

Memorandum:

To: Legislative Council  
From: Energy Policy Council  
Oct. 9, 1974

The Energy Policy Council at its Oct. 9 meeting approved a proposed plan calling for a joint EPC and Legislative Council study of nuclear power generation and other energy issues.

The elements of the plan are:

1. The preparation of a preliminary state energy plan by January 15.
2. The holding of a three-day energy conference in late January.
3. The holding of eight one-day hearings around the state on the proposed energy plan during February and March.
4. The completion of a final energy report by mid-April.

The energy plan will cover those areas specified in Senate File 1222, including energy needs, alternative sources, safety and environmental considerations of these sources, the present and projected costs of each and an evaluation of their interrelated costs, safety and convenience.

Within this context of total energy needs, the nuclear power issues to be considered are:

1. The safety of nuclear power generation plants.
2. The transportation of nuclear fuels and wastes.
3. The disposal and storage of nuclear wastes.
4. The economics of nuclear generation.
5. The prospect for nuclear supplies.
6. The siting of nuclear power plants.

The projected cost of this proposed plan is:

Research director (4 months @ \$1,500)	\$6,000
Conference expenses	18,000
Hearing costs	3,000
Publications	3,000
Administrative expenses	5,000
total	<u>\$35,000</u>

The Energy Policy Council proposes that the cost of this energy study program be divided evenly between the EPC and the Legislative Council, each providing \$17,500.

REPORT OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE  
TO THE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 9, 1974.

The Legislative Fiscal Committee met in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. Members present were:

Senator DeKoster, Chairman  
Senator Hill  
Senator Van Gilst  
Representative Den Herder  
Representative Lipsky  
Representative Dunton

Reports were received from the following Visitation Committees:

NATURAL RESOURCES

On September 30, 1974, the committee met with the Natural Resources Council relative to progress on the State Water Plan (HCR 166). They later met with the Governor who assured the committee further study would be given to the budget and progress of the Water Plan. In the afternoon the committee met with the Conservation Commission for discussion on the critical areas bill and bills relating to condemnation of partial interest. Mr. Art Doll, Planning Director, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources spoke on recreational trails. On October 1, 1974, the committee met in Iowa City for a meeting with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the impact of State Park Development on the County road system.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The committee met at the Men's Reformatory at Anamosa on September 18, 1974. The inmate population is now 602, an increase of 100. The committee suggested that perhaps a study should be made concerning the future of correctional facilities in view of the Community Correction system. There is a need of additional staff at the institution in view of the increasing population. On September 19 the committee visited the State Penitentiary at Fort Madison. The penitentiary's vocational and academic program has been merged with that of the area community college, however, there is still a need for additional programs. Concern was expressed over the housing of the most difficult inmates.

EDUCATION

On September 26 the committee visited Westmar College in Le Mars. A private college, Westmar has a current enrollment of 706, 70 to 75% are from Iowa. 50% of the Iowa students enrolled receive the Iowa Tuition Grant. On September 27 the committee visited Dordt College in Sioux Center. Enrollment is 987 and an estimate 174 have accepted the Iowa tuition grant. Grants are awarded to students who are members of a supporting church. Area IV community college was visited in the afternoon. With an enrollment of approximately 520, the largest academic area is the heavy equipment-construction department. A 3/4 mill levy was recently approved by the area voters. They claim to have one of the lowest cost per contact hour programs in the state.

The Fiscal Committee unanimously approved a request from the Natural Resources Visitation Committee to have one additional meeting.

A letter was read from the co-chairmen of the Transportation and Law Enforcement Visitation Committee stating that they did not feel a meeting of the committee was necessary at this time. After some discussion, the Fiscal Committee decided they should meet with the Highway Commission concerning revenue estimates based on the current gas tax rate, the possible forty-two percent inflation rate in construction costs and resultant deficit in Road Use Tax Funds and the substantial cut-back in the five year program.

Senator Hill moved that the Fiscal Committee meet with the Highway Commission on November 14. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request of

LAND USE POLICIES STUDY COMMITTEE -- NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBERSHIP

1. Mr. Sherry Fisher -- reappointment, member of State Soil Conservation Committee
2. Dr. Burl Parks -- reappointment, Professor, I.S.U.
3. Mrs. Arthur (Juanita) Vetter -- reappointment, League of Women Voters of Iowa, Iowa City
4. Mr. Carl Gavin -- Polk County Board of Supervisors, President of Iowa State Association of Counties
5. Mrs. Barbara Koerber -- City Councilwoman, Ames, Iowa League of Iowa Municipalities

Retroactive expenses for first three nonlegislative members (actually affects Mrs. Vetter only). Other two do not claim.