

**REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

October 26, 1993

The Fiscal Committee met on October 26, 1993, in Senate Room 22 of the State Capitol. No formal recommendations were adopted.

The Committee received information on the following:

- **Fines, Fees, and Court Costs**
 - Program overview
 - FY 1994 collections compared to FY 1993
 - FY 1994 estimated collections compared to FY 1994 Actual (yr-to-date)
- **Indigent Defense Shortfall**
 - Update on recent program changes
 - Savings associated with program changes
 - FY 1994 program costs (yr-to-date) compared to FY 1993
- **Federal Helmet Law - Loss of Federal Funds**
- **8.39 Transfers**
- **Impact of Flood Damage on State Income Tax Revenues**
- **Review of Federal Deductibility Impact**
- **Tax Model Overview**
- **Flood Update**
- **Hagge/Kraft Financial Options**
- **Other Business:**
 - FY 1993 reversions
 - Dept. of Human Services lease/purchase notification

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Larry Murphy
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October 26, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIRPERSON HORN, VICE CHAIRPERSON VAN MAANEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE 1993-1994 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FROM: DIANE BOLENDER, DIRECTOR

RE: LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE PROJECT UPDATE

This memorandum is a progress report on two projects on which the Legislative Information Office has been working during the past several months. As Legislative Council members you received a memo last March describing the projects which were developed to provide information about the Iowa General Assembly and the legislative process at little or no cost to a broad cross section of Iowans in all walks of life, in all areas of the state, and at all levels of education.

The first project is a project in which the Iowa Grocers Association has agreed to print a single page flier and place it in grocery sacks at the check out lanes after groceries have been purchased. The Board of the Iowa Grocers Association was enthusiastic about assisting the Iowa General Assembly and agreed that it will transmit a camera-ready copy of the flier to all of its member grocery store chains who then can print copies for the individual grocery stores. Information urging Iowans to get involved in making Iowa's laws and describing how they can access their members of the Iowa General Assembly is included on the attached flier. Both sides of the flier state that the flier has not been printed at state expense.

Initially, the grocery sack fliers were to have been distributed during the 1993 legislative session, but the distribution was not possible far enough in advance of session adjournment. The fliers will be transmitted to the Iowa Grocers Association just prior to the convening of the 1994 legislative session.

The second project is a project to develop a short video about the Iowa General Assembly and the legislative process that could be used by schools and other organizations and clubs throughout the state. Many states have developed videos about their legislatures, often at great cost. The Legislative Information Office staff is working with several professors from the journalism faculty at Drake University and a radio/television production class. Work was begun during the spring 1993 class and will be completed during the spring 1994 class. This is a class for seniors and the video is a major project for the class. The General Assembly will have ultimate creative control of the project, but the filming, editing, and production will be completed by the students under the supervision of their professors. Drake University will charge only its actual expenses, so the video can be completed at a very reasonable cost. Please contact the Legislative Service Bureau if you have any ideas for a topic for legislation that can be used to present the process for enacting a bill that would have general appeal to a wide audience.

The Legislative Service Bureau will continue to provide progress reports about these projects.

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

October 27, 1993

The International Relations Committee of the Legislative Council met on October 5, 1993. The meeting was called to order by Senator James Riordan, Temporary Chairperson, at 10:25 a.m. in Room 24 of the Statehouse.

The International Relations Committee respectfully submits to the Legislative Council the following report and recommendations:

1. Because of lack of a quorum, the International Relations Committee was unable to conduct official business.
2. The International Relations Committee received testimony and filed information from Kathleen Wood, Chairperson of the Iowa International Council; from Robert Krill, President of the Iowa Peace Institute; Phillip Stanhope, Executive Director of the International Development Foundation; Daniel Clark, Program Officer of the Stanley Foundation; and Sarah Lande, Executive Director of the Iowa Sister States. The testimony and information received included information on the functions that the agencies and organizations perform and possible roles that the Iowa General Assembly could play in fostering cultural and economic relationships with foreign countries and their governments; information regarding appropriate gifts, protocol, and establishment of linkages with federal agencies; activities being carried on in the Stavropol region of the former Soviet Union; and information on activities of other states to foster their states' roles in international affairs/foreign trade.
3. The International Relations Committee received information on work that is being done to develop appropriate gifts for legislators to give to members of visiting foreign delegations and to take to give to persons that host Iowa legislative delegations in foreign countries.
4. The International Relations Committee is in the process of attempting to schedule a second meeting sometime during the week of November 29-December 3, 1993.

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR JAMES RIORDAN
Temporary Chairperson

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

October 27, 1993

The Service Committee of the Legislative Council met on October 27, 1993. The meeting was called to order by Representative Teresa Garman, Acting Chairperson, at 11:06 a.m. in Room 22 of the Statehouse.

The Service Committee respectfully submits to the Legislative Council the following report and recommendations:

1. The Service Committee received and filed the proposed budgets of the Legislative Service Bureau, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the Legislative Computer Support Bureau, and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994, pursuant to Code section 2.12. The proposed budgets will be considered by the Service Committee and the Legislative Council in November.
2. The Service Committee received and filed a personnel report from the Legislative Service Bureau.
3. The Service Committee received and filed a personnel report from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.
4. The Service Committee received and filed a personnel report from the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.
5. The Service Committee received and filed a report from the Computer User Policy Direction Committee.
6. The Service Committee received, filed, and recommends that the Legislative Council approve the attached proposed changes to the Personnel Guidelines of the Central Legislative Staff Agencies. The new and amended provisions include provisions regarding substance abuse and receipt of gifts by employees of the central legislative staff agencies.

The following new employees of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau were introduced to the members of the Service Committee:

1. Leah Churchman, Legislative Analyst.
2. Valerie Marsh, Legislative Analyst.
3. Darlene Kruse, Legislative Analyst.
4. Sandra Laust, Administrative Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

REPRESENTATIVE TERESA GARMAN
Acting Chairperson

**REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

October 27, 1993

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on October 27, 1993, and makes the following report:

1. That approval be given to the Fiber Optics and Telecommunications Study Committee request for an additional meeting day. Members of the Studies Committee will convey to the Fiber Optics and Telecommunications Study Committee their concerns regarding telecommunications issues.
2. That payment be authorized for the Juvenile Justice Study Committee request to reimburse the Study Committee's consultant for travel expenses associated with the October 11 meeting.
3. That the Legislative Council deny the request of a nonlegislator member of the Critical Infrastructure Needs Study Committee for authorization to appoint a designee to attend a meeting in place of the member.
4. That a letter be sent to the Governor requesting that the Governor arrange payment of per diem and expenses to legislators appointed to task forces and other ad hoc policy development groups created by the Governor.

Respectfully submitted,

**REPRESENTATIVE MARY LUNDBY
CHAIRPERSON**

PROPOSAL TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 27, 1993

The Commission on the Status of Women shall, in conjunction with, the Iowa Women's Political Caucus, the League of Women Voters, and the Legislative Ladies League, design and submit to the Legislative Council a proposal for establishing a display case located in the Iowa Capitol building. The display shall feature contributions and achievements women have made to Iowa government with special emphasis to those women who have held an elective office.

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October 18, 1993

The Honorable Wally Horn, Chair
 Legislative Council
 Iowa Senate
 State Capitol Building
 L O C A L

Dear Senator Horn:

For many years a part-time employee has been responsible for posting bill books in the State Law Library during the Legislative Session. The position was, until about 15 years ago, a Legislative employee assigned to the Library. Early in the 75th General Assembly, First Session, the State Library position was vacated and lost to rightsizing.

The importance of maintaining the daily paper posting of bill books cannot be underestimated. The State Law Library retains original bills back to territorial times and bills with overlaid amendments (such as are now kept) back to 1942. It is amazing how often the historical perspective of legislative material is used by Iowa legislative staff, citizens, and others.

There is no other way of maintaining this historical perspective except in the current format. While the legislative computer is wonderful for day-to-day updates, it is not designed to retain information for indefinite historical perspective. The State Law Library is the only location where these bills are available to the public in an organized, freely accessible manner.

Staffing at the State Law Library has been reduced by one half since the 1986 state reorganization, yet use statistics continue to rise. Telephone requests to the library increased 33% in FY93 over FY92 alone. Walk-in and electronic requests increased 10% during the same period. It is not uncommon to see a dozen people using the library's bill books at any one time, especially during the Session.

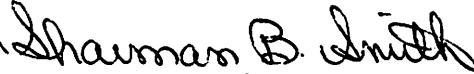
Presently the law librarian, Linda Robertson, posts bill books. The Library cannot afford to use the time of its only professional librarian in that fashion for another Session. Her time is better spent serving legal information needs of Legislators, their staffs, the general public, the legal community, and students.

The Honorable Wally Horn
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Can the Legislative Council once again place a person in the Library to do this work? Of course, the bill books would be the person's only responsibility in the library. Upon completion of the daily posting, the individual would be available for other legislative work assignments.

We appreciate the Council's consideration of this request. Should you have questions, please contact Linda Robertson at 1-5124.

Sincerely,


Sharman B. Smith
State Librarian

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