



# Iowa General Assembly

## 2010 Committee Briefings

Legislative Services Agency – Legal Services Division

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### SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Meeting Dates:** [June 9, 2010](#)

**Purpose.** *This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.*

### SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 9, 2010

**Chairperson:** Speaker Patrick J. Murphy

**Vice Chairperson:** Senator Michael E. Gronstal

**Overview.** The Committee received information and made recommendations that were approved by the Legislative Council.

**Personnel Reports and Budgets.** Promotional and merit increases for legislative employees were delayed for a second year and legislative budgets for FY 2010-2011, with no increases, were approved, subject to adjustment for funding carried forward from the previous fiscal year.

**Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.** The Legislative Council approved the recommendation for appointment of Ruth Cooperrider as acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman effective upon the retirement of William Angrick at the end of June 2010 until appointment and confirmation of a permanent Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman. In addition, the acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman was authorized to designate a qualified assistant in the office to serve as the office's legal counsel.

**Request for Proposals—Cloud Computing.** The Legislative Council approved a recommendation endorsing the actions of the Legislative Services Agency on behalf of the legislative branch to issue a request for proposals to contract for off-premises collaboration, office productivity, and e-mail services offered in a Software as a Service (SaaS) model, sometimes referred to as "cloud computing."

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