

M I N U T E S

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 15, 1989

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on Wednesday, November 15, 1989, in Senate Room 22, Statehouse, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Speaker Don Avenson, Chairperson, at 12:55 p.m. Members present in addition to Chairperson Avenson were:

Senator Bill Hutchins, Vice-chairperson
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Emil Husak
Senator John N. Nystrom
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative John Connors
Representative Mary Lundby
Representative Roger Halvorson

Senator Nystrom moved to dispense with calling the roll and to approve the minutes of the October 18, 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 a 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 a one-day extension of the deadline for the Juvenile Law Study Committee, in order to hold the Committee's final meeting on November 21, 1989. Chairperson Avenson stated that this request should be recommended. He added that approval should be recommended for a request of the Legislative Capital Projects Committee to hold two meetings in December and to a request of the Park and Recreation Enhancement Study Committee to hold its third and final meeting on November 29, 1989. Chairperson Avenson noted that a recommendation should be given to a request of the Iowa

Agricultural Trade Relations with the European Economic Community Study Committee for a deadline extension, and recommended a final date of December 29, 1989.

Chairperson Avenson stated that a recommendation should be made that legislative leaders appoint five public members (two nonvoting), to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau Consultant Study of Department of Human Services Institutions Ad Hoc Committee. He announced the leaders' intention to appoint the following persons: Mr. Chuck Linden, Mr. Donald Keown, Mr. Don McKee, Ms. Sally Cunningham, and Mr. Tom Donahue or designee. Chairperson Avenson noted that approval should be recommended for a deadline extension for the Department of Employment Services (DES) Review Study Committee while a survey of D.E.S. employees is completed, for the proposal to conduct the survey, and for retaining a consultant to develop and analyze the survey. He proposed that a final deadline for the Committee be set at another time. He said that the Studies Committee should recommend that the Legislative Council state its support for establishing a child care service in or near the Capitol Complex due to the benefits derived for state employees and as an example for other employers in the state, and that the Department of General Services be requested to develop the following proposals within the next two months:

a. Develop a specific proposal, after discussion with child care vendors, which includes an estimated weekly cost to an employee for child care services delivered in or near the Capitol Complex. The cost estimate can be based on the assumption that costs of construction would be borne by the state.

b. Develop a specific proposal, including weekly cost to an employee, for child care services developed in partnership with a nearby employer. The Department is requested to hold discussions with other employers and report on the discussions.

c. Develop a specific proposal, following an assessment of existing buildings nearby the Capitol, of the weekly cost to an employee of a child care service operated in a building purchased or leased by the state.

DISCUSSION

Chairperson Avenson solicited members' questions or comments regarding the proposed recommendations. Representative Lundby asked, regarding the Department of Employment Services Review Study Committee's request for a consultant, who the consultant will be, the amount of the fee to be paid to the consultant, and the funding source for the consultant fee. Chairperson Avenson replied that a consultant will be chosen from respondents to a Request for Proposal which has not yet been sent. He recommended a maximum limit on the consultant fee of not more than \$3,000

which he indicated would be charged to the General Assembly's standing unlimited appropriation.

MOTION

Senator Hutchins moved that the recommendations of the leadership as set forth by Chairperson Avenson be adopted as recommendations of the Studies Committee. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. (A copy of the Study Committee Report is attached.)

RECEIPT OF REPORTS

Chairperson Avenson recommended the receipt and filing of a report on Capitol Complex child care requested of the Department of General Services, a report on Literacy Assessment requested of the Department of Education, and a report regarding the activity of interim committees prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau. Chairperson Avenson noted in regard to the report from the Department of General Services that the report is not as complete as anticipated.

Chairperson Avenson recognized Ms. Gail Sullivan of the Department of Education for comments regarding the report on Literacy Assessment. Ms. Sullivan stated that the Department had been notified of the existence of an additional study on literacy which she believes will be helpful to the Department and the General Assembly. She noted that unless unforeseen circumstances arise, the Department does not anticipate requesting additional funding relating to the Literacy Assessment.

Representative Connors moved that the Committee receive and file all reports as set forth by Chairperson Avenson. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chairperson Avenson opened the discussion of additional business. Representative Lundby requested information concerning legislative hiring procedures, to which Chairperson Avenson replied that the House and Senate have different rules and procedures for hiring their staff, and that the number of staff currently allocated for each chamber will remain the same in 1990 as it was in 1989.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Representative Connors moved the adjournment of the Committee. The motion was adopted and the Committee adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legal Counsel

REPORT TO THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 15, 1989

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on November 15, 1989, and makes the following recommendations:

1. That approval be granted to the Juvenile Law Study Committee for a deadline extension of one day for the Study Committee to meet on November 21, 1989.

2. That approval be granted to the Legislative Capital Projects Committee to hold two meeting in December 1989.

3. That approval be granted to the Park and Recreation Enhancement Study Committee to hold its third and final meeting on November 29, 1989.

4. That approval be granted to the Iowa Agricultural Trade Relations with the European Economic Community Study Committee for a deadline extension to hold its final meeting by December 29, 1989.

5. That approval be granted to legislative leaders to appoint five public members (two non-voting), to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau Consultant Study of Department of Human Services Institutions Ad-Hoc Committee. Leadership announced the intent to appoint the following persons:

Mr. Chuck Linden, President, Rural Health Enterprise,
Iowa Methodist Medical Center

Mr. Donald Keown, Vice President for Personnel,
Principal Financial Group

Mr. Don McKee, President, AFSCME Council 61

(Non-Voting Ex Officio Members)

Ms. Sally Cunningham, Acting Division Administrator,
Department of Human Services

Mr. Tom Donahue or designee, Department of Personnel

6. That approval be granted to the Department of Employment Services Study Committee's proposal to conduct a survey of the Department's employees and to retain a consultant to develop and analyze the survey at a cost of not more than \$3000. That the Study Committee be directed to continue its efforts and a final meeting date be established at a later time.

7. That the Legislative Council state its support for establishing a child care service in or near the Capitol Complex due to the benefits derived for state employees and as an example for

other employers in the state; and that the Department of General Services and the Department of Personnel be requested to:

a. Develop a specific proposal, after discussion with child care vendors, which includes an estimated weekly cost to an employee for child care services delivered in or near the Capitol Complex. The cost estimate can be based on the assumption that costs of construction would be borne by the state.

b. Develop a specific proposal, including weekly cost to an employee, for child care services developed in partnership with a nearby employer. The Department is requested to hold discussions with other employers and report on the discussions.

c. Develop a specific proposal, following an assessment of existing buildings nearby the Capitol, of the weekly cost to an employee of a child care service operated in a building purchased or leased by the state.

The Studies Committee reports that it has received and filed the following reports:

1. A report on Capitol Complex child care options from the Department of General Services.

2. A report on literacy assessment from the Department of Education.

3. A report on the activities of interim study committees from the Legislative Service Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

SPEAKER DON AVENSON,
Chairperson

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