

M I N U T E S

of the

SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 14, 1984

The meeting of the Service Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order at 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 1984, by the Chairperson, Senator C. W. (Bill) Hutchins, in Committee Room 22 of the State House. Members present in addition to the Chairperson were:

Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator Merlin Hulse
Representative Jean Lloyd-Jones

Also present were:

Mr. Burnette Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide
Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Ms. Diane Bolender, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau

Senator Coleman moved that the minutes of the July 10, 1984 Committee meeting be approved as distributed to Committee members, and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Koebernick announced that Ms. Julie Elder, Assistant Public Information Officer, has resigned her position in order to return to school for a graduate degree at the University of Iowa. He indicated that Mr. Garrison would like to begin advertising for applicants for a replacement. Representative Lloyd-Jones moved that the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau be authorized to advertise and employ, subject to Legislative Council approval, an Assistant Public Information Officer, and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Angrick announced that Mr. Ray Cornell, Assistant Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman for Corrections, had resigned his position. He noted that the Code of Iowa allows the Assistant for Corrections to perform other responsibilities as long as the Assistant is primarily assigned to Corrections. Mr. Angrick stated that prior to Mr. Cornell's resignation, he had made some

adjustments in workload and has currently assigned a number of employees to handle complaints from correctional institutions. Mr. Angrick stated that he believes it will take at least two months to replace Mr. Cornell and the replacement will require additional training beyond that time. Mr. Angrick asked for approval to employ a replacement as an Assistant Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman for the training period. He commented that he would feel more comfortable having several individuals take care of corrections complaints because it is difficult to replace a single individual who has handled all corrections complaints.

Mr. Angrick asked for approval to increase the pay grade and step of Ms. Doneen Willard permanently from Grade 24, off-step 1+, to Grade 24, step 3, because of additional assignments, including handling complaints from the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, the Iowa Security and Medical Facility, and the Riverview Release Center. He also asked for approval to increase the pay grade and step for Mr. Clarence Key permanently from Grade 24, off-step 1-, to Grade 24, step 3, because of additional assignments, including handling corrections complaints from the Iowa State Penitentiary, the John Bennett Correctional Center, the State Farm, and the Medium Security Unit. Mr. Angrick also asked for a temporary pay increase for Mrs. Ruth Mosher, from Grade 33, step 3, to Grade 33, step 4, while Mrs. Mosher handles complaints from the Iowa Men's Reformatory.

Chairperson Hutchins responded to Mr. Angrick's request by commenting that the concept has merit and will provide additional flexibility for the Office of Citizens' Aide. He commented that it may be advisable for the General Assembly to consider amending the section during the next legislative session. Senator Coleman moved that the Service Committee recommend that the Legislative Council approve the increases in the pay grades and the request for authorization to advertise and employ, subject to Legislative Council approval, an Assistant Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, and the motion was adopted.

The Service Committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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