

Report of the
Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee
to the
Legislative Council
November 15, 1972

The Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee met Tuesday afternoon, November 14, with Speaker William H. Harbor, Chairman, presiding. Members present were Senators James Briles, Eugene Hill and Clifton Lamborn and Representatives N. F. Sorg and Andrew Varley. Also in attendance were Secretary of the Senate Carroll Lane and Director Serge Garrison and Phil Burks of the Legislative Service Bureau.

Mr. Garrison presented the proposed 1973 Iowa Bill Drafting Guide, and briefly reviewed the most significant changes in the Guide from the previous edition. A letter from Mr. Garrison to Mr. Lane, Chief Clerk of the House William Kendrick and Code Editor Wayne Faupel, outlining these changes, is attached to and by this reference made a part of this report.

Discussion centered primarily about the proposed new headings "NEW SECTION" and "NEW SUBSECTION" referred to in item 4 of the attached letter, and the suggested use of a bill proposal form referred to in item 9 of the attached letter. With respect to the latter item, Senator Hill pointed out that the bill proposal form will be useful only to the extent that standing committee chairmen take it seriously.

Senator Hill moved that the Procedures and Facilities Committee recommend to the Council adoption of the proposed 1973 Iowa Bill Drafting Guide as submitted to the Committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Briles and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Garrison also presented the proposed rules for pre-filing legislative bills for the first session of the 65th General Assembly, which he indicated are not changed significantly from those in effect for the 64th General Assembly. On motion of Senator Hill, seconded by Representative Sorg, adoption of the proposed rules was recommended to the full Council by the Committee. A copy of the proposed rules is attached to and by this reference made a part of this report.

There was a very brief discussion of the progress of arrangements for the 1973 Legislative Orientation Conference. Mr. Garrison noted that it will presumably not be possible to identify those persons who will have key roles in the various presentations until the respective political party caucuses have been held and the leaders for the 65th General Assembly designated.

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Mr. Lane asked that efforts be made to improve the quality of the printing of enrolled bills in the future, presenting an example of a recent enrolled bill on which the contrast of the printed characters against the paper is poor. Mr. Garrison expressed confidence that much of this problem can be overcome by replacing cloth ribbons on Legislative Service Bureau power typewriting equipment with carbon ribbons.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker William H. Harbor,
Committee Chairman