

**MINUTES**  
**STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**December 19, 1991**

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson Senator Bill Hutchins at 1:40 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 1991, in Senate Room 22 of the State Capitol in Des Moines. In addition to Chairperson Hutchins the following members were present:

Speaker Bob Arnould, Vice Chairperson  
Senator Wally Horn  
Senator Jim Lind  
Senator Jack Rife  
Representative Clifford Branstad  
Representative Wayne McKinney

Also present were staff from the Legislative Service Bureau, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and Caucus Research Staffs and other interested individuals.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Senator Horn moved that the Committee dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 19 meeting and that they be approved as distributed. This motion was adopted unanimously.

Chairperson Hutchins noted that the Civil Penalty Process Review Study Committee has requested a deadline extension because the Study Committee was unable to meet prior to the deadline due to schedule conflicts and that the Emergency Medical Services Study Committee has requested a deadline extension because the illness of one of the Co-chairpersons prevented the scheduling of the final meeting. Senator Lind suggested that reference to the deadline be included in the Committee's recommendation. Senator Lind then moved the requests be approved, which motion was adopted unanimously.

The next item was the notice of the intended method of proceeding submitted by the K-12 Education Reform Study Committee as required in its charge. The method of proceeding contained a request for permission to employ, on a contract basis, an individual to serve as administrative assistant to the Study Committee.

Members of the Committee asked Mr. John Pollak of the Legislative Service Bureau to elaborate on the need to employ the individual. Mr. Pollak stated that the Legislative Service Bureau would normally provide the staffing but the Study Committee would be meeting during the 1992 Session and bill and amendment drafting during that Session will keep present staff occupied. He added that the person hired would be a temporary person and would be funded out of the budget of the Legislative Service Bureau. Senator Horn, who is a member of the Study Committee, concurred with Mr. Pollak's comments and added that due to the scope of the Study Committee's charge, the Study Committee intends to work continuously rather than to stop meeting during the Session and begin again afterward. By meeting continuously, he stated, a temporary staff person is needed because of the workload of the Legislative Service Bureau during the Session.

Representative Branstad asked where the Bureau would find such a person. Mr. Pollak answered that during the last comprehensive review of the K-12 education system conducted by the General Assembly, the temporary staff person was studying for a Ph.D. degree and was not interested in a full-time job. He added that the Bureau hopes to find someone similarly situated.

Senator Lind directed that the recorder of the Committee's minutes state the Committee's intent that the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau ensure that compensation of the temporary staff person reflects the staff person's actual work requirements and that this intent should be written into the contract.

Senator Rife moved to accept the K-12 Education Reform Study Committee's intended method of proceeding, including the hiring of a temporary staff person. This motion was approved without objection.

Chairperson Hutchins had distributed a charge for the proposal to establish a task force on handguns which was deferred at the last meeting. Senator Rife asked why this task force is to be created when the interim is nearly ended. Chairperson Hutchins responded that he would have liked for the task force to have been created at the November Legislative Council meeting but that the task force would be meeting during the 1992 Session. Representative McKinney moved approval of the proposal to establish a task force on handguns with the charge as distributed, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A copy of the Committee's recommendations is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon motion of Senator Horn, the Committee adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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