

REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 11, 1990

The Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council met on Tuesday, December 11, 1990 and took the following action:

1. That the Fiscal Committee recommend to the Legislative Council that the proposal by Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services, Inc. be funded at \$35,000. The proposal contains the following elements:
  - A. Monitor the implementation in Iowa of the Nursing Home Reform Act for people who are mentally ill (MI) and/or with developmental disabilities (DD).
  - B. Assist Care Review Committees and mentally ill and developmentally disabled residents of health care and treatment facilities.
  - C. Develop and submit a report to the Legislature that includes statistical/activities of the project, problems and issues impacting MI and DD residents, and recommendations to eliminate or reduce the occurrence of inappropriate care.
2. Voted to recommend that the Legislative Council refer the issue of the development of a statewide telecommunications network to the Fiscal Committee for study, and defer action on the subject until after the proposed December 28, 1990 Fiscal Committee meeting.
3. Voted to request that the Legislative Council permit the Fiscal Committee to meet on December 28, 1990 for the purpose of studying the telecommunications issue, and making recommendations to the Council.
4. The Fiscal Committee directed the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to:
  - A. Report to the Committee members when budget request information from the Department of Personnel shows up on the Department of Management budget tape in the format requested by the Legislature.
  - B. Request that the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship respond to the questions outlined in the Fiscal Bureau's background paper on the hiring of 18 Soil Conservation Technicians. The Department is required to respond to the Fiscal Committee, Appropriations Subcommittee, the appropriate Standing Committee and the Fiscal Bureau.

- C. Ask the Secretary of Agriculture, the Director of the Department of Human Services, and the Director of the Department of Management to appear before the Committee at the next meeting to explain instances where their Departments have failed to follow legislative intent concerning appropriations.
- D. Gather data and report back to the Committee concerning where the funds come from to pay judgements, settlements and legal fees in court cases in which the State is found liable.

The Fiscal Committee also discussed the following issues:

- 1. Department of Personnel handling of a \$50,000 appropriation for an educational opportunities study.
- 2. Morale and staff problems at the Department of Human Rights.
- 3. Insurance Division efforts to control and evaluate insurance company utilization review.
- 4. Department of Human Services Child Support Recovery Unit's development of computer software with funds designated for FTE positions.
- 5. Department of Inspections and Appeals evaluation of Glenwood State Hospital-School.
- 6. The cost of the State's Indigent Defense Program.
- 7. Overview of executive agencies FY 1992 General Fund budget requests.

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