

FINAL

MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

1:00 p.m.

State Capitol Building - Senate Appropriations Room

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

Senator Dick Posthumus, Chair
Representative Curtis Hertel, Alternate Chair
Representative Tom Alley, Member
Representative Pat Gagliardi, Member
Representative Michael J. Hanley, Member
Representative Charles Perricone, Member
Senator John J.H. Schwarz, Member
Senator Virgil Clark Smith, Member
Senator Glenn Steil, Member
Representative Dan Gustafson, Alternate Member
Representative Samuel Buzz Thomas, Alternate Member

Dianne M. Odrobina, Legislative Council Administrator
Terry Jacobson, Secretary to the Council Administrator
Elliott Smith, Director, Legislative Service Bureau
Traci Kanillopoulos, Secretary to the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau
Clayton Burch, Legislative Corrections Ombudsman
Doug Miller, Administrator, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Jerry Lawler, Director, Legislative Council Facilities
Margaret-Mary Chiara, Administrator, Trial Court Assessment Commission
Phil Douma, Legal Counsel, Office of Representative Sikkema
Tammy Bagby, Project Coordinator, Office of Senator Posthumus
Mary Blazeovich, Legislative Liaison, Office of Speaker Hertel
Alan Canady, Senate Democratic Counsel
Helen Freeman, Chief of Staff and Legislative Coordinator, Office of Senator Steil
Nancy Childs, Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Gagliardi
Tish Davidson, Director, Democratic Caucus Services
Shelly Edgerton, Assistant Majority Counsel, Senate Majority Policy Office
Susan Ruch, Executive Assistant, Office of Senator Schwarz
Carol Viventi, Secretary of the Senate
Ray Brennan, Assistant Secretary of the Senate
John Beutler, Mgr. Human Resources, Secretary of the Senate
Senator Michael J. Bouchard
Maryann Middaugh, Administrative Assistant, Representative Gustafson
Judy Voorheis, Client Executive, IBM

A number of other individuals were present but did not identify themselves.

Members Excused:

Senator John D. Cherry, Jr., Member
Senator Dan L. DeGrow, Member
Representative Kenneth Sikkema, Member
Representative Deborah L. Cherry, Alternate Member
Senator Jon A. Cisky, Alternate Member
Senator Michael J. O'Brien, Alternate Member
Senator Bill Schuette, Alternate Member

ITEM 1. Convening of the Meeting

Senator Posthumus called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and requested that Dianne Odrobina call the roll. A quorum was present.

Senator Posthumus asked for a motion to excuse absent members. **Speaker Hertel moved, supported by Senator Steil, to excuse absent members. The motion was unanimously approved.**

ITEM 2. Election of Officers

Senator Posthumus stated that a motion would be in order to nominate the Chair of the Legislative Council for 1998. **Senator Steil moved, supported by Representative Gagliardi, to elect Speaker Hertel as Chair. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Speaker Hertel stated that a motion would be in order to nominate the Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 1998. **Representative Gagliardi moved, supported by Representative Perricone, to elect Senator Posthumus as Alternate Chair. The motion was unanimously approved.**

ITEM 3. Appointments to Subcommittees of the Legislative Council

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the recommended list of subcommittee appointments. There was discussion, and a copy of the list was distributed to all members. **Representative Alley moved, supported by Representative Perricone, to approve the list of appointments. The motion was unanimously approved.**

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes of October 30, 1997, Legislative Council Meeting

Speaker Hertel asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 30, 1997, Legislative Council meeting. **Representative Hanley moved, supported by Senator Steil, to adopt the minutes of the October 30, 1997 meeting. There was no discussion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.**

ITEM 5. Proposed Schedule of Legislative Council Meetings Pursuant to Open Meetings Act

May 7, 1998, and September 24, 1998, were set as dates for Legislative Council meetings subject to the availability of the Chair and Alternate Chair as well as a quorum of Council members to attend on those dates.

ITEM 6. Old Business

National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Dues

Senator Bouchard spoke on behalf of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) and gave a short summary of this group's recent activities. Much discussion followed regarding the issue of increased dues for both FY '97-'98 and FY'98-'99. **Senator Posthumus moved, supported by Senator Steil, that the Legislative Council pay dues for FY '97-'98 equal to last year's dues (\$2,000) plus 3% and have the Services and Administration subcommittee determine if any increase above that amount should or should not be paid in the future.**

The Chair asked the Secretary to call the roll for the vote. The vote follows:

Senator Posthumus	Yes
Speaker Hertel	Yes
Representative Alley	Yes
Representative Gagliardi	Yes
Representative Hanley	Yes
Representative Perricone	Yes
Senator Smith	Yes
Senator Steil	Yes
Senator Schwarz	Yes

Association Dues Survey

Dianne Odrobina reported that the survey previously requested by the Council regarding the value of memberships in national organizations has been distributed to Legislators and legislative staff and responses are due back by February 13, 1998. A summary of these responses will be available for the first meeting of the Services and Administration subcommittee.

ITEM 7. New Business

Reprinting of Sesquicentennial Booklet

Senator Posthumus stated that some legislators have requested that additional copies of the booklet "A Sesquicentennial Look At The Michigan Legislature: 150 Years of Lansing as the State Capital" be reprinted on a limited basis for distribution to schools, etc. **Senator Posthumus moved, supported by Representative Gustafson, that the Legislative Service Bureau complete a one-time printing of this booklet for which requests from Legislators must be submitted by April 1, 1998.** Much discussion followed regarding the number of publications currently available to Legislators.

Representative Hanley moved, supported by Senator Schwarz, to amend the motion on the floor to state that the April 1, 1998, deadline be eliminated and that the booklets be made

available for the remainder of the 1998 calendar year.

The Chair asked the Secretary to call the roll for the vote on the motion as amended. The vote follows:

Senator Posthumus	Yes
Speaker Hertel	Yes
Representative Gagliardi	Yes
Representative Hanley	Yes
Representative Perricone	No
Senator Schwarz	Yes
Senator Smith	Yes
Senator Steil	No
Representative Thomas	Yes

ITEM 8. Public Participation

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

ITEM 9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne M. Odrobina, Secretary

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(Approved at the September 22, 1998 Legislative Council meeting.)