

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE

of the

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 14, 1984

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met at 10:45 a.m. in Committee Room 22 of the State House and submits the following report for the approval of the Legislative Council:

1. That a Non-General Fund Tax Incentive Economic Development Study Committee be established consisting of five members of the Senate and five members of the House and be authorized three meeting days.

2. That the Legislative Extended Assistance Group be authorized to conduct a Railroad Assistance Program Options study at a budgeted amount of \$7,581 and that its report be presented to the Studies Committee Subcommittee consisting of Representative Norland, Chair, Representative Lloyd-Jones, Representative Menke, and Senator Hutchins.

3. That Mr. Gerry Schnepf of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation be appointed as Chairman of the Recreation-Tourism Study Committee.

A list of the Study Committee memberships is attached for the information of the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR LOWELL L. JUNKINS
Chairman

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

to the

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 14, 1984

The Service Committee met on Tuesday, August 14, 1984 and makes the following recommendations to the Legislative Council:

1. That the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau be authorized to advertise and employ, subject to Legislative Council approval, an Assistant Public Information Officer.

2. That the Citizens' Aide be authorized to advertise and employ, subject to Legislative Council approval, an Assistant Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of the Assistant for Corrections.

3. That the pay grade and step of Mrs. Ruth Mosher be temporarily increased from grade 33, step 3, to grade 33, step 4, because of additional assignments in the corrections area until the vacancy has been filled and caseload reassignments made.

4. That the pay grade and step of Ms. Doneen Willard be permanently increased from grade 24, off step 1+ to grade 24, step 3 because of additional assignments in the corrections area.

5. That the pay grade and step of Mr. Clarence Key be permanently increased from grade 24, off step 1- to grade 24, step 3 because of additional assignments in the corrections area.

6. That the Legislative Council consider recommending that section 601G.6 of the Code of Iowa be amended to allow more than one assistant Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman to investigate complaints relating to penal or correctional agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR C. W. (BILL) HUTCHINS
Chairman

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE

to the

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 14, 1984

The Subcommittee of the Administration Committee appointed to determine the feasibility of establishing a legislative public information desk accessible to the public met today, August 14, 1984. The Subcommittee consists of Representative Connors, Chairman; Senator Doyle and Representative Menke.

The Subcommittee believes that the establishment of a public information desk in an area more visible to the public would not accomplish desired results. Such a desk would require bill books, micro fiche equipment, computer terminals, and similar source material to enable public information personnel to answer questions normally asked. A separate desk area would also split the public information staff. Because of the lack of space and the splitting of the staff, the Subcommittee does not recommend establishing a public information desk.

The Subcommittee believes that the present space that the public information office occupies in the legislative dining room is not adequate because it takes space from the dining room, and public information staff and persons occupying the legislative dining room, such as an appropriation subcommittee, disturb each other. Furthermore this space is not visible to the public.

The Subcommittee considered several areas in the capitol building as possible sites for the public information office and recommends that the Legislative Council consult with the Governor's office about the possibility of using space presently occupied by the Executive Council secretary. This space is now a one person office, is accessible to the public, is visible, and while not abundantly large can accommodate the three persons and equipment required for the public information office. This location would not disrupt very many people as would other possible sites.

If the present Executive Council secretary can be located within the office complex occupied by the governor's staff or comptroller's staff without substantial inconvenience, the space occupied by that person would provide permanent and useful space for the public information staff.