

## M I N U T E S

### STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 30, 1985

The first meeting of the Studies Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Speaker Donald D. Avenson at 10:55 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 1985 in Senate Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairman Avenson were:

Senator C. Joseph Coleman  
Senator Calvin O. Hultman  
Senator Lee Holt  
Representative Lowell E. Norland  
Representative Dorothy Carpenter  
Representative Richard W. Welden

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

Chairman Avenson recognized Senator Hultman who moved to dispense with the roll call of the members. The motion was adopted.

Concerning studies in progress, Chairman Avenson noted that the Committee has received requests for additional meeting days from the Education Task Force, the Recreation-Tourism-Leisure Study Committee, and the Economic Development Study Committee. The Education Task Force has requested two additional meetings, the Recreation-Tourism-Leisure Study Committee has requested not more than six additional meetings, and the Economic Development Study Committee has requested three additional meetings.

In reply to a question by Representative Carpenter, Chairman Avenson briefly outlined the status of the Recreation-Tourism-Leisure Study Committee and the plans of the Committee for the 1985 interim.

After further discussion Senator Coleman moved that the Education Task Force be authorized three meeting days; the Recreation-Tourism-Leisure Study Committee be authorized four meeting days; and the Economic Development Study Committee be authorized three meeting days. The motion was seconded by Senator Hultman and adopted. Chairman Avenson noted that additional meeting days may be requested by the Study Committees if necessary.

Chairman Avenson, Senator Hultman, and Representative Welden expressed concern about the number of studies which were mandated by legislation during the 1985 Session. Chairman Avenson noted that there are ten mandated studies including the World Trade Center Study which is already in progress.

Senator Hultman commented that the appointments of members to the study committees should be carried out as in the past by the Speaker of the House and Minority Leader of the House and Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate. He further recommended that each study be given two meeting days except for the World Trade Center Study and the study relating to alternative crops and livestock. Representative Norland replied that two meetings days will not be sufficient in several cases and recommended that each mandated study be discussed individually.

After discussion of the study relating to female dominated jobs, Senator Hultman moved that the study be authorized two meeting days. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Avenson noted that the Human Services Advisory Committee is an executive department study, therefore no action is needed by the Committee.

Senator Hultman moved that the Bill of Rights study be authorized three meeting days. The motion was adopted.

The Alternative Crop and Livestock Study Committee is funded by receipts from the lottery. The Committee set no limit on the number of meeting days.

Concerning the Insurance Guaranty Fund and Risk-Sharing Pool, Senator Hultman moved that the Study Committee be authorized two meeting days with five members from the Senate and five members from the House. Representative Carpenter noted that the study also provides for public members along with members of the Commerce Committees. After discussion, Representative Carpenter moved to amend Senator Hultman's motion to allow the Speaker of the House and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate to determine the number of members of the Study Committee. The amendment was adopted. The motion by Senator Coleman, as amended, was adopted.

Chairman Avenson asked if any members of the Committee are familiar with the study request relating to the phase-in of interest payments. The study request was temporarily deferred until Mr. Koebernick obtains a copy of Senate File 459.

Concerning the Farm Financial Subcommittee, Senator Coleman moved to authorize three meeting days. Senator Norland moved to amend Senator Coleman's amendment to allow the legislative leadership to determine the number of memberships of the study

committee. The amendment was adopted. Senator Coleman's motion, as amended, was adopted.

Concerning the Title Guaranty Program, Senator Hultman moved that the study be authorized one meeting day. The motion was adopted.

After discussion of the Collective Bargaining Study which will have public members only, Senator Hultman moved that the study be authorized three meeting days.

Returning to the phase-in of interest payments, Chairman Avenson, after reviewing the legislation, stated that intent of the request is not clear. After further discussion, Representative Welden moved to defer further consideration of the Study until information on its intent is obtained. The motion was adopted.

Representative Welden requested that the Legislative Service Bureau prepare a summary of the study committees authorized along with the number of members and projected costs for the total study agenda.

Concerning a request by Senator Bruner for a study of the long term care and evaluation of community based assessment programs for long term health care by the House and Senate Committees on Human Resources, Senator Coleman suggested that the standing committee chairpersons hold a one day meeting as already authorized by law for standing committees and determine the need for any additional days.

Chairman Avenson also noted that a request by Representative Rosenberg relating to water protection and hazardous waste could be handled in a similar fashion.

After further discussion, Senator Hultman moved that the Committee defer further action on all optional requests for study committees. At the request of Chairman Avenson, the Committee agreed that the membership of the study committees be appointed by the legislative leadership including the Speaker of the House, Minority Leader of the House, Majority Leader of the Senate, and Minority Leader of the Senate.

Copies of study committee requests made to the Committee are filed with the Legislative Service Bureau.

Chairman Avenson next recognized Dr. John W. Fuller, Executive Director, Legislative Extended Assistance Group. Dr. Fuller stated that LEAG has 22 potentially fundable projects for the 1985 Interim compared with sixteen projects for the 1984 Interim. He noted that the 22 projects would cost a total of \$110,800 if all were funded, but he noted that in the past the Legislative Council

has supported approximately \$35,000 in research plus \$5,000 in administrative costs for the LEAG. In response to a question by Representative Welden, Dr. Fuller stated that during the 1984 Interim approximately \$45,000 was expended on research projects.

After further discussion, Chairman Avenson stated that a new approach will be tried this year by assigning the LEAG researchers directly to interim committees to do research in the same subject matter area as the interim committee. He added that in the past the LEAG researchers carried out separate research projects which did not necessarily complement interim studies.

Representative Carpenter stated that she has two concerns about the new approach recommended by Chairman Avenson. She stated that the Study Committee may have a tendency to follow the researcher's approach to completing an interim study or that the researcher may feel compelled to find the results requested by the interim committee. She added that either possibility will be unfortunate if it occurs. She added that her concerns may be unwarranted and that the approach recommended by Chairman Avenson is worth a trial.

Representative Norland moved that the Committee select six researchers to conduct research for the interim committees on the following subject matters at a cost not to exceed \$35,000 plus \$5,000 for administrative expenses. The subject matter and researchers are as follows:

1. Economic Development -

- Peter Fisher, Evaluating Alternative Strategies for Promoting Small Business Development in Iowa.
- Kenneth Stone, Assessing the Current Status and Needs of Iowa Small Business.

2. Education -

- Duane Anderson, Study of Administrative Funding Relationship Between State Government and Iowa's Community Colleges and Vocational Schools.
- James Stoner, Assessing the Effects of a Change in State Education Funding on the Provision of Pupil Transportation.

3. Agriculture -

- Robert Martin, Perceptions Regarding Planning

and Educating for Diversified Agricultural  
Production in Iowa.

4. Environment -

- Jerry Mitchell, Response to Toxic Contamination  
in Iowa: An Assessment of Laws, Needs and  
Alternative Approaches.

The motion was adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Committee,  
Chairman Avenson adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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