

M I N U T E S
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 26, 1982

The fourteenth meeting of the 1981-1982 Legislative Council was called to order at 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 1982, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines. Council members present were:

Senator Calvin O. Hultman, Chairperson
Speaker Delwyn Stromer, Vice Chairperson
Senator Gary L. Baugher
Senator James E. Briles
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator C. W. Hutchins
Senator John W. Jensen*
Senator Lowell L. Junkins
Senator John S. Murray
Senator Ray Taylor
Representative Robert T. Anderson
Representative Donald D. Avenson
Representative John H. Clark
Representative John H. Connors
Representative Ingwer L. Hansen
Representative Lester D. Menke
Representative Larry Pope
Representative Richard W. Welden

*Senator Jensen was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Branstad to replace Senator Richard R. Ramsey who resigned from the General Assembly.

Other persons present for the meeting were:

Mr. Gerry Rankin, Legislative Fiscal Director
Mr. Serge Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. William Angrick, Citizens' Aide
Mr. Burnette Koebernick, Legislative Service Bureau
Ms. Diane Bolender, Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were a number of other Iowa legislative staff persons, news media representatives, and other interested individuals.

Senator Briles moved that the minutes of the April 13, 1982 meeting be approved as mailed to Council members, and the motion was adopted. Representative Clark moved that the Legislative Council receive the educational leave report, and the motion was adopted.

Chairperson Hultman called for the report of the Administration Committee. A copy of the report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Senator Briles moved the adoption of the Administration Committee report, and the motion carried.

Senator Murray moved that Senator Jensen be assigned as a member of the Studies Committee. Representative Stromer seconded the motion, and it carried.

Speaker Stromer moved the adoption of the Service Committee report. A copy of the report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Senator Coleman commented that he has received three complaints describing the discourteous manner of the Capitol Tour Guides. Chairperson Stromer acknowledged the complaints and stated that the complaints have been relayed to the Capitol Tour Guides. Speaker Stromer pointed out that the tour guides have also received a number of positive letters commending their performance. The motion to approve the Service Committee report was adopted.

Senator Murray moved adoption of the Fiscal Committee report. A copy of the Fiscal Committee report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. He asked the Council members to note that the Fiscal Committee is asking for approval of an interim study committee of eight members composed of members of the House and Senate Social Services Appropriations Subcommittees (five from the House and three from the Senate) to meet for three days to perform oversight of a number of programs of the Department of Social Services. This study would be in addition to the proposals for visitation committee meetings.

Representative Avenson asked whether the Legislative Council contemplates establishing a procedure to monitor the financial picture of the state as it relates to the appropriations made during the last legislative session. He explained that sales tax receipts to date indicate twenty-five hundredths percent growth over the previous year, but the projections on which the state budget was made contemplated an 11.7 percent growth rate for the sales tax. He commented that for every month in which the growth rate is not 11.7 percent, a future month must show a growth rate at a higher level than the projection. He also commented that the income tax growth rate is projected at 10 percent, but does not appear that it will be that high. He expressed the belief that there should be an extraordinary effort made to monitor the receipts. It was noted that the Studies Committee has recommended the formation of a committee to monitor federal budget proceedings.

Senator Murray responded that the Fiscal Committee contains the chairpersons and ranking members of both the Ways and Means Committees and the Appropriations Committees. He suggested that the Legislative Council can expect and demand an extensive overview of the budget situation. Senator Murray stated that he will play an active role in asking for information and reviewing alternatives available to the general assembly.

Representative Avenson asked that the Legislative Council ask the Legislative Fiscal Committee to bring to the Council monthly projections of the various state revenues and what revenue increases will be necessary in order to achieve the ending balance projections. Senator Murray responded that Representative Avenson's proposal is acceptable to him and should be done by the Legislative Fiscal Committee. The report of the Legislative Fiscal Committee, as amended, was adopted.

Representative Pope presented the preliminary report of the Studies Committee. A copy of the report is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Representative Pope stated it is not expected that this report will be the final report of the Studies Committee. He commented that there have been a number of suggestions for additional studies, and that the Studies Committee will meet again in June to continue its discussions.

Representative Welden asked how the total expenditures contemplated for meetings of the interim committees will affect the House of Representatives budget. Chairperson Hultman responded that both the House and Senate budgets are adequate to pay for the current listing of interim committees recommended by the Studies Committee.

Speaker Stromer moved that the study on sentencing be deleted. Senator Baugher disagreed noting that there is a direct relationship between the sentencing laws and the number of persons in correctional institutions. Speaker Stromer's motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Welden asked about a committee to make suggestions relating to the sizes of the various highway systems. Representative Pope responded that the Studies Committee is looking into transportation studies.

Senator Junkins asked that the Legislative Council mandate a meeting of the House and Senate Commerce Committees to look at the mortgage problems that exist. Speaker Stromer moved that the Legislative Council authorize the chairpersons, vice chairpersons, and ranking members of the joint Committees on Commerce to meet for one day to discuss mortgage problems to determine whether a full joint Commerce Committee meeting is necessary. Speaker Stromer's motion was adopted.

Speaker Stromer announced that the general assembly has received a grant of \$8,000 from the National Conference of State Legislatures to study school aid problems and an interim subcommittee composed of ten members from the joint House and Senate Committees on Education needs to be appointed. He asked that the subcommittee be authorized to meet for three days to guide the collection of data and review the results of the study and make recommendations. He stated that the terms of the grant require

that the state of Iowa provide \$3,000 plus in-kind contributions of staff time equal to \$23,300. Representative Avenson moved that the study and the funding be approved. The motion was adopted. (Information received subsequent to the Council meeting indicates that the amount of the state contribution required for receipt of the grant is \$4,700.)

Representative Pope moved the adoption of the Studies Committee report, as amended, and the motion carried.

Chairperson Hultman stated that the next meeting of the Legislative Council will be June 15.

The Legislative Council adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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