck Gipp be elected Vice Chairperson. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Adjournment. The Committee was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

2. Interim Studies.

Overview. Chairperson Iverson noted that the member packets contained a sheet listing proposed Studies Committee items. The proposal included a listing of previously approved items and items required by law. Chairperson Iverson reviewed those studies which are continuing from the 1998 Legislative Interim or are reoccurring studies and those studies mandated as a result of legislation enacted during the last session. The listing proposed authorization of six meeting days for Sentencing Commission subcommittee and full Commission meetings, in addition to those previously authorized. The proposal was accepted without objection.

Campaign Finance. Senator Gronstal suggested, with regard to the Campaign Finance Commission, a statutorily mandated body which is to be composed of public members appointed by the legislative leaders, that prior to any such appointments that the leaders of the majority and minority parties of each house meet to discuss these appointments. Chairperson Iverson acknowledged Senator Gronstal's suggestion.

School Finance. Chairperson Iverson moved that the 1998 Interim School Finance Working Committee be authorized to continue its deliberations during the 1999 Interim as requested by the working committee's chairpersons. The motion was adopted without objection and five meeting days were also authorized along with the additional charge of recommending funding for alternate high school programs as specified in HF 782.

Additional Studies. Chairperson Iverson informed the members that the Committee would not authorize any other requested studies at this meeting but would do so at the next one. He advised the members to contact Vice Chairperson Gipp or him in regard to suggested studies prior to the next meeting. Senator Hammond queried whether there were a certain number of legislative days for which the House of Representatives was limited that would affect the potential number of studies. Vice Chairperson Gipp answered in the negative, noting that a specific dollar amount has not been set aside for studies.

3. Materials Received by the Committee.

The following materials were received by the Committee and filed with the Legislative Service Bureau:



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- Compilation of Required and Requested Studies, prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau.
 - Memorandum requesting continuation of the School Finance Working Committee prepared on behalf of Senator Donald Redfern and Representative Betty Grundberg.
 - Listing of proposed Study Committee items distributed by Chairperson Iverson and Vice Chairperson Gipp.

4. Attachments.

Report of the Studies Committee to the Legislative Council

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