

M I N U T E S
IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 8, 1988

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The tenth meeting of the 1987-1988 Legislative Council was called to order by Speaker Donald D. Avenson, Chairperson, at 2:05 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 1988, in Committee Room 22, State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Avenson were:

Senator Bill Hutchins, Vice Chairperson
Lieutenant Governor Jo Ann Zimmerman
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Donald V. Doyle
Senator Emil J. Husak
Senator George R. Kinley
Senator Joe J. Welsh
Senator Lee W. Holt
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator David M. Readinger
Representative Robert C. Arnould
Representative Florence D. Buhr
Representative Dorothy F. Carpenter
Representative Kay Chapman
Representative John H. Connors
Representative Delwyn Stromer
Representative Harold Van Maanen

Also present were Donovan Peeters, Director, Diane Bolender, Research Division Chief, John Fatino, Assistant Research Analyst, and Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau; other legislative staff members, representatives of the news media, and other interested persons.

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

Chairperson Avenson recognized Representative Arnould who moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the minutes of the May 11 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was adopted unanimously.

IOWA SUPREME COURT RULE AMENDMENT

Chairperson Avenson recognized Senator Doyle for the Report of the Iowa Supreme Court announcing an amendment to Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 297. After a brief explanation, Senator Doyle moved that the Report of the Iowa Supreme Court pursuant to section 602.4202 be accepted. The motion was adopted unanimously. A copy of the Report is attached to, and by this reference made a part of, these minutes.

STUDIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Avenson recognized Vice Chairperson Hutchins for the Report of the Studies Committee. Senator Hutchins briefly reviewed the recommendations of the Studies Committee for the members of the Council. Concerning item #5, Senator Hutchins moved that the legislative leaders be authorized to appoint a subcommittee of three senators and three house members plus Senator Larry Murphy and Representative Art Ollie, Chairs of the Committees on Education, to review a proposed request for proposal and issues related to the establishment of an educational foundation and report to the next Council meeting. After discussion, the motion was adopted.

Concerning item #4 relating to the World Trade Institute Study Committee, Representative Carpenter noted that the Studies Committee took no action to extend the operation of the Study Committee beyond the current fiscal year. After a brief discussion, Representative Carpenter moved to amend item #4 to extend the operation of the Study Committee for an additional year and to add two additional members representing the private sector as requested by the Study Committee. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Chairperson Avenson recognized Shirley Andre, Legislative Liaison, Iowa Department of Transportation, concerning gender-balanced membership for the independent transportation-related studies. Ms. Andre requested that the study funds be released to the Legislative Service Bureau and that the funds be made available to the study committees when a slate of gender-balanced members is submitted to the Bureau. Representative Stromer stated that philosophical balance among the members should also be required. Chairperson Avenson responded that the Council should only be concerned with the gender-balance of the committees. After further discussion, Representative Connors moved that the study funds for the transportation-related committees be released when a gender-balanced list of appointees is submitted for each transportation-related study committee. The motion was adopted.

Senator Readinger requested that Mr. Tom Parks, Chairperson of the World Trade Institute Study Committee, be recognized for comments on the progress of the Committee. Mr. Parks stated that the purpose of the study is to find ways of increasing economic development in the international market for Iowa business without being duplicative of other state or national programs. He added that this qualification eliminates many areas and helped the Committee to focus on helping small Iowa businesses to find a market abroad for their products. He stated that the Committee wants to concentrate on finding help for Iowans who wish to market their products internationally, broaden this support network where necessary, and to open markets in foreign countries which are currently closed to Iowa products.

After concluding his remarks, Representative Carpenter and Senator Readinger expressed their appreciation of Mr. Park's many hours of volunteer time and extra efforts to make the study successful.

There being no further remarks concerning the recommendations of the Studies Committee, Vice-Chairperson Hutchins moved the adoption of the Report as amended. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Studies Committee Report is attached to, and by this reference made a part of, these minutes.

COMPUTER OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Avenson recognized Senator Doyle for the Report of the Computer Outreach Committee. Senator Doyle gave a brief explanation of the Committee's recommendation and moved its adoption. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Computer Outreach Study Committee is attached to, and by this reference made a part of, these minutes.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Avenson recognized Senator Joe Welsh who reviewed the recommendations of the Service Committee. During his remarks, Senator Welsh moved to amend item #2 of the Report to read that the directors of the central legislative staff agencies are to post notice in their respective offices that a draft copy of the personnel guidelines is available to employees upon request for their review and comment. There being no objections, the amendment was adopted. Senator Welsh moved the adoption of the Service Committee Report. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Service Committee Report is attached to, and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Senator Welsh also stated that the Service Committee will be researching an electronic voice writing system during the next few weeks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Avenson stated that a new location for the Bicentennial Historical Display should be found to provide more space in the second floor rotunda area. He also stated that the sharp edges on the display are a concern. He added that a more suitable location for the display may be the State Historical Building. After further discussion, Senator Holt moved that Mr. Jack Walters, Department of General Services, and the State Bicentennial Commission be contacted for recommendations as to a new location for the Bicentennial Historical Display. The motion was adopted.

Vice Chairperson Hutchins stated that a request has been received for funding of the State and Local Legal Center. He added that the Center is an arm of Academy of State and Local Government which is a nonprofit public research and educational training foundation sponsored by the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and other national organizations of public officials, and that the Center has proven very useful in supporting state and local government rights in federal cases before the U. S. Supreme Court. Senator Hutchins continued that the funding for the Center is determined on a pro rata basis among the states which amounts to \$50,000 for Iowa. He added that this would be a one-time contribution to the foundation. He stated that Iowa should join in funding the Center, but funding by the Legislative Council through section 2.12 may not be legal. Senator Doyle commented that Center is very selective of the issues which it supports through amicus curiae briefs and that Iowa should support its work. After further discussion, Senator Hultman moved that the Legislative Council endorses the concept of providing financial support to the State and Local Legal Center and recommends that the Committees on Appropriation take appropriate action to provide the funding. The motion was adopted.

As the final business item, Chairperson Avenson directed the Council's attention to an invitation received from the University of Northern Iowa and the mayors of the City of Cedar Falls and the City of Waterloo to hold the July Council meeting in the Cedar Falls/Waterloo area. He added that it may be a good idea to hold one or two Council meetings per year in other areas of the state. After discussion, Senator Husak moved that the July Council meeting be held in the Cedar Falls/Waterloo area as per the invitations if facilities and related arrangements can be made. The motion was adopted. In response to a question by Representative Buhr, Chairperson Avenson stated that the July 13 date is tentative and that the Council will notified of the meeting date later.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DONOVAN PEETERS, Director

THANE R. JOHNSON, Senior Research Analyst