

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

October 27, 2005

Members participating:

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

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 12:35 p.m. in Room 123-S, State Capitol. Senator Hensley participated in the meeting by telephone conference call.

CONSENT AGENDA

Senator Schmidt moved that the minutes of the September 27, 2005, meeting be approved, that the Speaker and the President be authorized to assign interim bills to a house of origin, that statutory joint committees which have legal authority to introduce legislation be authorized to prefile that legislation and that recommended publication pricing as contained in the memorandum provided by Mr. Russell for the 2006 editions of Summary of Legislation and *Legislative Highlights* be approved. Representative Aurand seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Speaker Mays presented the report of the Subcommittee on Administration. Speaker Mays reported that Mr. Dave Larson, Director of Computer Services for the legislature, provided a status report on laptop acquisition for legislators with a mid-size laptop that contains a full-size keyboard. The subcommittee recommends that the revised fiscal year 2006 and the proposed fiscal year 2007 budgets for the Legislature, the Legislative Coordinating Council, the Legislative Research Department, the Revisor of Statutes Office and the Legislative Division of Post Audit be approved as presented; that two additional meeting days for the Joint Committee on Economic Development be approved; that Representative Ward Loyd be authorized to attend a Council of State Governments Public Safety and Justice National Task Force meeting

December 1-4, 2005, in Wilmington, DE; that the chairpersons of the House Agriculture and Senate Agriculture committees be authorized to attend the Council of State Governments Agricultural Chairs Summit in Tempe, AZ, on January 20-22, 2006, and that the ranking minority members of the two committees will be contacted to determine if they are interested in also attending the summit; that a request of Representative Winn for partial state funding to attend an Oxford University Round Table to be held in England in March, 2006, be deferred to the next meeting of the Council; that an additional study topic be assigned to the Special Committee on Judiciary relating to the minimum age at which an individual may lawfully be married in Kansas; that a Select Joint Committee on Energy be created to study the current economic situation as it pertains to energy fuels (gasoline, diesel, bio-diesel and ethanol), which includes pricing, distribution, production, capacity utilization and tax policy, with a review and recommendation of the appropriate type of legislative or executive entity to formulate and make recommendations regarding long-term state energy policy, the select committee to consist of 10 members (six from the House of Representatives and four from the Senate) with the chair being a House member and the vice-chair being a Senate member, the committee to be authorized five meetings prior to the start of the 2006 session of the legislature with the understanding the select committee could meet during the 2006 legislative session but a final report of the committee would be presented no later than February 1, 2006.

Speaker Mays moved that the recommendations of the subcommittee be adopted. Representative McKinney seconded the motion and the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL SELECTION PROCESS

Mr. Furse reviewed the request for proposal for the legislative counsel position. December 12, 2005, was the date selected by consensus of the Council for the final date for proposals to be submitted. The Council also directed that "hold harmless" language be deleted from the draft RFP, that a contract for the Legislative Counsel position could be terminated by the Legislative Coordinating Council without cause and that it be clarified that no access of the Legislative Division of Post Audit to records, documents or other information relating to the execution or performance, or both, of the contract to hire a Legislative Counsel would operate as a waiver of the attorney-client privilege. President Morris appointed a subcommittee composed of Speaker Mays, Representative McKinney and President

Morris to review the proposals and make a recommendation to the full Legislative Coordinating Council. Senator Schmidt moved that the request for proposal as modified by the Council be approved for publication and distribution. Speaker Mays seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Prior to the meeting members of the Council received Policy 1 travel authorizations by President Morris and Speaker Mays, a letter from Representative Gordon, Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Economic Development, a memorandum from Mr. Russell on publications pricing and a report on the status of selected Kansas cases by the Revisor's Office.

The next two meetings of the Council will be November 30, 2005, and December 19, 2005.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Norman J. Furse,
Revisor of Statutes,
as Secretary

Approved by

President Steve Morris, Chairperson