

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

December 11, 2009

Members participating:

President Steve Morris, Chairperson
Speaker Michael O'Neal, Vice Chairperson
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader
Representative Ray Merrick, Majority Leader
Representative Arlen Siegfried, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Paul Davis, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 8:50 a.m. in Room 545-N, State Capitol.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes. Representative Merrick moved that the minutes of the October 13, 2009, meeting be approved. Speaker O'Neal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Jeff Russell, Director, Legislative Administrative Services, reviewed the following proposed policy for food and beverage usage in the House and Senate Chambers and in committee rooms in the State Capitol:

House and Senate Chambers

Food and beverage usage would be determined by the Speaker and the President, respectively, and/or by chamber rules for both the regular session and the interim between sessions.

Capitol Committee Rooms

During hearings:

- The committee chair would determine food and beverage restrictions for committee members and legislative staff.
- No food or beverage would be allowed in the audience area.

At other times:

- There would be no restrictions on food and beverages being consumed only by legislators and/or legislative staff.

- Food to be consumed by other persons, whether with or without legislators present, would be restricted to box style meals only. Buffet style meals involving filling a plate would be prohibited.
- Serving vessels, carts and other objects with food, beverage and/or other related items would be required to remain in the hallways and/or foyers.
- The organization, caterer, host or sponsoring legislator would be responsible for clean up in a timely fashion for room to be ready for the next committee meeting.
- The organization, caterer, host or sponsoring legislator would be required to notify housekeeping or Legislative Administrative Services immediately of any spill or mess needing clean up attention.

There would be no change in restrictions on food and beverage consumption in committee rooms in the Docking State Office Building. Food and beverages are allowed in the committee room but serving vessels, carts and other related items must remain in the hallway.

Speaker O'Neal moved that the policy be adopted. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Mr. Russell reviewed the proposed 2010 job assignments of the Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer, Don Heiman, which had been distributed to the members before the meeting. Speaker O'Neal moved that the policy be adopted. Representative Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Speaker O'Neal moved that statutory joint committees which are required by law to have LCC approval to meet be authorized to meet during the 2010 regular legislative session during days the legislature is meeting in session. Representative Siegfried seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Representative Davis moved that special committees be authorized to introduce legislation and the Speaker and the President be authorized to assign the legislation to a house of origin. Representative Merrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Mr. Russell briefed the Council on the emergency evacuation locations for the Capitol Building.

6. Speaker O'Neal moved that statutory joint committees which have legal authority to introduce legislation be authorized to prefile that legislation. Representative Merrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Members of the Council also received draft minutes for the October 13, 2009, LCC meeting; a memorandum from Mr. Russell on proposed food and beverage usage in the State Capitol; a tentative 2009 interim committee meetings approved and held/scheduled from Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department; a letter from Senator Vratil concerning his inability to attend the 2009 Redistricting Advisory Group; a court case update from the Office of Revisor of Statutes; a listing of emergency evacuation locations for the capitol; and a Policy 42 report from Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, concerning outside employment of employees of the Division of Legislative Post Audit.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Mary Ann Torrence,
Revisor of Statutes,
as Secretary

Approved by


President Stephen Morris, Chairperson