

REPORT OF THE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE
TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

July 17, 1986

The Legislative Fiscal Committee met at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 10, 1986 in Room 22 of the State Capitol Building. Members present were:

Senator Joe Welsh, Chair
Senator Donald Doyle
Senator Edgar Holden
Senator William Palmer
Senator Dale Tieden
Representative Gene Blanshan
Representative Minnette Doderer
Representative Hugo Schnekloth

Hal Farrier, Director, Department of Corrections presented an update on expenditures at Oakdale. Mr. Farrier handed out a paper, the Chronological Listing of Events at Oakdale, and spoke to the items listed.

Chris Ill, Bureau of Collections, DHS, presented the members a copy of the consultants implementation plan for the Collection Services Center. Using selected pages of the report, she gave an overview of collections through the courts. The consultants report may be seen in the office of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

Tom Donahue, Department of Personnel presented an update on Comparable Worth in the Executive Branch. Mr. Donahue handed out an informational sheet listing the status of the implementation of pay grade changes recommended by the consultant and the appeal process. He stated they are approximately 60% through the appeals. Mr. Donahue estimated there will be 500 requests for early retirement and that 404 have been received to date.

The Legislative Council at its June meeting directed the Fiscal Committee to conduct a performance audit on Regent's capital construction procedures. Glen Dickinson of the Fiscal Bureau presented a paper listing different areas the performance audit could examine. The Fiscal Committee asked that a report be made on the following items:

1. Identify the dollar amount and type of self liquidating Regents' bonds which are outstanding.

2. Identify the source of payment and retirement of bonds.
3. Is there a consistent pattern of overrun and change orders on Regents' construction projects. (The last ten year period.)
4. Identify Regent projects with shortfalls.
5. Identify States' obligation to back bonds already issued.

Mr. Doug Getter of the Iowa Lottery gave a brief report on the Research and Development Program of the Department of Economic Development. He stated that they have received 23 grant requests for job development, 15 from Regent institutions and 8 from private schools. The Committee requested they receive copies of minutes from the Department of Economic Development.

Tim Faller, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, handed out copies of the 8.39 Transfers for the months of May and June.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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The Service Committee met on July 17, 1986 and makes the following report to the Legislative Council:

1. The Committee received a report of the activities of the Comparable Worth Appeals Committee. One hundred nineteen individuals appealed from sixty-eight job classifications according to a preliminary court. (A later count indicates 124 appeals in 62 classifications.) Most of these individuals filed documentation of their appeals and were granted hearings before the Appeals Committee on July 14 and 15. The Appeals Committee is now reviewing each position classification that was appealed and intends to make a final report in August. Additional rules adopted by the Appeals Committee were received and filed.

2. The Committee received a report of regular merit step increases for employees of the Legislative Service Bureau.

3. The Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the employment of Ms. Anne C. Nolan as Software Analyst in the Computer Support Bureau at Pay Grade 34, step 1.

4. The Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the employment of the following individuals in the Iowa Code Office:

- a. Mr. Richard Schulze as Code Indexer at Pay Grade 26, step 1.
- b. Ms. Marilyn Sychra as Assistant Indexer at Pay Grade 18, step 1.
- c. Ms. Sarah Cartwright as Administrative Assistant at Pay Grade 18, step 1.

5. The Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the employment of Ms. Kathaleen Miklus as Chief Bill Clerk in the Legislative Service Bureau at Pay Grade 15, step 4.

6. The Committee granted Mr. Peeters authority to seek a replacement for Ms. Autumn McGrean, Legislative Text Processor, who has resigned from the Legislative Service Bureau.

7. The Committee received and filed a status report on publication of the Code of Iowa. The changes to the Code are extensive because of governmental reorganization. The workload for publication of the Iowa Administrative Bulletin is increased because of rules changes needed due to governmental

reorganization.

8. The Committee received a report from the Citizens' Aide that the impasse between the Office of Citizens' Aide and the Department of Human Services has been resolved and the Citizens' Aide will receive confidential child abuse information from the Department, but must treat the information as confidential in the same manner as the custodian of the information.

9. The Committee recommends that the Legislative Council appoint a committee consisting of the four leaders of the General Assembly to meet with each of the four legislative agency heads to discuss the activities of the agency, the performances of the agency heads, and salaries of the agency heads including salaries of comparable positions in governmental agencies and the private sector. The Committee shall make salary recommendations and file a report with the Service Committee and the Legislative Council.

10. The Committee recommends that the Legislative Council refer to the Legislative Procedures Committee a proposal submitted by the Director of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to expand the Legislative Fiscal Bureau staff and improve legislative oversight through increased budget analysis.

Respectfully submitted,

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN H. CONNORS
Chairman

REPORT OF THE CAPITOL SPACE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Capitol Space Allocation Committee of the Legislative Council held its first meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 1986, in Committee Room 22 of the State House. The Committee discussed the need for additional space for the General Assembly, particularly the need for additional meeting rooms for the standing committees. The Committee toured the areas of the State House presently occupied by the Auditor of State, the Treasurer of State, the Secretary of State and the Department of Management. The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Thursday, July 24, 1986 to meet with the Director of the Department of General Services to discuss space availability in the Capitol Complex and future plans for use of this space and to meet with the affected Constitutional Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR BILL HUTCHINS
Co-Chairperson

SPEAKER DONALD D. AVENSON
Co-Chairperson

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

July 17, 1986

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on July 17, 1986, to hear a presentation by Dr. John Fuller of the L.E.A.G., consider additional proposals for interim studies, and take further actions regarding the formation of interim studies, and makes the following recommendations:

1. The following interim studies have the following number of members and meeting days:

- a. Water Quality - three meetings
- b. Bill of Rights - two meetings
- c. Property Taxes - seven members from each House and three meetings
- d. Public Finance - five members from each House and three meetings

2. Four interim studies be approved, in addition to the studies previously approved:

- a. Prison cap - prison space study
- b. Parimutuel racing study - nonprofit property tax exempt and Iowa bred preference
- c. Private nursery - reporting to Legislative Oversight Committee on governmental reorganization
- d. Grain storage

3. The Alternative Crops and Livestock Study be discontinued.

4. Approval of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Council to enter into a contract with the Prosecuting Attorneys Research Council for a one-year research project regarding Iowa's OWI laws, providing additional information at the next meeting.

5. Authorize leadership to create a Task Force to study the issue of telecommunications used by the educational agencies in the state.

6. Dr. John Fuller indicated that the Northwest Area Foundation has made \$8000 available for additional studies through LEAG for the Legislative Council. The Studies Committee recommends that the leadership take the available resources under advisement and that members make recommendations for further studies.

Respectfully submitted,

SPEAKER DONALD D. AVENSON
Chairperson