

M I N U T E S

SERVICE COMMITTEE
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

March 22, 1979

A meeting of the Service Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council was called to order by the Temporary Chairperson, Representative William Harbor, at 12:50 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 1979 in the Speaker's Committee Room of the State House, Des Moines. Members present were:

Representative William Harbor, Temporary Chairperson
Senators Willard R. Hansen
Senator John Murray
Senator Bob Rush
Representative Delwyn Stromer

Also present were:

Mr. William Angrick II, Citizen's Aide/Ombudsman
Mr. Serge Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. David L. Wray, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Ms. Diane Bolender, Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau.

Temporary Chairperson Harbor called for nominations for Chairperson. Representative Stromer nominated Representative Harbor. Senator Hansen moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Representative Harbor. The motion carried.

Chairperson Harbor called upon Mr. Angrick who reviewed a memo dated March 21, 1979 which had previously been distributed to Committee members. A copy of the memo is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Mr. Angrick further added that he had recently received a copy of the most recent audit of the Office of Citizens' Aide and the Auditor of State had suggested that an employee of the office should be bonded.

Representative Stromer asked whether there is a precedent for payment of the preparatory course for the Iowa State Bar examination under the educational leave provision. Mr. Angrick responded that it has become more necessary that Mr. Spinnato have passed the bar examination since Mr. Thomas, the Legal Analyst, has indicated that he is leaving for other employment, and Mr. Spinnato will become the Legal Analyst.

The Committee requested further information from Mr. Angrick concerning his request to transfer \$2,000 from the in-state travel category to the out-of-state travel category for his office. Mr.

Angrick noted that he has had an increase in staff of two individuals and several good travel opportunities are available for staff members.

With regard to Mr. Angrick's request to employ Mr. Spinnato as Legal Analyst, at the merit equivalent range of grade 32, step 1, Representative Stromer asked whether Mr. Angrick had asked Mr. Garrison about the starting legal counsel salary in his office or had investigated the starting salary paid for attorneys in the office of the Attorney General. Mr. Angrick responded in the negative. He noted that Mr. Spinnato had been receiving \$12,500 per year as a General Deputy. Mr. Garrison indicated that starting legal counsels in his office are assigned pay grade 29, step 1. Senator Murray moved that Mr. Angrick be authorized to pay Mr. Spinnato at the level of pay grade 29, step 2, recognizing his 8 months previous experience in the Office of Citizen's Aide. Senator Hansen seconded the motion, and it carried.

Representative Stromer moved that \$2,000 or as much thereof as is necessary be transferred from the in-state travel account to the out-of-state travel account for the operation of the office for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. He noted that the previous Citizens' Aide had submitted annually an accounting of out-of-state travel for each employee, as have the Legislative Service Bureau and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. The motion was seconded by Senator Hansen. Senator Murray questioned a listing by Mr. Angrick in his memo that the employee attending a conference in Baltimore, Maryland, for which Mr. Angrick had agreed to partially reimburse the employee, would be authorized two days to visit the Iowa Congressional Offices in Washington, D.C. He suggested a breakfast meeting with representatives from all Iowa Congressional Offices. Mr. Angrick explained that the employee will be using vacation time for the visit to Washington, D.C. Representative Stromer's motion to transfer the funds carried.

Senator Hansen suggested that the Office of Citizens' Aide should concentrate on state complaints and not use its limited staff to solve complaints which relate the federal government and its administration.

Mr. Garrison distributed copies of a memo which relate to printing and publication of the session laws and the Code of Iowa. He noted that a copy of the memo will be sent to the Code Editor and he suggested that discussion of the procedures be carried out at some time in the future by members of the Service Committee, Code Editor's office, House staff, Service Bureau personnel, and State Printer's office. A copy of the memo is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

The Committee adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE BOLENDER
Research Analyst