



MINUTES

International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council

February 10, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Helen Miller, Chairperson
Representative Richard T. Anderson
Representative Paul A. Bell
Representative Lisa K. Heddens
Representative Rod A. Roberts
Representative Linda L. Upmeyer

Senator Daryl Beall, Vice Chairperson
Senator James A. Seymour

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business
- II. Canada Day at the Iowa Statehouse
- III. Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman Office
- IV. Miscellaneous



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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. on February 10, 2010, in Room 102 of the Statehouse. A quorum was not present. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

II. Canada Day at the Iowa Statehouse

Legislative Services Agency Senior Legal Counsel Joe Royce updated the Committee about preparations for Canada Day at the Iowa Statehouse on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. The events include an introduction of the Consul General of Canada in the Senate and in the House of Representatives. The Consul General will have an opportunity to give remarks in both chambers and a resolution will be read in both chambers. The Canadian Embassy is hosting an invitation-only reception for legislators and their spouses and special guests at the Embassy Suites on Wednesday night. The International Relations Committee is hosting a breakfast for the Canadian visitors in the Kennedy Conference Room of the Statehouse on Thursday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

The Committee decided to present the Consul General with an Iowa Capitol crystal dome and the Consul General's two assistants with a book or scarf during the presentation in the House of Representatives.

The Committee asked that members of each caucus remind their members the day before the Canadians' visit of the proper etiquette during the presentations.

The Committee decided that written invitations should be sent to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor and the Senate and House of Representatives leadership to attend the breakfast being hosted by the Committee on Thursday, February 17, 2010.

III. Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman Office

Mr. William Angrick II, state Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, presented the office's annual report which can be found on the Committee's Internet site.

Mr. Angrick also introduced Mr. Hee Eun Kang, who is from the Republic of Korea, and is being hosted by the office during Mr. Kang's two-year government fellowship, awarded by Korea's Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission to study an ombudsman office in another country.

IV. Miscellaneous

The Committee examined the current budget, which is posted on the Committee's Internet site. The Committee also addressed some planning issues that prevented some members from traveling to Turkey in 2009 with the Iowa Dialog Center.