

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

October 25, 2006

Members participating:

Speaker Doug Mays, Chairperson
President Steve Morris, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader
Representative Clay Aurand, Majority Leader
Representative Ray Merrick, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Dennis McKinney, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Mays at 2:10 p.m. in Room 123-S, State Capitol.

CONSENT AGENDA

Senator Schmidt moved that the minutes of the August 21, 2006, meeting be approved, that the Speaker and the President be authorized to assign interim bills to a house of origin and that statutory joint committees which have legal authority to introduce legislation be authorized to prefile that legislation. President Morris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

President Morris presented the report of the Subcommittee on Administration. The subcommittee recommends:

(1) That the revised fiscal year 2007 and the proposed fiscal year 2008 budgets for the Legislature, the Legislative Coordinating Council, the Legislative Research Department, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes and the Legislative Division of Post Audit be approved as presented;

(2) that the year 2007 session employee assignment and pay policy, including longevity and multiple-legislator assignment bonuses, be approved as presented by Mr. Russell;

(3) that the recommended publication pricing as contained in the memorandum provided by Mr. Russell for the 2007 editions of *Summary of Legislation* and *Legislative Highlights* be approved;

(4) that the prices for bound volumes, supplements and index to the Kansas Statutes Annotated as recommended by the Revisor of Statutes be approved;

(5) that the persons selected to a Legislative Coordinating Council position who are not currently holding such a position in the House of Representatives be authorized office space and authority to employ staff from general legislative appropriations for the purpose of organization in preparation for the 2007 regular session of the legislature and, if a new governor is elected at the November election, the Director of Legislative Administrative Services, in consultation with the Speaker and the President, shall provide for transition office space within the capitol for the governor-elect during the period immediately subsequent to the election and prior to January 8, 2007;

(6) that two members from each house designated by the Speaker and the President, in consultation with minority leaders, be authorized to attend the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Annual Legislative Conference in Jackson, MS, November 29 through December 3, 2006, and that additional requests to attend be considered under LCC Policy 1;

(7) that delegates, or the alternates of the delegates unable to attend, be authorized to attend the NCSL Standing Committees Fall Forum in San Antonio, TX, December 5 - 9, 2006;

(8) that the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking minority members of the House Agriculture and Senate Agriculture committees be authorized to attend the Council of State Governments State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Meeting in Washington, D.C., January 26 - 28, 2007;

(9) that Senator Emler be authorized to attend the leadership meetings of the Midwestern Conference of CSG;

(10) that Senator Emler be authorized to attend the CSG Annual State Trends and Leadership Forum in Phoenix, AZ, November 30 through December 3, 2006, and Representative Ward Loyd be authorized to attend if he is an officer of a task force, working group or other formal committee conducting business at this meeting or has some other special role at this meeting;

(11) that Senator Emler be authorized to attend the Global Justice Advisory Committee meeting sponsored by the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., November 1 - 2, 2006, and receive per diem compensation only;

(12) approval of the request of the Kansas Technical College and Vocational School Commission for the attendance of Dr. Ken Breeden of Atlanta, GA, Dr. Phil Berkenbile of Stillwater, OK, and Dr. Terrence M. Sullivan of Mosimee, WI, as expert conferees at the November 21-22, 2006, meeting of the commission, and that the payment of anticipated honoraria, travel expenses and allowances be authorized in accordance with LCC Policy 24 in an aggregate amount of not more than \$6,500;

(13) approval of two additional meeting days for the Legislative Educational Planning Committee and one additional meeting day for the Joint Committee on Economic Development;

(14) approval of the request of the Joint Committee on Economic Development to communicate by letter to the members of the Kansas Congressional delegation, in accordance with LCC Policy 33, urging reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act and requesting changes to provide for grants of moneys under this act to be more like federal block grants and to provide for more state authority over the design and accountability of the workforce development efforts in Kansas; and

(15) that the study topic for the Special Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources regarding monitoring the Colorado water litigation case be expanded as follows:

4. **Monitor Colorado Water Litigation** - Review the current status of the Colorado water litigation case, including the review of remediation and other programmatic efforts as a result of the litigation and monitor those efforts with respect to the current and future funding of programs with water settlement proceeds and to study proposals to combine or coordinate such efforts with other programs such as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and irrigation transition assistance programs (ITAPs). In addition, the Committee is to review and discuss other water litigation or potential litigation as those issues may impact programmatic planning efforts.

In addition to the subcommittee recommendations, President Morris reported that the subcommittee received an update on the status of activities for new member orientation from Mrs. Janet Jones and that the subcommittee postponed consideration of INK contracts for a future meeting to allow for resolution of outstanding concerns.

President Morris moved that the recommendations of the subcommittee be adopted. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Representative McKinney announced that former Representative and Senator Sherman Jones will be honored with a Nation Builder Award by the National Black Caucus of State Legislators at the 2006 Annual Legislative Conference.

Prior to the meeting, members of the Council received reports of Policy 1 travel authorizations from President Morris and Speaker Mays; a memorandum from Mr. Russell regarding an expedited decision approved by the President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on August 21, 2006, for the Statehouse Preservation and Restoration Project; a memorandum from Mr. Russell regarding the proposed 2007 Assignment and Pay Policy for Temporary Legislative Employees; a memorandum from Mr. Russell on travel approval; a memorandum from Mr. Russell on publications pricing; a memorandum from Ms. Torrence on pricing for Kansas Statutes Annotated sets, volumes, supplements and indexes; a letter from Senator Taddiken, Chairperson of the Special Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources; a letter from Representative Decker, Chairperson of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee; two letters from Senator Jordan, Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Economic Development; a letter from Mr. Fahnestock, Chairperson of the Kansas Technical College and Vocational School Commission; a Policy 42 staff outside employment report from Ms. Hinton; a report on the status of selected Kansas cases by the Revisor's Office; and drafts of proposed INK contracts with the LCC and the Revisor's Office.

Speaker Mays announced that the Council will not hold a meeting in November and that the next meeting of the Council will be in December on a date to be announced later.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

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Approved by

Speaker Doug Mays, Chairperson