

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 21, 1997

The Service Committee of the Legislative Council met on May 21, 1997, and makes the following report and recommendations to the Legislative Council:

1. The Service Committee received and filed the February 1997 and May 1997 reports of the Computer User Policy Direction Committee and makes the following recommendations:

a. That the Computer Support Bureau continue to create, maintain, and store nonpartisan information about the Iowa General Assembly on the Iowa General Assembly's home page on the Internet.

b. That the Computer Support Bureau not create, maintain, or store an Internet home page for a member of the Iowa General Assembly and that the Computer Support Bureau shall, on a six-month trial basis, store home pages for each of the four legislative caucuses on the Iowa General Assembly's Internet home page.

c. That the Computer Support Bureau provide a notification on each link from the Iowa General Assembly's state-supported home page to another Internet site, including links to home pages of members of the General Assembly, that the user is leaving the Iowa General Assembly's state-supported home page and that the legislative branch has no responsibility for the content and opinions expressed in the linked home pages.

d. That the Service Committee recommends to the Legislative Council that the Council approve the following electronic links from the Internet site on the Iowa General Assembly's Internet server to home pages hosted on other Internet servers:

- Any Iowa General Assembly member's official home page.
- Any central nonpartisan legislative staff agency's official home page.
- The official home page of any elected member of Congress from Iowa.
- The official home page of either house of Congress.
- The official home page of the President of the United States.
- The official home page of any major political party in Iowa.
- The official home page of any major national political party.
- The official home page of the State of Iowa.
- The official home page of any official state government library in Iowa.

- The official home page of any educational or nonprofit organization holding a copyright over information made available on the Iowa General Assembly's Internet site.
- Any official site of the United States Library of Congress (such as Thomas).
- The official home page of any national or regional government organization of which the Iowa General Assembly is a member or to which the State of Iowa pays dues or a membership assessment on behalf of the legislative branch.

In addition, the Service Committee recommends that any additional links from those listed in this paragraph shall be approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives.

e. That the Director of the Legislative Computer Support Bureau develop a mission statement for the Bureau and provide copies of the mission statement to the members of the Service Committee at least 10 days prior to the June 1997 meeting of the Service Committee.

f. That decisions regarding the software, training, and support for the laptop computers in the possession of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives be made by the Senate Rules and Administration Committee and the House of Representatives Administration and Rules Committee.

g. That the Service Committee received a report from the Computer User Policy Direction Committee approving the Computer Support Bureau's acquisition of printers and scanning stations from moneys received as payment for various electronic or printed copies of the Code of Iowa.

2. The Service Committee reviewed proposed changes to portions of the Personnel Guidelines for the Central Legislative Staff Agencies and referred further consideration of the proposed changes to a subcommittee of the whole Committee.

3. The Service Committee received and filed the personnel reports from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Legislative Service Bureau, Computer Support Bureau, and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson