

## **Iowa General Assembly**

## **2006 Committee Briefings**

Legislative Services Agency – Legal Services Division

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting Dates: June 16, 2006

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 16, 2006

Chairperson: Senator Mary Lundby

Vice Chairperson: Representative Christopher Rants

**Committees.** The Legislative Council approved recommendations reported by the Service Committee and Studies Committee and received annual reports from the Fiscal, Government Oversight, and International Relations Committees. See briefings in this issue for the Service and Studies Committees.

**Event Parking.** The Legislative Council considered a request to open legislative parking lot 13 to provide parking for persons with disabilities and senior citizens attending the Des Moines Municipal Band's Music Under the Stars concerts on Sunday evenings during the summer. Following discussion regarding Capitol security requirements and the need for a policy to address public parking in lot 13, a motion was approved for the Secretary of the Senate, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the lowa State Patrol Post 16, which is responsible for Capitol security, to make lot 13 available for public parking for the Music Under the Stars concerts, with the stipulation that the sponsoring organization pay the state security personnel costs for opening the parking lot and that this action should not set a precedent for any permanent parking policy.

Capitol Complex Parking. The Legislative Council discussed other Capitol Complex parking issues. It was noted that the West Capitol Terrace Project, scheduled to begin in July, will eliminate parking lots 7 and 8 on the west slope of the Statehouse grounds. Discussion centered on the use of the parking structure located on the northwest corner of East Grand and Pennsylvania Avenues to address the need. Concern was expressed regarding the continued usage of the parking structure to house the state's vehicle fleet. The Legislative Council approved a motion for the Capitol Projects Committee of the Legislative Council to meet to receive recommendations from the Department of Administrative Services for moving the vehicle fleet from the parking structure, and to request that the fleet be moved, if necessary, to accommodate public events like the Yankee Doodle Pops concert to be held June 30, 2006.

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