

M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMITTEE

August 22, 1973.

The meeting of the Legislative Service Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Senator James Briles, at 10:20 a.m. in the Speaker's Room of the State House. Members present, in addition to Senator Briles, were Senators Clifton Lamborn and James Schaben, and Representatives Donald Doyle, Delwyn Stromer, and David Stanley. Also present were Mr. Serge H. Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, and Mr. George Whitcraft, Administrative Assistant to Lieutenant Governor Arthur Neu.

Chairman Briles announced that the order of business would be the personal interviewing of seven applicants for the position of Iowa Citizens' Aide. He noted that the persons to be interviewed were selected from applications of thirty-four persons at the previous meeting of the Legislative Service Committee. He also noted that Mr. Roger Iverson who was to be interviewed at this meeting, would not be able to be present because of a military commitment. He stated that the Committee would consider Mr. Iverson's application at a later time during the meeting.

The first person interviewed was Mr. Douglas Carlson. At the request of Chairman Briles, Mr. Carlson made a statement regarding his personal background, qualifications, and reasons why he submitted the application for the position of Citizens' Aide.

Following Mr. Carlson's statement each member of the Legislative Service Committee asked a series of questions of the applicant. In response to the questions Mr. Carlson stated that he felt a salary of from \$20,000 to \$25,000 would be appropriate for the Citizens' Aide position, that he has no political ambitions, and that he would be available on January 1, 1974 if he were selected for the position of Citizens' Aide. He noted that the reason he would not be available sooner would be because of his obligations he has because of his present position regarding the implementation of the out-of-state land sales consumer bill passed by the last session of the General Assembly. Mr. Carlson noted that he has no plans regarding the practice of law in the immediate future.

The next person to be interviewed was Mr. Robert Eaton. Mr. Eaton presented a statement regarding his background and qualifications, and his reasons for seeking the position of Citizens' Aide, as well as his observation in regard to the position. Mr. Eaton noted that he was of the opinion that a salary in excess of \$16,000 would be appropriate for the position and if selected he would be available to commence work approximately two weeks after his selection. Committee members asked Mr. Eaton a series of questions regarding his background and viewpoints relating to the position of Citizens' Aide.

The next person to be interviewed was Mrs. Adriana Greffenius. At the request of Chairman Briles Mrs. Greffenius made an oral statement regarding her qualifications and background, and reasons for seeking the position of Citizens' Aide as well as her viewpoints in regard to such a position. Mrs. Greffenius indicated that if appointed she would be available to commence employment as Citizens' Aide shortly after appointment by the Legislative Council.

The next applicant to be interviewed was Mr. Richard Howe. Mr. Howe made an oral statement and presented a written statement regarding his education, his employment record, qualifications, and viewpoints regarding the position of Citizens' Aide. The Committee members asked Mr. Howe a number of questions relating to his application for the position of Citizens' Aide. Mr. Howe noted that he was of the opinion that the position of Citizens' Aide should require a salary of approximately \$20,000. Mr. Howe stated that if he were selected to be Citizens' Aide he would be available for employment approximately a month to six weeks after the appointment.

The next person to be interviewed for the position of Citizens' Aide was Mr. Thomas Mayer, the person who presently occupies the position of Acting Citizens' Aide. Mr. Mayer reviewed his education, qualifications, background and present operations of the office of Citizens' Aide. He indicated that the salary minimum of \$20,000 would be appropriate and that he felt the person appointed to the position of Citizens' Aide should not necessarily be a career government employee.

The next person to be interviewed was Mr. Max Smith. Mr. Smith made an oral statement regarding his background, qualifications, and viewpoints relating to the position of Citizens' Aide. He noted that he has no present interest in politics and that he believes the position of Citizens' Aide should provide for a salary range of \$20,000 to \$22,000. Mr. Smith distributed to Committee members a prepared statement regarding his qualifications in the position of Citizens' Aide.

The next person interviewed was Mrs. Beverly Stubbee. Mrs. Stubbee made an oral statement regarding her qualifications, background, and viewpoints on the position of Citizens' Aide. Although Mrs. Stubbee did not specify any suggested salary level, she noted that she was making approximately \$15,000 in her present position.

Following the personal interview of these seven applicants who were available the Committee discussed the possibility of scheduling an interview for Mr. Roger Iverson. Mr. Garrison noted that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Iverson who indicated that he had mailed a written statement for study by Committee members and that he would be available for an interview the week of the next Legislative Council meeting.

Committee members discussed the manner in which applicants should be presented to the Legislative Council for final approval and confirmation by the General Assembly. It was agreed that each member of the Committee would write three names which would indicate such member's personal preference for the three final applicants to be submitted to the Legislative Council. It was also agreed that Mr. Iverson would be given an opportunity to appear before the Council if he desired.

Committee members then discussed at length the interviews of the applicants and their qualifications and background. Each candidate's application was reviewed in detail.

Following discussion of the applicants, Chairman Briles announced a secret ballot would be taken and each Committee member should write the names of three persons whom they would recommend as final applicants, for the position of Citizens' Aide and who would be asked to appear before the Legislative Council at its next meeting. Chairman Briles noted that Mr. Iverson would also be given the opportunity to appear.

Each member of the Committee submitted his written ballot for tabulation by Mr. Garrison. The three persons receiving the highest number of votes were Mr. Douglas R. Carlson, Mr. Robert J. Eaton, and Mr. Thomas R. Mayer. The Committee members instructed Mr. Garrison not to reveal the vote tabulations for each candidate and asked that he list the names of the final three candidates in alphabetical order. Mr. Garrison was instructed to write to those candidates who were not asked to appear before the Council and thank them for their interest in the position of Citizens' Aide and note that the Committee was quite impressed with the qualifications of all eight finalists. Mr. Garrison was asked to inform the final three applicants of an interview time for the applicants at the Council meeting on September 12 and also give Mr. Iverson an interview time.

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Briles adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director