

MINUTES

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 14, 1995

The first meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council for 1995-1996 was called to order by Temporary Chairperson Senator Wally Horn at 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 1995, in Room 22 of the State Capitol Building in Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Temporary Chairperson Horn were:

Senator Leonard Boswell
Senator Jim Lind
Representative Dennis Cohoon
Representative Chuck Gipp
Representative David Schrader

Also present were staff members of the Legislative Service Bureau, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and caucus and research staffs, and other interested persons.

It was noted that a quorum from each house was present.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Representative Gipp moved that Senator Horn be elected Chairperson. The motion was adopted without discussion or dissent. Senator Boswell moved that Representative Gipp be elected Vice Chairperson. The motion was also adopted without discussion or dissent.

INTERIM COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Mr. John Pollak of the Legislative Service Bureau explained that a two-page handout entitled "Proposed Guidelines for Interim Study Committees" is in the packet each member received. He noted that the guidelines are identical to the ones adopted for the last two interims. Vice Chairperson Gipp moved that the guidelines be adopted by the Committee. The motion was adopted by voice vote without dissent.

INTERIM STUDIES

Vice Chairperson Gipp informed the members that Chairperson Horn and he had met and agreed to offer a proposal to create the six studies in the members' packets for the Committee's

consideration. Responding to a question from Senator Lind, Vice Chairperson Gipp explained that these proposed studies are the only ones intended to be considered that day but there is a possibility that others may be recommended at a later time.

Representative Schrader queried staff as to what, if anything, the Committee needs to do in regard to the Intermediate Criminal Sanctions Task Force. Mr. Pollak's response was that the Committee does not need to do anything since the authority to appoint the Task Force members was established by statute and all the General Assembly did in the 1995 Session was to extend the life of the Task Force.

Chairperson Horn offered an amendment to the charge of the proposed Housing Development Study Committee requiring the chairpersons of that study committee to consult with the Department of Economic Development and the Iowa Finance Authority and to coordinate activities with the Housing Summit, sponsored by the League of Iowa Cities and the Iowa State Association of Counties as requested in H. F. 577, and the executive branch. Senator Boswell moved the amendment which motion was adopted by voice vote. The Committee then approved without dissent a motion to recommend approval of the creation of the proposed six studies to the Legislative Council.

Senator Lind queried as to the intent on further studies. Chairperson Horn iterated that he has not been able to consult with Speaker Corbett on three more studies, but after doing so, intends to bring them up at the Council meeting. The potential studies are the One-call Statewide Underground Facility Notification System, Blueprint for Iowa's Young Children, and Alternative Energy Production. Senator Lind suggested the Committee give tentative approval. The Committee, after some discussion, agreed to the tentative approval of the aforementioned three studies with the stipulation that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson develop the charge and the membership, with the following number of days to be authorized: one day for the One-call study, two days for the Alternative Energy study, and three days for the Blueprint study.

A copy of the Committee's studies recommendations is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The last business to come before the Committee related to a letter from the Oversight, Audit and Government Reform Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee requesting funding to join with the Auditor of State to conduct a performance audit of certain long-term health care programs. A copy of the letter was included in the Committee packet and is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau. Senator Boswell expressed an interest in acquiring information on what health care programs are available and their costs and results. His motion to recommend approval of the funding (\$37,500) as a joint expenditure under section 2.12 and for the House Subcommittee to join in this endeavor was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the Committee adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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