



MINUTES

International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council

March 8, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Nancy Boettger,
Chairperson
Senator Dennis Black
Senator Bill Fink
Senator Eugene Fraise
Senator Sheldon Rittmer
Senator Neal Schuerer
Senator Elaine Szymoniak

Representative Willard Jenkins,
Vice Chairperson
Representative Paul Bell
Representative Minnette Doderer
Representative Jack Drake
Representative Chuck Gipp
Representative Jane Greimann
Representative Paul Scherrman

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business.
 - II. Committee Discussion.
 - III. Committee Action.
 - IV. Future Meetings.
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I. Procedural Business.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Boettger at 7:50 a.m. in Committee Room 24 of the Statehouse and was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

II. Committee Discussion.

Chairperson Boettger led a Committee discussion of a proposed amendment to House File 2442. The amendment relates to the creation of an international relations advisory council, the development of protocol by the International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council, and the designation of a legislative branch protocol officer and an executive branch protocol officer. Chairperson Boettger stated that House File 2442 passed out of the Committee on State Government in the House and that Representative Gipp would be managing the bill on the floor of the House.

The Committee discussed possible changes to the amendment including membership of the international relations advisory council, chairpersons of the council, the proper role for the legislative branch protocol officer and executive branch protocol officer in relation to the council, and the use of technology. The Committee instructed the Legislative Service Bureau to incorporate the Committee's discussion into a new draft of the amendment to House File 2442.

The Committee discussed the possible impact on and responsibilities of the Legislative Information Office if a legislative branch protocol officer were employed in the office. The Committee discussed the need of the General Assembly to become more proactive regarding international relations.

III. Committee Action.

Representative Drake moved that the Committee approve the amendment to House File 2442 with the Committee's recommendations. The motion was adopted.

IV. Future Meetings.

Chairperson Boettger stated that the next meeting would be scheduled during the week of March 13, and that members would be notified when the meeting is scheduled.

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