

M I N U T E S

Special Joint Committee on Legislative Facilities

March 7, 1967

Representatives Doyen, Hill, Turner and Van Cleave and Senators Warren and Bennett were present.

Mrs. Gates <sup>Wood</sup> of the League of Women Voters presented a pamphlet that briefly explains parts of the legislative process in language easily understood by young people and visitors to the legislature. The Committee concluded that the pamphlet with some changes should be prepared for distribution and the Research Department was directed to see what kind of a design or picture could be prepared for the cover.

Representative Spears, Chairman of the Capitol Area Planning Commission, reported to the Committee on the progress of the feasibility studies and state expansion plans. The option to the state for purchase of the Masonic building has been extended for another year. The building is now being studied for use as a) a Hall of Justice or b) state office space. Next week the final report of the Black and Veatch study will be released so that concrete recommendations will soon be available. The Masonic building is included in the urban renewal proposal and although the final boundaries for the plan have not been developed, it appears that the original four block area with the exception of some property fronting in Topeka Avenue between 10th and 11th street will be included in the plan.

The Black and Veatch report should make recommendations for state office needs for a ten year period with some projections being 25 years down the road and the Capitol Area Planning Commission expects to draw heavily from these reports. Substantial rearrangements of space in the Capitol building are probably two to five years in the future as new office space will not be available until then.

Representative Turner was selected to work with the State Architect and Representative Ossman with regard to making improvements in Room 529 and in developing some recommendations for changes in the arrangement of some of the facilities on the fifth floor of the Capitol. Representative Turner suggested that another hearing room or some quiet area with facilities for individual study were badly needed.

The meeting was adjourned.