

REPORT OF  
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE  
TO  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 19, 1975

The Legislative Fiscal Committee met in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau Conference Room on Tuesday, November 18, 1975, at 9:30 a.m. All members were present except Senator Palmer and Representative Welden.

Reports were received on the following meetings held by the visitation committees.

EDUCATION

Storm Lake Career Education Center - This center serves a total of 295 students who are participating in the career education program with implementation of the career education concept found in kindergarten through grade 12 with the last two years devoted to the exploratory and/or preparatory parts to the total process.

Area V Community College - A.E.A. 5 - Fort Dodge - A tour of the community college was conducted and the committee complimented the college on their efforts. A.E.A. 5 is, has been the case of other A.E.A.'s visited by the committee, having a problem with the media services money.

Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School - Teacher salaries and the hiring of qualified teachers for the school were discussed. An unanticipated increase in the number of pre-school children has caused budgetary problems.

University of Northern Iowa, State University of Iowa, Iowa State University - At all three universities appropriations were discussed as was the Fuel Pass-Through Concept which was agreed to by the State Board of Regents and the Executive Branch.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Department of Social Services - The Council has charged the committee with the monitoring of the planning for the second year of Title XX. Discussion on the types of programs and services available under Title XX was conducted by staff members of the Department and the committee.

The final report, with recommendations of the committee, will be included in the final report of the Legislative Fiscal Committee to the Council.

STATE DEPARTMENTS

Regional Libraries - Representatives from the different regions appeared before the committee and made various presentations. The committee has requested the libraries to prepare their budgets on a program basis, and has requested Mr. Porter to investigate the possibility of relocating the Medical Library.

Beer & Liquor Control Commission - The need for additional warehouse space and modernizing equipment was discussed.

Attorney General - This meeting concerned the office space allotted the Attorney General's office in the new office building, the status of the

request for an airplane, and including the items of court costs and outside hires in their budget rather than paying these items out of the 19.10 section of the Code as they do now.

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#### TRANSPORTATION & LAW ENFORCEMENT

Railroad Facilities - Visitations to branch lines at Webb and Albert City were included in this visitation, as well as a demonstration of the geometric track car.

Regional Law Enforcement Training Center - Met at the Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa, for an overview of the training program of law enforcement personnel. Also met with the Decatur County sheriff who spoke to city-county cooperation in law enforcement.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

State Fair Grounds - After a discussion on the rewiring which is being done, the committee toured various buildings on the grounds.

Department of Environmental Quality - Various programs and studies within the sphere of the department were reviewed and discussed. Of special interest was the report on the sulfur dioxide study. This study established correlations between sulfur content on coal burned in power generating plants and ambient air quality levels. Using this data, the D.E.Q. expects to convince the Environmental Protection Agency that restrictions on sulfur content of coal burned in Iowa are unnecessarily strict for most areas of the state. This would allow coal mined in Iowa to be more widely used.

Southwest Iowa Visitation - The committee toured De Soto Bend Wildlife Refuge and the Wilson Island Recreation Area. They met with city officials and members of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce, toured the downtown redevelopment project, Big Creek Park, and Lake Manawa State Park. In Red Oak they met with Page County representatives concerning the water supply situation. They also visited Viking Lake State Park and Lake Icaria.

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