

REPORT OF
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE
TO
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OCTOBER 15, 1975

The Legislative Fiscal Committee met in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau Conference Room on Tuesday, October 14, 1975, at 1:15 p.m. All members were present except Senators Nystrom and Van Gilst.

Reports were received from the Visitation Committees as follows:

EDUCATION

The committee has visited four private colleges; Drake, Loras, Clarke, and the University of Dubuque. Three main topics of concern to the private college sector are:

1. The grants to part-time or half-time students. The possibility of a separate appropriation for this group of students was discussed at the schools.

2. The need for early appropriations so that the students may be notified of their acceptance.

3. An early date for enrollment cutoff, possibly January 18, or the middle of June for the second cutoff date.

Two A.E.A.'s were visited, Area XIII and Area IX. The \$8.00 limit placed on media services poses problems, especially in replacing and the purchase of new media materials. Special education services are currently being provided.

At the meeting at the Iowa School for the Deaf, the committee toured the food service operation of the school which comprises four floors of the administration building. They also noted that pieces of stone had fallen from the roof area of the administration building.

The committee, on their visit to the Area IX Community College, noted a lack of space as a major problem.

HUMAN RESOURCES

A Public Meeting was held by the committee on September 19, 1975, on Title XX. The minutes of this meeting are on file in the Legislative Fiscal Director's Office. Representative Cusack, cochairman of the visitation committee, mentioned that the Department of Social Services has adjusted their accounting procedures, and the committee has been appointed to oversee the development of the second year of the Title XX Plan. At a meeting on September 24, 1975, the committee met to receive the report on the Aid to Dependent Children Standard of Need Report. The committee recommended acceptance of the contract proposal for the second phase of the study.

After discussion of various aspects of the study, Senator Willits moved that the Fiscal Committee recommend to the Legislative Council for its approval the contract for Comprehensive Development of a Standard of Need for Iowa ADC Recipients, costing \$64,898, to be completed in November, 1976 by Iowa State University. Senator De Koster seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

STATE DEPARTMENTS

The committee visited Montauk, Historical Governor Larrabee Home, in Clermont, Iowa. This home may be given to the state as an historical site. The property has been well maintained, and is furnished with the original furnishings.

NATURAL RESOURCES

On October 1, 1975, the committee meet at Lake Rathbun where they toured the water station, fish hatchery, and Honey Creek State Park. That evening a public meeting was held in Mt. Pleasant concerning the operation of the Corps of Engineer projects at Coralville and Red Rock. The minutes of this meeting are on file in the office of the Legislative Fiscal Director.

On October 2, 1975, the committee visited the town of Wapello. Located on the Iowa River, the town has experienced, through the years, the erosion of the river bank into the town proper. The town, wanting to bring its problem to the attention of the state, was most appreciative of the committee's visit.

Senator Junkins, cochairman of the committee, appeared to request an extra day of visitation time. This would be used in the visitation to southwest Iowa. The request was granted.

TRANSPORTATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The committee, with visiting five modes of transportation in mind, met in Cedar Rapids and Dubuque, October 6, 7, and 8. Air transportation was visited in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. Mass transit--Cedar Rapids and Cambus in Iowa City. Rail transportation--switch yard, branch line improvement and abandonment in Cedar Rapids. River transportation--Lock No. 11 in Dubuque. Road projects--county, primary, interstate and city, both cities. The Thru-Put terminal facility, which brings together rail, river and road transportation, was toured. There was also an inspection of the commercial dock facilities and a visit to the proposed City Island Bridge location.