

M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 3, 1976

The meeting of the Legislative Service Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 1976 by the Committee Chairperson, Senator Minnette F. Doderer, in Committee Room 24 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to the Chairperson were:

Senator James Briles  
Senator Steve Sovern  
Representative James Middleswart  
Representative Delwyn Stromer

Also present were:

Mr. Tom Mayer, Citizens' Aide  
Mr. Gerry Rankin, Legislative Fiscal Director  
Mrs. Diane Bolender, Legislative Service Bureau

Chairperson Doderer indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposal by Citizens' Aide Tom Mayer with regard to salary increases for employees of the Citizens' Aide in view of the fact that the funds appropriated to the Office for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976 were the same as those appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975.

Mr. Mayer stated that his proposed budget allocation was made by granting the merit salary increases approved by the Legislative Service Committee at its preceding meeting and by curtailing certain services such as the acceptance of collect telephone calls and restricting use of the WATS line which would realize an approximate savings of \$1800 per year. He stated that any services which are reduced as a result of the revised budget allocation will be reinstated as soon as money becomes available. In addition, he added that the travel allowance was reduced, including deletion of the travel to Edmonton, Alberta and curtailing other office travel except for the Deputy for Corrections and the Deputy for Indian Affairs. He noted that the amounts allocated for printing and office supplies were reduced, and the annual report will be shortened and a lesser number of copies will be printed. He noted that he had reinstated \$200 for the allocation for professional services, which is the amount actually expended during the preceding year for expert witness fees and other professional services.

Chairperson Doderer expressed the belief that the General Assembly did not intend to provide any additional amount for salary

increases above the five percent since no funds were appropriated. She stated that it appears a good idea to reduce the budget allocation for printing and office supplies, but expressed objection to reducing the telephone and travel allocations. She suggested that the Legislative Service Committee recommend to the Legislative Council that the Committees on Appropriations of the General Assembly convening in January introduce an appropriations bill with a publication clause to provide funds for merit salary increases. Mr. Mayer indicated that he could live with such a proposal. Senator Sovern moved that the Committee recommend to the Legislative Council that the budget allocation for the Office of Citizens' Aide be amended as proposed by Chairperson Doderer to restore the original amount allocated for telephone and travel, with the exception of the travel to Edmonton, Alberta, and not grant any merit salary increases, but a request would be made by the Legislative Council to the Committees on Appropriations that a bill be introduced to provide such funds. Representative Stromer seconded the motion, and it carried.

Chairperson Doderer called upon Mr. Rankin. Mr. Rankin stated that he had sent the Committee information concerning the resignation of Mr. Eric Smith who resigned to move to the State of Oregon to work in forestry. Mr. Rankin is recommending the employment of Mr. Thom Freyer who has been an employee of the United Way and has been involved in program budget work. He indicated that Mr. Freyer would be commencing at \$13,400 per year and would work with the Natural Resources Subcommittee. Representative Stromer moved the approval of employment of Mr. Freyer. Representative Middleswart seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mr. Rankin also indicated that he was seeking an additional employee to handle the books and fiscal notes.

The Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE BOLENDER  
Research Analyst