

MINUTES

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

July 18, 1991

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Bill Hutchins, at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 18, 1991, in Senate Room 22 of the State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa. In addition to Chairperson Hutchins, the following Committee members were present:

Speaker Bob Arnould
Senator Wally Horn
Senator Emil Husak
Senator Jim Lind
Senator Jack Rife
Representative Janet Adams
Representative Wayne McKinney

Also present were staff members of the Legislative Service Bureau and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Caucus Staff, and other interested persons.

Senator Husak moved the adoption of the minutes of the June 13, 1991, meeting of the Studies Committee, as previously distributed to the members. The motion was adopted without objection.

PROPOSED INTERIM STUDIES ACTIONS

A list of proposed changes to the already approved list of interim studies was distributed to the members. The list includes increasing the membership on the Council-approved Environmental, Recreational and Economic Development of Iowa's Rivers and Lakes interim committee from 5 to 8 legislators from each chamber and a change in the charge of the Council-approved Tax Fairness and Equity interim committee to allow for final recommendations to be made by December 1992 instead of January 1, 1992, to allow for the consultant, who is to be recommended by October 1, 1991, instead of September 1, 1991, to complete a more comprehensive review of Iowa's state and local tax structure.

In addition to changes in already approved interim studies, the proposed list identified three additional interim studies to be considered. These include infant

mortality in Iowa, youth and gang violence, and a statewide one-call notification system between excavators and pipeline operators.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Senator Husak expressed his concern for the increase in the number of interim committees because he felt that the Studies Committee and Legislative Council had expressed a desire to keep the number at a level which is lower than normal because of the state budget crisis.

In regards to the proposed study of a statewide one-call notification system, Senator Husak commented that when he was a member of the House he was involved in the drafting of model pipeline legislation and asked if the state doesn't already have a one-call type system. Chairperson Hutchins remarked that a bill to do this was offered in the 1991 Session, but was not passed. He noted that the purpose is to establish one location where excavators and road contractors can call for information on the location of any pipelines. Speaker Arnould noted that there is a voluntary one-call system, but there is no requirement for maintaining up-to-date information. In response to Senator Husak, Chairperson Hutchins stated that the utility companies and road contractors are seeking this study.

Senator Husak and Chairperson Hutchins shared with the other members their personal experiences in regards to the availability of or lack of information as to locations of pipelines. Senator Husak moved that the Committee recommend the proposed changes related to interim studies and the proposed studies, along with authorization for leadership to appoint the members to those proposed studies as well as to the Nursing Home Regulation Review Task Force and to the Indigent Defense Advisory Commission on behalf of the Legislative Council. The motion was adopted without objection.

QUALITY GRAINS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hutchins brought up the last item on the agenda, which was a memorandum requesting on behalf of Mr. Randy Allman, Executive President of the Iowa Grain and Feed Association (I.G.F.A.), that Mr. Fred Tomlinson, who represents the I.G.F.A. as a public member of the Quality Grains Advisory Committee, be replaced by Mr. Rick Keith. Chairperson Hutchins moved to recommend the acceptance of this replacement, which was adopted without objection.

A copy of the report of the Studies Committee to the Legislative Council is attached and by this reference made a part of these Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Committee, the Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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