

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 6, 1970

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on May 6, 1970 with all members present except Representative Ralph McCartney. Pursuant to the directions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 135, the Studies Committee considered all resolutions introduced in both houses of the Iowa General Assembly during the 1970 session which called for interim studies.

It is the recommendation of the Studies Committee that the following studies commenced during the 1969 interim be continued during the 1970 interim:

1. The Eminent Domain Study Committee be continued with the exception that Representative William Gannon be replaced on the Committee by Representative Berl Priebe.
2. The Environmental Preservation Study Committee be continued.
3. The Criminal Code Revision Study Committee be continued.
4. The Municipal Law Revision Study Committee be continued.

The Studies Committee recommends that the Legislative Council create a Tax Revision Study Committee pursuant to the directions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 119, which was approved by both houses of the 1970 Iowa General Assembly. Senate Concurrent Resolution 119 calls for appointment of sixteen members, eight members to be appointed by the President of the Senate and eight members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. It is the recommendation of the Studies Committee that at least one member serving on this study committee be a member of the Legislative Council.

The Studies Committee recommends that the Legislative Council establish the following new study committees:

1. A Drug Abuse Study Committee as recommended by House Concurrent Resolution 122 and House Joint Resolution 1002. Membership is to be decided by the Legislative Council.
2. A State Government Employment Practices Study Committee pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 106. Membership is to be decided by the Legislative Council.
3. A Housing and Programs for the Handicapped Study Committee, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 118. Membership is to be decided by the Legislative Council.

In addition, the Studies Committee recommends that the Legislative Council authorize the establishment of a broad interim governmental reorganization study, oriented primarily toward evaluating and establishing priorities among various recommendations previously submitted relative to reorganization of particular state departments and agencies, and placing in the form of draft legislation those recommendations to which higher priority is assigned. Particular emphasis should be given to the recommendations of the Governors Economy Committee. Also the study should consider the revision of the state penal and correction system contemplated by Senate Concurrent Resolution 106 and House Concurrent Resolution 127, the review of administrative activities of the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture in order to eliminate duplication and consolidate related functions as contemplated by House Concurrent Resolution 112, the study of the feasibility of establishing a Department of Transportation encompassing the administration and regulation of motor vehicle, railway, and air transportation and related functions contemplated by House Concurrent Resolution 133, and the study of the organization and operation of the Warehouse Division of the Iowa State Commerce Commission and evaluation of the cost-sharing provisions of its agreement with the Commodity Credit Corporation relating to inspections of warehouses all of which is contemplated by House Concurrent Resolution 145. The Budget and Financial Control Committee should be consulted regarding its plans for work in this area, in order to avoid duplication and assure most effective use of available resources for interim legislative work. Membership is to be decided by the Legislative Council.

The Studies Committee recommends that the Legislative Council refer to the Tax Revision Study Committee the requests embodied in House Concurrent Resolution 129, House Concurrent Resolution 131, House Joint Resolution 1005, -- Senate Joint Resolution 1003, and Senate Joint Resolution 1004. It is also recommended that the following study requests be referred as indicated:

1. House Concurrent Resolution 120--to the respective Standing Committees on Law Enforcement of the General Assembly.
2. House Concurrent Resolution 136--to the respective Standing Committees on Transportation of the General Assembly.

The Studies Committee recommends that the following resolutions be deferred at this time:

1. Senate Concurrent Resolution 105.
2. Senate Concurrent Resolution 117.
3. Senate Concurrent Resolution 118.
4. House Concurrent Resolution 105.

5. House Concurrent Resolution 114.
6. House Concurrent Resolution 115.
7. House Concurrent Resolution 119.
8. House Concurrent Resolution 126.
9. House Concurrent Resolution 130.
10. House Concurrent Resolution 140.
(Representative Gannon dissents)
11. House Concurrent Resolution 143.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Elmer Lange

Senator Andrew Frommelt

Representative Andrew Varley

Representative William Gannon

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Budget Committee of the Legislative Council met prior to the May 7, 1970 meeting of the Legislative Council. Members present were Senator Briles, Chairman, Senator Rigler, Representative Leroy Miller, and Representative Sorg. Also present was Senator Lange.

The Director of the Legislative Service Bureau presented budget figures covering the present fiscal year and next fiscal year. The figures presented indicate that expenditures for general office supplies and expense, telephone, and per diem and travel for committee members exceeded those amounts originally budgeted and that future projections indicate this trend will continue. The reason for such increased expenditures appears to be the heavy schedule of interim work and greater demands for materials resulting from annual sessions.

It was noted that section 38 of chapter 69 of the Acts of the Sixty-third General Assembly, First Session, provides that per diem and expenses for members of special interim study committees may, upon motion approved by the Legislative Council, be paid from funds appropriated to the General Assembly pursuant to section 14 of chapter 69. It was moved by Representative Leroy Miller, seconded by Senator Rigler and carried, that the Budget Committee recommend that study committees be financed from funds available to the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator James Briles
Senator Robert Rigler
Representative Leroy Miller
Representative Nathan Sorg