

M I N U T E S
SERVICE COMMITTEE
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 19, 1975

The Service Committee of the 1975-76 Iowa Legislative Council was called to order at 9:35 a.m., Friday, December 19, 1975 in the Speaker's Room of the State House, Des Moines. Committee members present were:

Senator Minnette F. Doderer, Chairperson
Senator Steve Sovern
Representative James I. Middleswart
Representative Delwyn Stromer

Also attending the meeting were Citizens' Aide Tom Mayer and Director Serge Garrison and Phil Burks of the Legislative Service Bureau.

Chairperson Doderer recognized Mr. Garrison, who presented a proposal for revision of the previous allocation of the funds appropriated to the Legislative Service Bureau for the current fiscal year. A one-page explanation of the proposed revision, including figures showing the previous allocation and the suggested revised allocation, was distributed to Service Committee members. A copy of that document is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Garrison noted that the resignations from the Service Bureau staff of JoAnn Brown and Jeanne Dogget and their subsequent replacement by newly-employed staff personnel currently earning substantially lower salaries, had in effect created a surplus in the Service Bureau's salaries account. In response to a question from Representative Stromer, Mr. Garrison stated that if Ms. Brown and Ms. Dogget had not left the Service Bureau staff, it probably would not have been possible to purchase additional dictating equipment which has recently been acquired and which Mr. Garrison feels was very much needed.

On motion of Representative Stromer, the Service Committee members present voted unanimously to recommend to the Legislative Council the approval of the revised allocation of Service Bureau funds proposed by Mr. Garrison.

Mr. Garrison next discussed briefly the salary adjustments proposed for Service Bureau Legal Counsels Carol Ann Nix and Mary Richards. A copy of a letter which Mr. Garrison had previously sent to Service Committee members regarding this matter is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

On motion of Senator Sovern, the Service Committee members present voted unanimously to recommend that the Legislative Council approve the proposed salary revisions.

Mr. Garrison then left the meeting.

Chairperson Doderer recognized Mr. Mayer, who reported on the status of the new position of Youth Ombudsman which had been proposed for the Citizens' Aide Office. He noted that at its previous meeting the Service Committee had endorsed, and the Legislative Council had subsequently approved, his recommendation that Mr. John K. Holveck, Jr. be employed in this position. (See minutes of Service Committee's November 18, 1975 meeting, page 2.) Mr. Mayer reported that subsequent to those actions, the Iowa Crime Commission had failed to give final approval to the grant which was to fund the salary for the Youth Ombudsman position for the first year, and instead had tabled this matter at its November meeting. At a meeting on December 12, the Crime Commission did give final approval to this grant, but in the meantime Mr. Holveck had accepted other employment.

Mr. Mayer added that the State Government Subcommittee of the joint Committees on Appropriations has deleted from the appropriation for the Citizens' Aide office the funds intended to permit the salary for the Youth Ombudsman position to continue after the Iowa Crime Commission one-year grant expires. Mr. Mayer expressed concern that this circumstance will make recruitment of any new candidate for this position more difficult, because it will not be possible to assure the candidate that the position will be in existence for more than one year.

In the ensuing discussion, Chairperson Doderer suggested that Mr. Mayer could assign the newly-employed Specialist for Indian Affairs, Mr. Andrew Roberts, to spend a portion of his time on those matters which it had been anticipated the proposed Youth Ombudsman would handle. She noted that it had not been anticipated that there would be sufficient activity arising directly from complaints or inquiries of persons of American Indian ancestry, at least initially, to occupy Mr. Roberts' full time. Mr. Mayer agreed that this is correct, and that Chairperson Doderer's suggestion is feasible.

In response to a question from Senator Sovern, Mr. Mayer stated that it is highly unlikely that the Iowa Crime Commission would agree to fund any portion of Mr. Roberts' salary on the basis that he would devote a portion of his time to those duties which it had been contemplated the Youth Ombudsman would handle. After a brief further discussion, it was a consensus of the Service Committee that the matter of employing a Youth Ombudsman in the

office of the Citizens' Aide be dropped at least for the current fiscal year..

The Service Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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