

## M I N U T E S

### STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 18, 1989

#### PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on Wednesday, October 18, 1989, in Senate Room 22, Statehouse, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Avenson at 2:13 p.m. Members present in addition to Chairperson Avenson were:

Senator C. Joseph Coleman  
Senator Calvin O. Hultman  
Senator Emil Husak  
Senator Bill Hutchins  
Senator John N. Nystrom  
Representative Bob Arnould  
Representative John Connors  
Representative Mary Lundby  
Representative Roger Halvorson

Representative Halvorson moved to dispense with calling the roll and to approve the minutes of the September 20, 1989, meeting. The motions were seconded and adopted unanimously.

#### REQUESTS FOR COMMITTEE

Chairperson Avenson commented that a number of requests have been received by the Committee, that those requests have been distributed to the members in the packet they received and stated that he would provide the legislative leadership's recommendations on each request. He noted that the first request is for approval for an extension of the deadline for the Preserving Adequate Water Supply Study Committee. Chairperson Avenson stated that this request should not be recommended. He added that approval should be given for a request for an additional public hearing for the Quality Grains Advisory Committee and approval should be given to a request for an extension of the deadline for the Department of Employment Services Review Study Committee since the Committee had not been created until three weeks ago. He opined that the request of the Drug Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Study for an extension of its deadline not be approved. He pointed out that the request for extension of the deadline of the Nongender Based

Insurance Study Committee should be approved since the Committee does not need to make the request. In regard to the request of the Energy Efficiency Study Committee for reimbursement of expenses of members attending the Governor's Global Warming Conference, Chairperson Avenson stated that the members should request this from their respective leaders as this is the normal procedure. Continuing with the leadership recommendations, Chairperson Avenson specified that approval be given to the request for an additional meeting day for the Child Care Evaluation Study Committee, that approval be given to the request of the Fiscal Committee for authorization to conduct a \$7,335.50 study of the expanded usage of the drug Ritalin for high activity level classroom children, and that the request of the Fiscal Committee that an ad hoc committee be appointed by the Legislative Council and authorized to hire a consultant at no more than \$50,000 to work with the ad hoc committee on issues relating to the institutions operated by the Department of Human Services be approved.

Chairperson Avenson added that as a result of the Capitol Complex Child Care Study done by the Legislative Service Bureau, the Director of General Services should be requested to submit a proposal for providing child care services for the capitol complex and the charge for the Juvenile Law Study Committee that was distributed to the members should be approved as written.

Senator Hultman took this time to express his concern over the holding of a meeting by the Child Care Evaluation Study Committee on a Saturday. He emphasized that this is a poor precedent. He then moved that the Saturday meeting be cancelled and that the Study Committee be given additional time to meet. Chairperson Avenson asked Representative Buhr, who is Co-chairperson of the Study Committee, about this. She responded that the Saturday meeting date was the only time the members could all get together and that it was essential to hold it that date if the Study Committee was to finish its work before the deadline set by the Legislative Council. Senator Hultman asked the directors of the legislative staff what effect, if any, on overtime would meeting on Saturday have on their people. The answers of the directors indicated that the meeting would have different effects on the various staffs. After further discussion, Senator Hutchings moved a substitute motion, which was adopted unanimously, that the Studies Committee recommend to the Legislative Council that the Council recognize the Saturday meeting scheduled by the Child Care Evaluation Study Committee and that the Council establish a policy stating that the Legislative Council's preference is that interim study committees not meet on Saturdays.

After adoption of the substitute motion by Senator Hutchins, the Senator moved that the recommendations of the leadership as set forth by Chairperson Avenson be adopted as the recommendations of the Studies Committee. The motion was seconded and adopted

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unanimously. (A copy of the Study Committee's Report is attached.)

Chairperson Avenson recognized the receipt of the Studies Committee of the Capitol Complex Child Care Survey conducted by the Legislative Service Bureau and the progress report of the interim study committees compiled by the Legislative Service Bureau and the report on hiring of a consultant by the Health Care Expansion Task Force.

There being no further business, Representative Connors moved the adjournment of the Committee and the motion was adopted and the Committee adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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