

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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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

of the  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 18, 1975

The Administration Committee of the Legislative Council met on Tuesday, November 18, 1975.

The members of the Administration Committee toured the offices of the Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Department of Agriculture, State Comptroller, Department of General Services, and some of the offices of the Judicial Department on the ground and first floors of the State House. The tour was conducted by the Director of General Services, Mr. Stanley McCausland. Mr. McCausland agreed to provide two plans for the Administration Committee at its December meeting. One plan would be based upon the assumption that the offices of the Supreme Court and Governor would remain. The other plan would be based upon the assumption that the offices of the Supreme Court, Governor, and State Comptroller would remain. The plans would include some preliminary indications of how the additional space could be used for committee meeting rooms and individual offices for members of the General Assembly.

The Administration Committee considered a policy relating to legislative out-of-state travel and unanimously recommends that the following attached statement of policy regarding out-of-state travel be adopted by the Legislative Council.

The Administration Committee discussed the need to establish a procedure which might be used in regard to an appeal of discharged legislative employees. The Administration Committee recommends that the Legislative Council adopt rules of procedure for hearing appeals of discharged employees of the Legislative Service Bureau, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and the Citizens' Aide Office; that such appeals be heard by the Legislative Council, except that prior to the time the Legislative Council has been appointed and organized, appeals shall be heard by these ten members of the Legislative Council

designated by law as members of the Council because of their legislative position; and that the Legislative Service Bureau draft a bill to amend Chapter 2 of the Code as may be necessary to provide authority for the Legislative Council to adopt rules of procedure and hear appeals of discharged employees. The Administration Committee further recommends that the House Administration Committee adopt rules of procedure for hearing appeals of discharged employees of the House and that the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration adopt rules of procedure for hearing appeals of discharged employees of the Senate.

The Administration Committee discussed at length legislative procedures in regard to consideration of those bills which have not been introduced and thus have not been printed or distributed to all members of the General Assembly and the public. The Administration Committee makes no recommendations at this time and agreed to give the problem further study at the next meeting of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

SPEAKER DALE M. COCHRAN, Chairman

## STATEMENT OF POLICY RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

The legislative council believes that the participation of Iowa legislators in Interstate functions and meetings is often useful and beneficial. The council believes that interstate travel should be allowed when beneficial to individual legislators as well as to committees of the legislature.

Thus legislators' participation in interstate activities should be based upon the subject matter which is or will be considered by the Iowa General Assembly. Knowledge to be gained should be either substantive or procedural in nature. The information to be gained may not necessarily be the result of a specific meeting or conference but may also result from visitations with other legislators, government officials, experts in problems confronting the state of Iowa, and other persons who might contribute to understanding the solving problems facing the Iowa General Assembly.

Considering the above stated policy, the authorization of travel by legislators should not be the result of a decision which allows blanket travel authorization. Travel authorization should be based upon the above stated principals and allowing a predetermined number of legislators blanket authorization to travel out of state to a given function should be disallowed in the future. On the other hand limiting travel to a certain number of persons when the subject matter of a meeting or conference is unknown should also be discouraged.

Presentation on behalf of Joint Legislative Intern Committee to  
Legislative Council, Thursday, November 20, 1975

The Joint Legislative Intern Committee has extensively upgraded the intern program for the 1976 session through the addition of:

- a two-day orientation program, similar to that offered first-term legislators;
- a set of ten evening seminars to run through the session, and to include sessions on legal research, the committee system, and development of the State budget;
- an emphasis on recruitment of high quality students to serve as full-time interns, while maintaining the total number of interns at between 50 and 55;
- assignment of interns to both a single legislator and sets of two or three legislators (following the last session, a survey of legislators indicated 65 House members and 30 Senators would make use of an intern during the 1976 session).

To carry through these improvements and to promote the recruitment of interns, the Joint Legislative Intern Committee, by unanimous agreement, offers the following proposal for approval of the Council:

1. Reimbursement to full-time interns from institutions with less than \$525/semester in room and board charges . . . . . 500.00

The Joint Legislative Intern Committee is arranging with Grand View College to provide room and board @ \$525/semester, to be paid by each intern. Students attending colleges which charge less than that amount for room and board would be reimbursed the difference. (Example: Briar Cliff College charges \$489.00/semester for room and board. A full-time intern from the college would be reimbursed \$36.00.)

2. Reimbursement to full-time interns for mileage incurred in returning to their campuses a maximum of four trips during the session . . . . . 4,500.00

Interns must return periodically to their campuses for conferences with supervising faculty and other advisors. Reimbursement would be allowed for a maximum of four round trips, one per month, @ 15¢/mile. (Example: Briar Cliff College, in Sioux City, is approximately 213 miles from Des Moines, 426 miles round trip. A full-time intern from the college would be reimbursed \$63.90 for each trip, \$255.60 for four such trips.)

The estimate for reimbursement assumes a total of 50-55 full-time interns will participate in the program. Some 15-20 of these interns will be Drake and Grand View students, and will receive no reimbursement.

3. Funds to help defray costs of reception for interns and legislators during first week of session (tentative date - Wednesday, January 14, 1976) . . . . . 300.00

The Committee feels that the educational experience of the interns and their use by legislators will be enhanced if both groups are allowed to mingle with one another in an unofficial, more social setting. All legislators and interns and their spouses would be invited to attend the gathering.

4. Authorization for one additional Joint Legislative Intern Committee meeting on Monday, December 15, at which interns will be assigned to legislators.

The three previous meetings of the committee and business conducted at each include:

August 20: discussion of results of questionnaires on 1975 session intern program, which were answered by interns, legislators assigned interns, and legislators without interns; assignment of activities to be undertaken during interim.

September 30: formulated compensation proposal, seminar schedule, revisions in intern program handbook; reworked application form; developed handbill and press release to be distributed to colleges.

October 29: formulated orientation session and guidelines for assigning interns; finalized funding proposal; approved assignment of ten Iowa State interns, five to each House, since their quarter begins in December.

Total requested for intern reimbursement program for 1976 session:

\$5,300.00