

M I N U T E S

IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 16, 1985

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The seventh meeting of the 1985-1986 Iowa Legislative Council was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by the Chairperson, Senator Lowell L. Junkins, on Wednesday, October 16, 1985, in Committee Room 22 of the State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to the Chairperson were:

Speaker Donald D. Avenson, Vice Chairman
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Donald V. Doyle
Senator Lee Holt
Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins
Senator David M. Readinger
Senator Dale Tieden
Senator Joe Welsh
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Dorothy Carpenter
Representative Dale M. Cochran
Representative John H. Connors
Representative William H. Harbor
Representative Tom Jochum
Representative Richard W. Welden

Also present were:

Mr. Donovan Peeters, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide
Ms. Nichola Schissel, Iowa Lottery Agency
Mr. Thane Johnson, Senior Research Analyst,
Legislative Service Bureau
Ms. Diane Bolender, Senior Research Analyst,
Legislative Service Bureau

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Junkins asked for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of September 19, 1985, as distributed and Senator Coleman

responded with a question regarding the report of the Computer Outreach Committee. Senator Coleman's question had to do with the limitation of outside access to the legislative computer to only twenty subscribers. Chairman Junkins asked for clarification in regard as to whether Senator Coleman was asking for a correction to the minutes or if he was bringing up a substantive question regarding the Computer Outreach Committee report given at the last meeting. After discussion, it was determined that Senator Coleman was raising a substantive question rather than questioning the correctness of the minutes. After further discussion, it was decided to discuss Senator Coleman's point later in the meeting and the minutes were approved.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Representative Connors, Chairman of the Service Committee, presented the Report of the Service Committee. There were seven specific items being reported by the Service Committee which Representative Connors briefly reviewed and summarized. A copy of the Report of the Service Committee is included as an attachment to these minutes. Representative Connors asked for approval of items two through seven and they were approved, and then Representative Connors brought item one of the Report before the Council for more detailed discussion. Item one of the Report dealt with the subject of awarding the contract to Arthur Young & Company for the comparable worth study of legislative personnel. Representative Connors explained that a letter had been received from Arthur Young & Company responding to the concerns raised at the prior meeting of the Legislative Council relating to Arthur Young & Company's views about the use of apartheid in the Republic of South Africa. The letter states that Arthur Young - United States supports the Sullivan Principles and the goal of creating an environment for positive change in a peaceful way. After some discussion and questions as to what the contract involved it was decided to confirm the awarding of the comparable worth study contract to Arthur Young & Company.

REVIEW OF COMPUTER OUTREACH PROGRAM

Senator Coleman again brought up the question of the computer outreach restriction to only nineteen or twenty subscribers. It was explained that this program is a pilot program for the next session and might very well be expanded to more subscribers after the test project next Session. Further discussion indicated that the computer outreach program would have no effect whatever on the current distribution of materials such as the bill packets to those people who desire them.

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Speaker Avenson presented the Report of the Studies Committee reviewing the various actions that the Studies Committee had taken in regard to the requests concerning additional meetings and related matters. A copy of the Report of the Studies Committee is included as an attachment to these minutes.

One point discussed was the meeting schedule of the Water Quality and Hazardous Waste Study Committees. The authorization for a joint public hearing was interpreted to allow six joint public hearings but each member would be allowed only per diem and travel expenses to attend one hearing. Since many of the hearings had already been held prior to or on the day of the Legislative Council meeting, it was felt that further attention to the question was not needed.

Senator Tieden raised the question of conflicts in meeting dates, pointing out that some of the committees meet in such a manner that legislators who are members of two such committees oftentimes have difficulty in attending both meetings. The hope was expressed that meetings could be arranged in such a manner as to eliminate such conflicts.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Senator Doyle, Chairman of the Administration Committee, presented the Report of the Administration Committee. The report focused on the Committee's review of the question of whether anything could or should be done to clarify or develop the single-subject and title sufficiency requirements for legislative bills contained in the Iowa Constitution. A copy of the Report of the Administration Committee is included as an attachment to these minutes. Senator Doyle reviewed the various options considered by the Administration Committee and their final recommendation. After discussion, the Report of the Administration Committee was adopted. One major point in the discussion was that the differing positions of the House and Senate in regard to germaneness make further detailing of the single-subject and title sufficiency requirements difficult.

FOLLOW-UP REPORT FROM THE LOTTERY AGENCY

The Legislative Council had requested some further information from the Lottery Agency after their report at the last Legislative Council meeting. A representative of the Lottery Agency, Ms. Nichola K. Schissel, was in attendance to explain the written report that had been previously sent to Legislative Council members by the Lottery Agency in response to some of the questions that had been asked at the last meeting. After that information was reviewed, several questions were addressed to the Lottery Agency representative. Senator Readinger asked about the status of work on bi-state or tri-state lotteries, to which the lottery representative responded that this is still in the discussion stage with some of the neighboring states and further developments would have to take place before entering into any agreement. Senator Welsh had some questions regarding the budget of the Lottery Agency and how it compares to other state agencies particularly in regard to some of the payments being made to other state agencies out of lottery funds for services rendered to the Lottery Agency. Speaker Avenson suggested further study of the

question of payments made to other agencies. Chairperson Junkins asked that the Fiscal Committee look into the matter.

SCHEDULING OF THE NEXT MEETING

Representative Carpenter raised the question of the scheduling of the next meeting, suggested that it be done further in advance than some of the prior meetings in order to give legislators plenty of notice to arrange their schedules. She pointed out this is particularly relevant due to the multitude of committees that are meeting this interim and the numbers of study committees to which Council members have been appointed. Representative Cochran suggested the Legislative Council should meet the third Wednesday of each month. Senator Junkins responded that sometimes it is necessary for the Legislative Council to meet on short notice in order to react to developments as they take place. After further discussion it was decided to set the next meeting for Wednesday, November 20th at this time in order to provide everyone with plenty of advance notice for their scheduling.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Legislative Council, the presiding officer adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DONOVAN PEETERS
Secretary to the Legislative Council