

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

September 5, 1979

The meeting of the Service Committee of the Iowa Legislative Council was called to order at 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 1979, by the Committee Chairperson, Representative William Harbor, in the Speaker's Committee Room of the State House. Members present in addition to the Chairperson were:

Senator Willard R. Hansen  
Representative Gregory Cusack  
Representative Delwyn Stromer

Also present were:

Mr. William Angrick, Citizens' Aide  
Mr. Stan McCausland, Director of General Services  
Mr. Serge Garrison, Director of the Legislative Service Bureau  
Mrs. Diane Bolender, Research Analyst, Legislative Service  
Bureau

Representative Stromer moved that the minutes of the August 8 meeting of the Service Committee be approved as mailed to Committee members. The motion carried.

Chairperson Harbor, noting that resumes of persons suggested for appointment by the Legislative Council as members of the County Finance Committee had been distributed to Committee members, called for nominations. Representative Stromer commented that three excellent persons had indicated that they would be willing to serve as members. The persons are Roy Miller, Clayton Ringgenberg, and Jack Whitmer. Representative Stromer nominated Mr. Ringgenberg for the position on the County Finance Committee to be filled by the Legislative Council, stating that he appears to be the best candidate. Senator Hansen seconded the motion.

Representative Cusack expressed the belief that Mr. Ringgenberg would be an excellent member, but he inquired about Mr. Whitmer, noting that Mr. Whitmer's background in county and local government is excellent. He further commented that it may be advantageous to appoint a person who has not been previously involved in state government. Representative Cusack asked whether there is a conflict of interest in the appointment of Mr. Ringgenberg. Representative Stromer responded in the negative, and commented that the Governor has appointed persons who have backgrounds similar to Mr. Whitmer.

Chairperson Harbor agreed that Mr. Whitmer's qualifications are impressive and expressed the belief that any of the three would be excellent members. Representative Cusack assented that Mr. Ringgenberg would be an excellent member. Chairperson Harbor, noting that there were no further nominations, stated that Mr. Ringgenberg would be recommended to the Legislative Council for the position on the County Finance Committee.

Chairperson Harbor called for comments from Mr. McCausland concerning the results of conversations Mr. McCausland had held with Commissioner Larson, Commissioner of Public Safety, concerning the location of the Capitol Security Division of the Department of Public Safety. Mr. McCausland stated that Commissioner Larson has indicated that he is amenable to moving the Capitol Security Division to a location other than the second floor of the building in which the Office of Citizens' Aide is located. He indicated that he will have further communication with Commissioner Larson, but the move will be expedient. Mr. Angrick thanked Mr. McCausland for his assistance and asked whether he should begin interviewing architects or construction engineers as a preliminary to the development of plans for the renovation of the building in which the Office of Citizens' Aide is located. Mr. McCausland responded that the Service Committee should be aware of the direction in which the Administration Committee is moving. He noted that the Administration Committee is discussing utilization of the second floor of the Lucas Building for legislative purposes. He reiterated that the future plans contemplate demolishing both the house in which the Office of Citizens' Aide is located as well as the church located next door.

Chairperson Harbor asked whether the Administration Committee had urged other state agencies, such as the Auditor of State, to move out of the Capitol Building. Mr. McCausland responded that such a move would be resisted by the Auditor of State. Representative Stromer expressed agreement with Chairperson Harbor regarding moves from the Capitol Building.

Mr. McCausland explained that the tentative plans being discussed by the Administration Committee include moving all of the offices of the Fiscal Director, the Code Editor, seven conference rooms for Appropriations Subcommittees, offices for the Appropriations Chairpersons and ranking members and offices for the Appropriations Subcommittee Chairpersons. He indicated that he will have a definite plan by the next date of the next Legislative Council meeting. The Committee agreed that Mr. Angrick should not take further action until after the Legislative Council meeting.

Chairperson Harbor called upon Mr. Garrison for comments. Mr. Garrison stated that Larry Burch, Legal Counsel III, had submitted his resignation. He noted that Mr. Burch had drafted legislation in the consumer finance, insurance laws, utility rate regulation, and other financial areas and will be difficult to replace. He noted that he will be interviewing some attorneys this week.

Representative Stromer asked about the grade differential between the Fiscal Analysts in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau and the Research Analysts in the Legislative Service Bureau. He expressed the belief that the responsibilities appear to be equal and the differential between Grades 22 and 27 does not appear warranted. He suggested that the grades should be the same, as well as the grade for research persons on the caucus staffs. Representative Stromer suggested that a legislative committee is reviewing the classifications for the staff in the General Assembly and suggests after its recommendations are made, that committee should meet with the Service Committee to review salary and grade classifications. The Service Committee agreed.

Chairperson Harbor asked Mr. Garrison to notify Mr. Ringgenberg of his appointment and asked that letters be sent to the other candidates thanking them for their interest.

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

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE BOLENDER  
Research Analyst

SERGE H. GARRISON  
Director