



MINUTES

Legislative Council

Thursday, April 9, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Jack Whitver, Vice Chairperson
Senator Jerry Behn
Senator Joe Bolkcom
Senator Jake Chapman
Senator Pam Jochum
Senator Jim Lykam
Senator Janet Petersen
Senator Amanda Ragan
Senator Charles Schneider
Senator Amy Sinclair
Senator Dan Zumbach

Representative Pat Grassley, Chair
Representative Jane Bloomingdale
Representative Dave Deyoe
Representative Chris Hall
Representative Lee Hein
Representative Brian Meyer
Representative Gary M. Mohr
Representative Jo Oldson
Representative Todd Prichard
Representative Sharon S. Steckman
Representative John H. Wills
Representative Matt W. Windschitl

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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. The third meeting of the 2019-2020 Legislative Council was called to order by Vice Chairperson Whitver at 3:04 p.m., Thursday, April 9, 2020. All members present were in attendance via a telecommunications connection.

Approval of Prior Minutes. Vice Chairperson Whitver moved that the minutes of the Legislative Council meeting of October 17, 2019, be approved without additions or corrections. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Election of Chairperson. Vice Chairperson Whitver moved that Temporary Chairperson Grassley be elected chairperson. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

II. SCR 102 — Extended Adjournment of 2020 Session

Vice Chairperson Whitver moved to extend the adjournment of the 2020 regular session of the 88th General Assembly, pursuant to SCR 102 (attached), until 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 2020, unless the adjournment is shortened or further extended prior to that time by the Legislative Council.

Representative Prichard asked what the timeline will be for the legislative session when the General Assembly reconvenes. Vice Chairperson Whitver responded that there were approximately 30-35 days remaining in the session when the session was suspended, but that leadership will have a better idea of the legislative session timeline closer to the end of April. Representative Prichard asked whether there have been discussions about the FY 2021 budget and whether the Revenue Estimating Conference will reconvene. Vice Chairperson Whitver responded that no official decision has been made and it is difficult to make those decisions until the economy is up and running again. He stated that more information is needed to make those decisions and that leadership must take into account the resources that will be available to the state with the implementation of the federal CARES Act and what the impact on state revenues will be when the General Assembly reconvenes. Representative Prichard also asked whether leadership has made any decisions regarding which policy bills will be considered in the current session. Vice Chairperson Whitver responded it will depend on whether the General Assembly reconvenes in May, June, or July, but he has encouraged his members to continue their work with House members on policy bills they had been working on when the General Assembly was suspended. Representative Prichard stated that when the General Assembly reconvenes he would encourage all legislative members to work together to address the many stresses on Iowa's health care system. Chairperson Grassley agreed. Chairperson Grassley stated he hopes to build Iowa's economy back to one of the best in our state's history.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

III. Attachment

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 102](#)