

STUDIES REPORT
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

July 21, 1993

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on July 21 and makes the following report:

1. That approval be given to the attached Studies Recommendations.
2. That authority be granted to the bipartisan legislative leadership to appoint members to the study committees approved by the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR WALLY HORN
Acting Chairperson

PROPOSED STUDIES RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. Natural Disaster Preparedness Task Force

9 Senate - 9 House -- 3 meeting days

Charge: Review efforts of local, state and federal governments to respond in a timely and coordinated way to protect the public health and safety in a crisis situation;

Review disaster relief services to determine the adequacy of assistance to rural and urban Iowans;

Review current land use and resource management policies and regulations of federal, state and local governments. Included is a review of the type, location, and use of water control structures, and allowable activity and development on flood plains; and

Make any necessary recommendations that would enhance the ability of government to respond and serve Iowans when disasters occur. Recommend steps that can be taken to prevent future flood-related disasters.

The Task Force should begin meeting as soon as the crisis dissipates.

2. Iowa Rural Revitalization Study Committee

5 Senate - 5 House -- 2 meeting days

Charge: Examine issues surrounding the expansion of rural economic development in Iowa, including the role of the state in providing financial and technical assistance, expansion of exports of Iowa's farm and value-added products, the effectiveness of existing export trading policy, and how best to rejuvenate or expand Iowa's livestock industry.

3. The Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council should begin gathering information about state costs related to the flood-disaster. The Committee should meet as often as necessary to gather timely information on budgetary matters and responsibilities.

4. Legislators serving as a member of a committee or subcommittee of the Iowa Health Reform Council are eligible for payment of per diem and expenses for their attendance at four meetings. (These costs shall be paid as a joint Legislative Council expense.)

5. MI/MR/DD/BI Service Delivery System Restructuring Task Force -- Revise legislative membership to include one member from each caucus. The Task Force currently has two legislative members. (Costs shall be paid as a joint Legislative Council expense.)