

MINUTES
Special Committee on Legislative Facilities
February 17, 1967

Representative Hill, Doyen, Van Cleave and Turner and Senators Warren and Arthur were present.

The Chairman asked that Committee members from the House and Senate work out a possible committee consolidation plan. Efforts should be made to reduce the number of standing committees in each house by about one half. Once a proposed plan is developed, the size of the committees, the room assignments and time scheduling will be arranged so that a comprehensive plan can be shown to the legislature.

At the next meeting the Committee will discuss the need for interim committees for the purposes of developing recommendations on that subject.

Dr. Beasley explained some of the details of the new Michigan organization where there is a small Legislative Council which encourages committee participation in interim periods by as many legislators as possible. Legislators who are non-council members participate in making studies and developing recommendations but have no vote on the Council itself. Some variation of this type of arrangement may lend itself to adaptation in Kansas.

The Committee directed the Research Department to compare 1965-1966 Council composition to 1967 Legislative Committee assignments to determine the extent of the liaison between the most recent Council and the legislature from the point of view of committee assignments. Also, a list of the names of substantive committees used in other states will be prepared for review by the Committee at its next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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