REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

July 21, 1992

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on Tuesday, July 21, 1992, and makes the following recommendations:

1. That approval be given to the attached listing of proposed 1992 Interim Studies which sets forth charges, meeting days, number of members, authorizations, and includes assignments to the Legislative Fiscal Committee.
2. That the Tax Fairness and Equity Study Committee be authorized to expend up to $118,182 plus expenses in completing Phase II of its consultant tax study on the condition that the Study Committee shall carefully scrutinize the basis for the cost prior to initiating Phase II.
3. That the bipartisan legislative leadership be authorized to make appointments on behalf of the Legislative Council to the 1992 Interim Studies and the Iowa Business Investment Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR WALLY HORN
CHAIRPERSON

1992 INTERIM STUDIES

CARRY-OVER STUDIES FROM 1991 INTERIM	MEMBERS	MEETINGS
1. K-12 Education Reform Study Committee	8H/8S 7 public	2 days/committee 3 days/subcommittees
2. Review of Iowa's Handgun and Offensive Weapons Law Study Committee	7H/7S 7 public	2 days
3. Tax Fairness and Equity	5H/5S 5 public	3 days

1992 COUNCIL STUDIES

1. Review of Iowa's Medical Assistance Program	Chair &Ranking Member -Human Services Subcomm.	2 days

Charge: To identify cost containment measures and other efficiencies which can be instituted in Iowa's medical assistance program. Members shall convene a hearing(s) to furnish service providers and consumers with the opportunity to make recommendations and suggestions on ways to control costs without sacrificing care to Iowa's elderly and disadvantaged. The committee members shall also make a recommendation, by September, to the Legislative Council on the best mechanism for conducting an audit of Iowa's medical assistance program. The audit shall be used to help identify the reasons for the rapid growth of Medicaid costs in Iowa. Final Meeting date no later than December 18, 1992, with report due to General Assembly in January, 1993.

2. **Juvenile Justice System** — **5H/5S** — **2 days**

Charge: Work in conjunction with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to conduct a comprehensive study concerning the delivery of services to juveniles involved in delinquency and CHINA proceedings. Include an examination of the types of placements available for juveniles in the system, the system's effectiveness in meeting these juveniles' needs and reducing recidivism, and its cost-effectiveness. Analyze Iowa's current juvenile justice laws and make recommendations on any changes needed to combat delinquency and crime. Review steps taken by other states and communities to combat gangs and juvenile crimes and other steps taken to improve their juvenile justice systems. Make recommendations for short-term and long-term changes to Iowa's juvenile justice system to make it more efficient and cost-effective. Final Meeting date no later than December 18, 1992, with report due to General Assembly in January, 1993.

3. **Regulation of Telephone Utilities** — **5H/5S** — **2 days**

Charge: Review Iowa's current laws and rules regulating telephone utilities to determine if any changes are necessary to allow for greater efficiency by utilities while guaranteeing quality service and reasonable rates for consumers. In making this review, laws enacted in other states and their effectiveness should be considered. Final Meeting date no later than December 18, 1992, with report due to General Assembly in January, 1993.

4. **Government Efficiency** — **5H/5S** — **2 days**

Charge: Review implementation and effectiveness of measures enacted by 74th General Assembly and make recommendations on additional steps and measures that can be enacted to improve government efficiency. Final Meeting date no later than December 18, 1992, with report due to General Assembly in January, 1993.

5. Enhanced 911 Service — 5H/5S — 2 days

Charge: Review the current laws pertaining to implementation and financing of enhanced 911 service in Iowa and make recommendations to insure that all Iowa counties will be able to establish this emergency service. Final Meeting date no later than December 18, 1992, with report due to General Assembly in January, 1993.

6. Swine Production — 5H/5S
3 public — 2 days

Charge: Review current practices for production, sale and slaughter of swine in Iowa. Specifically address restrictions, practices, and procedures relating to contracts for the care and feeding of swine, including the care and feeding done by cooperative associations.

7. Mental Health Study — 3H/3S — 1 day

Charge: To work with, and receive the final report of, the mental health task force charged with developing a plan for restructuring the service delivery system for persons with mental illness, mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, and brain injury. The interim committee will assist in the selection of a consultant to the task force, the cost for such services not to exceed $20,000.

ASSIGNED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE

1. Budget Reform Oversight

   Charge: Monitor the changes made to Iowa's foster care system to determine effectiveness of cost containment provisions enacted by 74th General Assembly and to insure that the level and quality of care and services has not declined.

2. Indigent Defense Oversight

   Charge: Evaluate effectiveness, in terms of savings, service, and accessibility, of the 1991 expansion of the Public Defenders office and of the cost control pilot projects enacted by the 74th General Assembly in 1992.

3. Child Support Case Fees

   Charge: Review the effect of requiring non-AFDC recipients to pay a one time fee in child support cases including the benefits, if any, to the state; the problems, if any, for those seeking assistance; and what approaches are being developed in other states to assure compliance with child support laws.

4. Uncollected Fines

   Charge: Working with the Office of the Attorney General, the courts, and other involved parties, review the collection of fines, court costs, surcharges and restitution, evaluate the current programs used to track and collect court ordered fines and restitution owed to the state, and make recommendations on how best to establish an effective statewide system of collection.