



# MINUTES

## International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council

December 12, 2000

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Nancy Boettger,  
Chairperson

Representative Willard Jenkins,  
Vice chairperson  
Representative Jack Drake  
Representative Chuck Gipp  
Representative Libby Jacobs

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## MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business.
  - II. Protocol Officer Update.
  - III. Reports of International Activities of Members and Agencies.
  - IV. Goals for the Legislative Session.
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**I. Procedural Business.**

Chairperson Boettger called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. in the Reagan Committee Room of the State House. The Committee adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

**II. Protocol Officer Update.**

Ms. Julie Livers reported that she had made initial contacts regarding the activities of the Protocol Officer with the Department of Economic Development and the Iowa Sister States Office. She also stated that new legislators are being informed regarding the activities of the International Relations Committee. There was no activity of the International Relations Advisory Council to report.

**III. Reports of International Activities of Members and Agencies.**

Representative Drake shared his experiences from a recent trip to Taiwan. He also provided the Committee with examples of the official gifts he received on his trip. Representative Jenkins informed the Committee of the interest of a delegation from Saskatchewan, Canada, in visiting Iowa. He stated that the information he received from the Council of State Governments (CSG) was incomplete and the purpose of the trip was unclear. Members of the Committee encouraged Representative Jenkins to attempt to gain more information from CSG. Senator Boettger informed the Committee regarding her trip to Honduras, the recent Iowa Council for International Understanding gala, and that she will have an international student interning with her during the upcoming legislative session. Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, told the Committee about her recent trip to Argentina as a delegate representing the National Conference of State Legislatures.

**IV. Goals for the Legislative Session.**

The Committee determined that Chairperson Boettger and Representative Jacobs would encourage the adoption of the protocol policy developed by the Committee as rules by their respective chambers during the upcoming legislative session. The Committee also expressed the desire to continue to meet during the upcoming legislative session.

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