



Legislative  
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# MINUTES

## Iowa Legislative Council

June 27, 2000

Fifth Meeting of the 1999-2000 Biennium

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Speaker Brent Siegrist, Chairperson

Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., Vice Chairperson

Senator Nancy Boettger  
Senator Robert Dvorsky  
Senator Tom Flynn  
Senator Michael Gronstal  
Senator Johnnie Hammond  
Senator John Jensen  
Senator Derryl McLaren  
Senator Jack Rife

Representative John Connors  
Representative Chuck Gipp  
Representative Libby Jacobs  
Representative Pam Jochum  
Representative Delores Mertz  
Representative David Millage  
Representative Pat Murphy  
Representative Christopher Rants  
Representative David Schrader  
Representative Steven Sukup

## MEETING IN BRIEF

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### I. Procedural Business.

**Call to Order.** The fifth meeting of the 1999-2000 Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Brent Siegrist at 3:05 p.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2000, in the Reagan Conference Room, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Minutes of December 15, 1999.** Vice Chairperson Stewart Iverson, Jr., moved that the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 1999, be approved as submitted. There being no additions or corrections, the motion was adopted by voice vote.

**Adjournment.** Senator Derryl McLaren moved that the Legislative Council meeting adjourn at 3:55 p.m. The motion was adopted.

### II. Membership of Redistricting Committee.

Chairperson Siegrist announced the appointment of the following legislators to the Redistricting Committee of the Legislative Council:

- Senator JoAnn Johnson, Cochairperson
- Representative Bob Brunkhorst, Cochairperson
- Senator Jeff Angelo
- Senator John Kibbie
- Representative Steve Falck
- Representative Janet Metcalf

### III. Pricing of Legal Publications.

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, regarding the pricing of several legal publications. Ms. Bolender stated that section 7A.22 of the Code of Iowa requires the Legislative Council each fiscal year to establish a price for the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, Iowa Administrative Code Supplement, the Iowa Administrative Code, the Iowa Court Rules, and the Iowa Court Rules Supplement. She stated that the Department of General Services recommends that the prices of each publication be increased by 4 percent to reflect a significant increase in the cost of paper in the preceding six months and the selection of a new printing vendor, Garner Printing. Senator John Jensen moved that the prices recommended by the Department of General Services be adopted by the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted unanimously. A copy of the letter of recommendation from Mr. Scott Burtress, Administrator of Printing and Imaging, Department of General Services, is on file in the Legislative Service Bureau.

### IV. Iowa Court Rules.

Chairperson Siegrist again recognized Ms. Bolender regarding amendments to the Rules of Juvenile Procedure submitted by the Supreme Court of Iowa. She stated that the proposed changes are subject to review by the Legislative Council. Representative David Millage requested that future amendments to the Court Rules be distributed to the members of the Legislative Council before the date of the meeting. Vice Chairperson Iverson moved that the Court Rules changes be received with no delay requested. The



motion was adopted by voice vote. A copy of the Court Rules changes is filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.

**V. 2001 Legislative Session Prefiling Rules.**

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Ms. Bolender to review the changes to the Rules for Prefiling Legislative Bills. She explained that the Rules changes reflect the dates for the Seventy-ninth General Assembly and authorize prefiling requests by persons newly elected to the Seventy-ninth General Assembly. She added that state departments and agencies are requested to submit the fewest number of bill requests as possible and that the Legislative Service Bureau will confer with department or agency liaisons to combine or separate technical and policy proposals into bill drafts which can most efficiently be considered by the standing committees of the General Assembly. Senator Jensen moved the adoption of the proposed Rules for Prefiling Legislative Bills as submitted. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Rules for Prefiling Legislative Bills as adopted is attached to these minutes.

**VI. Report of the Legislative Oversight Committee.**

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Mr. Douglas Wulf, Division Administrator, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, to present the Report of the Oversight Committee. He stated that the Oversight Committee met twice since the last meeting of the Legislative Council. The Committee met on May 16 and June 20, 2000. The Committee reviewed plans submitted by the Department of Management relating to the operation of the three state data centers and plans relating to the operation of the Iowa Communication Network under budget reductions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000. The Committee also received information concerning technology and economic development in Iowa and plans by the University of Northern Iowa for establishing a rural business center to provide technical assistance, training, referrals, and access to business technology. Mr. Wulf concluded by stating that the Legislative Oversight Committee took no actions requiring consideration by the Legislative Council. Senator Michael Gronstal moved that the Report of the Legislative Oversight Committee be received and filed. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Legislative Oversight Committee is attached to these minutes.

**VII. Report of the Fiscal Committee.**

Representative Millage presented a review of the activities of the Fiscal Committee at its two meetings in January and June 2000. He noted that the Committee plans meetings during the interim in August, September, November, and December. He added that the Committee also discussed the possibility of obtaining outside critiques of how state government operates with an emphasis on how other states handle particular issues. Particular topics for critiques include duplication at the state universities, duplication of services and functions of state agencies, a comparison of retirement packages of state universities and other states, the state budget process, and the court system. He concluded by stating that the co-chairpersons of the Fiscal Committee request authority from the Legislative Council to pursue the critiques at reasonable cost. Senator Gronstal stated that he would support the request if assurances can be given that the



consultants retained to give the critiques provide a balanced, bipartisan report. He added that consultants representing the Council of State Governments or the National Conference of State Legislatures would provide balanced critiques, but he is reluctant to give blanket approval to unnamed consultants. Representative Millage stated that he does not want to limit the potential consultants to only two national organizations and that he is not interested in hiring consultants whose recommendations will not be taken seriously by both caucuses. Representative David Schrader commented that public funds should not be used to fund politically biased studies or critiques. After further discussion, Representative Millage received unanimous consent to amend the request to require that an outside consultant retained by the Committee be approved by at least three Committee members of the majority party and two Committee members of the minority party. Senator McLaren also received unanimous consent to amend the Committee request to limit the authorization to critiques and studies initiated during the 2000 Interim only. Representative Millage moved that the Report of the Fiscal Committee, as amended, be adopted. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Fiscal Committee is attached to these minutes.

### **VIII. Report of the Capital Projects Committee.**

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Representative Chuck Gipp for the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. Representative Gipp stated that the Committee received a preliminary proposal for private development of a Capitol Complex parking ramp and associated office and commercial space. He added that the Committee also received an update on the interior and exterior renovation of the State Capitol. He concluded by stating that the Committee recommends that planning and design work associated with the renovation of the Senate and House chambers commence immediately. This will allow the renovation work to begin immediately after adjournment of the 2001 Legislative Session.

Representative John Connors moved the adoption of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Capital Projects Committee is attached to these minutes.

### **IX. Report of the Service Committee.**

Vice Chairperson Iverson presented the Report of the Service Committee. He briefly reviewed the recommendations for promotions and the creation of new positions of Legislative Information Office Director/Legislative Branch Protocol Officer and a comparable senior-level position. The Redistricting Committee submitted a report to the Service Committee regarding the receipt of Census 2000 Data and Geographic Products from the U.S. Bureau of Census by the Legislative Service Bureau in cooperation with the four caucus staffs on behalf of the General Assembly, the negotiation and undertaking of a contract for Phase 3 for redistricting of congressional and legislative districts, and the employment of an additional redistricting staff person, the purchase of additional hardware necessary for redistricting, and the employment of a temporary drafter/staffer for the 2001 Legislative Session. The Committee also recommended the reappointment of William P. Angrick II to a four-year term as Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman subject to the approval and confirmation of a constitutional majority of



the Senate and House of Representatives. He concluded by stating that the Committee also recommends a deferred compensation employer match for legislative employees in the same amount offered to executive branch employees for the fiscal year 2000-2001. The employer match will begin April 2001. Vice Chairperson Iverson moved the adoption of the Report of the Service Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Service Committee is attached to these minutes.

**X. Report of the International Relations Committee.**

Chairperson Siegrist recognized Senator Nancy Boettger for the Report of the International Relations Committee. Senator Boettger stated that the Committee received reports regarding proposed gifts, forms, and surveys, travel reports, and a report from the Iowa Department of Economic Development. She stated that the Committee recommends that a subcommittee of the Committee on International Relations meet in August to prepare additional recommendations regarding the Legislative Branch Protocol Officer and that the Chairpersons send a letter to various interest groups regarding possible membership on the International Relations Advisory Council. Senator Boettger moved the adoption of the Report of the International Relations Committee. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the International Relations Committee is attached to these minutes.

**XI. Report of the Administration Committee.**

The Report of the Administration Committee was presented by Representative Steven Sukup. Representative Sukup stated that the Committee received presentations regarding the new security system to be installed in the Governor's offices and the Court offices and Capitol security procedures and recommended changes in security on the Capitol Complex. A presentation on security procedures of other states was given by the Legislative Service Bureau and a statement regarding the publication of the House and Senate Journals was given by the Chief Clerk. Representative Sukup concluded by stating that the Legislative Service Bureau was requested to prepare a written update of current Capitol security measures and proposed changes for use of the Committee members. Representative Sukup moved that the Report of the Administration Committee be received and filed. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Administration Committee is attached to these minutes.

**XII. Report of the Studies Committee.**

Vice Chairperson Iverson was recognized for the Report of the Studies Committee. He stated that the Committee recommends 10 interim studies, including beverage container redemption, replacement funding for property taxes on industrial machinery and equipment, electronic commerce, HMO accountability, mental health and developmental disabilities, personal privacy issues, public retirement systems, prescription drug benefits for seniors, and renewable reformulated fuels. In reply to a question by Representative Connors, Representative Gipp stated that the statutory Public Retirement Systems Committee was directed to review the report of the Governor's Task Force on IPERS Structure and Governance and to review defined contribution options for covered persons.



Senator Gronstal moved an amendment to reauthorize the Campaign Finance Commission for three meeting days and at least one public hearing. Vice Chairperson Iverson urged the Council to oppose the amendment. Representative Connors and Representative Pam Jochum expressed support for the amendment to reinstate the Campaign Finance Commission so that additional time, as requested by Commission members, could be devoted to consideration of all issues relating to campaign finance disclosure. Senator Gronstal stated that campaign finance reform is very important because of the very high costs associated with election campaigns and increasing reliance on negative advertisements in election campaigns. He moved adoption of the amendment and asked for a record roll call. The amendment failed with nine ayes and 11 nays. Those voting aye were Senators Dvorsky, Flynn, Gronstal, and Hammond, and Representatives Connors, Jochum, Mertz, Murphy, and Schrader. Those voting nay were Chairperson Siegrist, Vice Chairperson Iverson, and Senators Boettger, Jensen, McLaren, and Rife, and Representatives Gipp, Jacobs, Millage, Rants, and Sukup.

Concerning the Study Committee on Personal Privacy Issues, Senator McLaren moved an amendment to increase the number of meeting days from one to two days. He expressed concern that the subject matter may even require more than two days. The amendment was adopted. Vice Chairperson Iverson moved the adoption of the Study Committee recommendations as amended. The motion was adopted. Senator Gronstal moved that the proposed guidelines for the interim study committees be adopted. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Report of the Studies Committee and a copy of the proposed guidelines for interim study committees are attached to these minutes.

### **XIII. Miscellaneous Business.**

Representative Connors moved that the Legislative Council endorse a proposal to submit a bid to host the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments in Iowa. Vice Chairperson Iverson stated that he plans to investigate the proposal and the potential costs involved. There being no objection, the endorsement was approved.

### **XIV. Attachments.**

- A. 2001 Legislative Session Prefiling Rules.
- B. Report of the Legislative Oversight Committee.
- C. Report of the Fiscal Committee.
- D. Report of the Capital Projects Committee.
- E. Report of the Service Committee.
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- G. Report of the Administration Committee.
- H. Report of the Studies Committee.

### **XV. Material on File With the Legislative Service Bureau.**

- A. Pricing Memorandum for Legal Publications.



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