

REPORT OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE  
TO THE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 13, 1980

The Legislative Fiscal Committee met August 12, 1980, at 1:30 p.m. in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau Conference Room. Members present were:

Senator John Murray, Co-chairman  
Representative Richard Welden, Co-chairman  
Senator William Palmer  
Representative Gregory Cusack  
Representative Roger Halvorson  
Representative James West

Taunya Martin and other members of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau are conducting a study mandated in HCR 112, passed by the 68th General Assembly, to determine an effective method for legislative oversight of Federal Funds. Ms. Martin presented a progress report of the study.

After discussion of the report, the Committee directed the Fiscal Bureau to proceed with a more detailed examination of the three major areas for legislative oversight that were identified. The next report will be made in October with a final report made in December.

The Program Evaluation Division of the Fiscal Bureau reported on forms that had been developed to implement legislative review of capital construction requests. This project was requested by Senator Murray to allow the appropriations subcommittees an opportunity to have input into capital requests made during the legislative appropriations process.

After discussion of the proposed forms, some suggestions were made by the committee members. The forms will be redrafted and presented to the Fiscal Committee at their next meeting.

Thom Freyer presented a progress report on studies currently in progress. A copy of that report is attached.

The Fiscal Bureau's current financial report was presented to the Committee, and in conjunction with that, the Governor's statement on the budget. The statement had been released while the Committee meeting was in progress.

After considerable discussion by the Committee and a discussion period with the Comptroller, Ronald Mosher concerning the State's financial condition and the option chosen by the Governor, Senator Murray asked that the Fiscal Bureau prepare information and transmit it to the members of the Fiscal Committee in the next two weeks or so. This information would include, 1) An itemization of potential problems created by the across-the-board appropriation reductions, prepared by the

staff after consulting with the chairmen and ranking members of the subcommittees;  
2) Detail various alternatives for future action by the Legislative Council  
and/or the legislative appropriation committee and subcommittees.

Approval was given to the appointment of the following legislators to the  
Interim Committee of Clarinda Alternatives:

Senator Lucas DeKoster, Acting Co-chairman	Rep. Wayne Bennett, Acting Co-chair.
Senator Tom Slater	Rep. Harold Van Maanen
Senator Al Miller	Rep. Kenneth DeGroot
Senator Julia Gentleman	Rep. Jean Lloyd-Jones
	Rep. Kenneth Miller
	Rep. Virginia Poffenberger

The meeting was adjourned.