

M I N U T E S
STUDIES COMMITTEE

June 15, 1982

The meeting of the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order at 11:15 a.m., Tuesday, June 15, 1982 in the Speaker's Conference Room of the State House, Des Moines. Committee members present were:

Representative Larry Pope, Chairperson
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Lowell Junkins
Senator John W. Jensen
Senator Ray Taylor
Representative Don Avenson
Representative John H. Clark
Representative John H. Connors
Representative Lester D. Menke

Other persons present for the meeting were:

Speaker Delwyn Stromer
Mr. Serge Garrison, Director of the Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Thane Johnson, Legislative Service Bureau
Ms. Diane Bolender, Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were a number of legislative staff persons and other interested individuals.

Senator Coleman asked that the minutes of the May 25 Studies Committee be corrected to show that Senator Coleman was present. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Chairperson Pope noted for Committee members that the proposed study of nuclear fuels will be a study jointly conducted by the members of the Committees on Transportation and Energy as specified in S.C.R. 116.

Chairperson Pope indicated that he had received two letters from legislators requesting approval for additional studies. He commented that a letter from Representative Schroeder requested two days to study hospital and health insurance costs containment and to review laws concerning reimbursement for outpatient treatment. He added that a letter from Representative Trucano asked for approval for a study of acquisition of new data processing/data communications systems and expansion of current systems. He also commented that he has received correspondence from Mr. Kevin Kelly requesting approval for a study of comparative negligence.

Senator Junkins moved that the Studies Committee recommend that the Legislative Council establish a ten-member committee, five from each house, composed of members of the Committees on State Government, to study equal pay for equal work for one day and that the Studies Committee recommend that the Legislative Council establish a study composed of ten members, five from each house,

with members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee to study sentencing for two days.

Representative Menke asked that the Committee consider each study separately. Senator Junkins agreed and recommended the equal pay for equal work study as envisioned in H.C.R. 141. Representative Clark asked that the minutes state that the interim committee making the study can request additional days if there is the need. Representative Connors moved that the study be given three days for meetings. Senator Coleman seconded the motion. Representative Clark disagreed, stating that the committee has the option of requesting additional days and one or two days will provide sufficient time to identify the problem. Representative Connors changed his amendment to request approval for two days of meetings. The motion passed and the motion to approve the study also passed.

With regard to the sentencing study, Senator Junkins noted that most of the members of the General Assembly who have been involved in the sentencing bills during the last session of the General Assembly will not be returning and it appears to be wise to review the differences between the House and Senate bills. Senator Coleman seconded the motion, and it carried on a voice vote.

Senator Junkins moved that the Studies Committee recommend to the Legislative Council that the membership of the interim study committees be named by the majority and minority party leadership in each house and that a report be made of the appointments to the Legislative Council. Representative Connors seconded the motion and it carried.

Speaker Stromer suggested to the Studies Committee that the leadership possess the option to appoint a person other than a present member of a standing committee to which a study is assigned to serve on the study since a person who is interested in the topic may not currently be a member of the appropriate standing committee, but may be appointed to that standing committee for the next General Assembly. Senator Junkins expressed agreement with Speaker Stromer's proposal, but expressed the belief that the Studies Committee should be made aware of any of these appointments. Senator Junkins moved that Speaker Stromer's proposal for making appointments of persons not currently members of the appropriate committees from which membership is selected for interim studies be recommended for approval by the Legislative Council, but that the names of the persons be transmitted to the Studies Committee. Representative Connors seconded the motion and it carried.

The Studies Committee adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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