

# M I N U T E S

## IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 20, 1985

### PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The eighth 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, November 20, 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 Chairperson  
Senator C. Joseph Coleman  
Senator Donald V. Doyle  
Senator Lee Holt  
Senator Calvin O. Hultman  
Senator Bill Hutchins  
Senator David M. Readinger  
Senator Dale Tieden  
Senator James D. Wells  
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 Lowell E. Norland  
Representative Delwyn Stromer  
Representative Richard Welden

Also present were:

Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau  
Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman  
Ms. Phyllis Barry, Deputy Code Editor, Iowa Code Office  
Mr. Donovan Peeters, Director, Legislative Service Bureau  
Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Deputy Director, Legislative Service Bureau  
Mr. Thane R. 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 October 16, 1985, as distributed and they were approved.

#### REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL LEAVE COMMITTEE

Representative Welden as Chairman gave the report of the Educational Leave Committee. A copy of the report for reference purposes is attached to these minutes. After an explanation of the report by Representative Welden it was approved by the Council.

#### REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

The report of the Service Committee was given by its Chairman, Representative Connors. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes for reference purposes.

The report of the Service Committee contained several items. The first of these on which discussion arose concerned the proposed budgets for the central legislative staff agencies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986. Several questions arose concerning these proposed budgets. There was concern expressed by Representative Carpenter, Representative Stromer and Representative Welden that the figures were not detailed enough for adequate analysis and they suggested that an attempt should be made in the future to have a more sophisticated presentation of the budget figures. There was some discussion as to the origin of this item on the agenda, and it was pointed out that legislation was passed in the last session providing that the four legislative agencies be funded from the standing unlimited General Assembly appropriation. However, the budgets must be approved by the Legislative Council and the budget amounts transmitted to the State Comptroller by December 1 in order to be included in the Governor's budget. Senator Holt had some questions concerning using this budget process for the central legislative staff agencies. Representative Stromer moved that a subcommittee be established to meet and discuss the proposed budgets. After further discussion Representative Stromer withdrew his motion. It was suggested that in future years a subcommittee of the Service Committee should be appointed to review the budgets prior to their presentation to the Service Committee. There was a motion to approve the budgets as submitted with the understanding they would be subject to further review if necessary and as pointed out in the report of the Service Committee. This motion was approved by a roll call vote with fifteen ayes by Chairperson Junkins, Vice Chairperson Avenson, Senators Coleman, Doyle, Holt, Hultman, Hutchins, Tieden, Welsh, and Wells, and Representatives Arnould, Cochran, Connors, Jochum, and Norland, and five negative votes by

Senator Reader, and Representatives Carpenter, Harbor, Stromer, and Welden.

Representative Connors proceeded to give a summary of the rest of the Service Committee report and considerable discussion occurred in regard to the matters concerning the comparable worth study. The Service Committee pointed out in their report that discussion had occurred in the Service Committee on the terms of the contract including the option regarding the mandates for a tailor-made evaluation instrument for the legislative branch. The Director of the Legislative Service Bureau gave a brief summary to the Council in regard to what developments had occurred that had led to further discussion of the evaluation instrument question. There proceeded to be an extensive discussion whether or not to include in the contract the option that a job evaluation instrument be developed for the legislative branch rather than using the job evaluation instrument that had already been developed for the executive branch. The Chair asked if there was a motion to reconsider the contract and delete the option that had apparently been selected in regard to the development of the evaluation instrument. That motion was not offered but a motion was offered to strike the job evaluation option. Representative Norland proposed that further action be deferred and that a ad hoc subcommittee immediately convene to discuss the matter and report back to the Council. It was decided that several persons who had been involved with the job evaluation with the comparable worth situation would meet in the hallway to discuss the matter and report back to the Council.

#### REPORT OF THE COMPUTER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Senator Hutchins gave the report of the Computer Outreach Committee. A copy of that report is attached for reference. After Senator Hutchins' report and a brief discussion, it was moved to adopt the report and the motion was adopted.

#### FOUNDATION GRANT

Representative Norland proposed that the Legislative Service Bureau apply on behalf of the General Assembly for an innovations in government grant as part of an awards program of the Ford Foundation and Harvard University. After a brief explanation of the program by Representative Norland, the motion was adopted.

#### STUDIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Speaker Avenson, the Chairman of the Studies Committee, gave that Committee's report. A copy of that report is attached. There was some discussion of item #5 on the report - Senator Tieden suggesting that guidelines be established and Speaker Avenson said that would be reviewed for the next Council meeting. In addition, it was decided that the World Trade Center Committee name be corrected to read the World Trade Expansion Committee. After this discussion, the motion was adopted to approve the report.

REPORT OF THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMPARABLE WORTH

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee that had met on the comparable worth study reported that following discussion, the Subcommittee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the base contract with Arthur Young but not at this time approve any options, with the thought that after the data collection for the comparable worth study has been completed then the Legislative Council could decide to enter into either of the additional options. Representative Stromer asked for unanimous consent that the Council reconsider its prior action with regard to the contract for the comparable worth study. There were no objections and the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee was put into the form of a formal motion -- "Be it moved that the Legislative Council approve the base contract with Arthur Young with the option that after the data collection has been completed, the Legislative Council could reevaluate and approve either of the additional options presented by the consultant" This motion was adopted.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN JUNKINS

Speaker Avenson rose and stated that this was the last meeting of the Council at which Senator Junkins would be presiding since he had resigned from the Senate effective December 1st. Speaker Avenson expressed the appreciation of the entire Council for the outstanding leadership and services rendered to it by the outgoing Chairman and presented him with a gavel on a plaque as a token of the appreciation of the Council.

NEXT MEETING

It was announced that the next meeting of the Council would be on December 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

DONOVAN PEETERS  
Secretary to the Council