

M I N U T E S

STUDIES COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 18, 1985

The second meeting of the Studies Committee of the Iowa Legislature Council was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Senator Lowell L. Junkins at 2:05 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, 1985 in Speaker's Conference Room of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Vice-Chairman Junkins were:

Speaker Donald D. Avenson, Chairman
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Lee Holt
Representative Lowell E. Norland
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Dorothy Carpenter
Representative Richard W. Welden

Also present were legislative staff, representatives of the press, and other interested persons.

Vice-Chairman Junkins recognized Chairman Avenson to present the proposed non-mandated 1985 Interim Studies to the Committee. Chairman Avenson presented a brief description of each study item as follows:

1. Education Excellence - 5 Senate members, 5 House members, and 8 citizen members with 7 authorized meeting days (LEAG assignment: Duane Anderson, University of Iowa, and James Stoner, University of Iowa). The subject matter may include teacher standards, teacher shortage, teacher pay, and finance. (Department of Public Instruction Study on finance is due July 16, 1985. The Education Task Force on non-finance items continues to meet.)

2. Child Protection - 5 Senate members, 5 House members, with 1 meeting day authorized. The subject matter includes protection of juveniles within the court and the juvenile justice systems and protections and procedures regarding juvenile runaways.

3. Water Quality - 5 Senate members, 5 House members, with 3 meeting days authorized. The subject matter includes a mechanism

to determine the extent of Iowans' exposure to health and safety risks associated with public and private water supplies, including but not limited to, funding of inventories of wells and pilot water testing projects. (LEAG assignment: Jerry Mitchell, University of Iowa)

4. Hazardous Waste Disposal/Siting - 5 Senate members, 5 House members, with 3 meeting days authorized. The subject matter includes protection of the general public from exposure to health or safety risks associated with the disposal of hazardous wastes, and feasibility of statewide amnesty days.

5. Recodification of State OWI Laws - 5 Senate members, 5 House members, and 2 authorized meeting days. The subject matter is as provided in House Concurrent Resolution 42 and includes the study of State Supreme Court rulings relating to social hosts and the dram shop law.

6. Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention - A Cost-Benefit Evaluation of Statewide Public and Private Delivery - 5 Senate members, 5 House members with 2 authorized meeting days. The study includes the determination of the type, scope, and funding source for long-term evaluation of Iowa's substance abuse delivery system, with possible use of Oklahoma's 4-year study as a model.

7. Rural Medical Services Delivery - 5 Senate members, 5 House members, and 8 citizen members with 4 authorized meeting days. The subject matter includes the preventive care, hospital care, emergency care and service and delivery measuring rural Iowans' access to coordinated medical service delivery.

8. Iowa Livestock Industry - 5 Senate members, 5 House members, and 6 citizen members with 3 authorized meeting days. Senator Hutchins commented that this study will be separate from the alternative crops and livestock study which is called for in House File 225. The citizen members will include a veterinarian, finance officer or banker, packing house operator, cow-calf operator, auctioneer, and feeder operator. A copy of Senator Hutchin's letter requesting the study is attached to, and by this reference, made a part of these minutes.

9. Pensions Study - 5 Senate members, 5 House members, with 2 authorized meeting days. The subject matter of this study is to review the status of public employee pension systems.

10. Mobile Registrars - 3 Senate members, 3 House members, with 1 authorized meeting day. The purpose of this study is to address the Supreme Court decision relating to access of minority political parties to the position of mobile deputy registrars.

Also recommended during the 1985 Interim are the following surveys and projects which are not in the category of an interim study:

1. Elderly Services Coordination

The Human Resources Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and ranking members are to oversee a Legislative Fiscal Bureau inventory of Iowa's coordination and delivery of community-based services to all elderly emphasizing frail elderly services. Measurement of the current pilot programs providing in-home services as compared to institutional programs.

2. Fiscal Committee/Federal Policy Changes

The Fiscal Committee is to direct and oversee legislative staff monitoring of federal policy changes, including analysis of Iowa budget and revenue impacts resulting from federal budget cuts, tax changes, and similar federal changes.

3. Iowa Plan/Economic Development Data Base

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau is to develop a data base to chart the effectiveness of various programs in the Iowa Plan for Economic Development, the extent of participation, jobs production, local and regional revitalization efforts. (LEAG Assignment: Peter Fisher, University of Iowa and Ken Stone, Iowa State University)

4. Peace Studies Survey

A LEAG survey is requested. A stipend is requested to fund an inventory of Iowa's higher educational offerings in Peace and International Studies and related topics.

Representative Carpenter commented that there are too many complicated study items in the first interim study relating to Educational Excellence. She stated that the finance formula alone would be sufficient for one study committee. She added that two interim committees should be appointed if both teacher quality and educational finance topics are to be included. Chairman Avenson responded that he believes the Committee itself should meet and determine what the agenda and scope of its study should be. He added that there is a need for House and Senate agreement on what educational goals should be handled during the next session of the General Assembly. He stated that nothing will be accomplished if each House pursues its own educational agenda without agreement with the other House. Representative Carpenter responded that the Studies Committee should determine which study topics and agenda the interim committee should pursue. She added that she does not believe that the interim committee will be able to satisfactorily resolve the issues of study topics and agenda in one meeting.

Vice-Chairman Junkins commented that he believes the interim committee can decide at its first meeting what the specific agenda

should be and if a larger membership is needed in order to accomplish the specific goals for the interim study.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the Education Excellence Study Committee would be directed to report its study objectives and agenda to the Legislative Council after its first meeting and that the six additional meeting days will be authorized based on the Committees Report to the Legislative Council.

Concerning the Rural Medical Services Delivery Study Committee, Senator Hultman commented that the subject matter should include the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 22 and include EMS funding.

In reply to a question by Representative Welden, Chairman Avenson stated that the Peace Study survey to be completed by LEAG is in addition to the other study assignments and that an additional \$1,000 will be needed to cover the related costs. Chairman Avenson stated that the stipend is in addition to the \$35,000 funding plus \$5,000 for administration costs already authorized for the LEAG researchers. In reply to another question by Representative Welden, Chairman Avenson stated that the overall budget for the interim studies is approximately the same as during the previous years with the reduction of visitation committee meetings and visits.

There being no further comments, Chairman Avenson moved that the 10 proposed nonmandated interim studies be recommended as interim studies to the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted.

In reply to a request by Mr. Koebernick, Vice-Chairman Junkins moved that a Code Publication Subcommittee be established with 3 Senate members, 3 House members and 1 authorized meeting day. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Avenson recognized Senator Coleman who moved that the minutes of the meeting of May 30 be approved as submitted. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Senator Hultman moved to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. The motion was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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