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Mr. Ben F. Barrett
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The Legislative Council
Topeka, Kansas 66603

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Please excuse my delay in forwarding the promised proposal for future Topeka Roll Call arrangements. This is written to summarize CEECO's understanding of the Committee's wishes for 1968, 1969 and thereafter for the CEECO legislative Roll Call System in the House.

At the meeting which I attended several aspects of present and possible future Roll Call equipment arrangements were discussed. To us they now seem to devolve into two possible courses if we are to serve you:

- a) Replace present key assemblies on each legislator's desk and the recorder. Replace these with new units.
- b) Continue as at present, assuming rebuilt recorder and all present equipment will perform as planned for 1968 and thereafter.

The reasons for each of the above proposed alternatives may be listed as follows:

- a) New key assemblies will update the equipment on each legislator's desk. The mutually exclusive "lock out" of one button by the other will lower maintenance on the button assemblies and prevent some of the malfunctions noticed on "double button" operation in the past. The "surface" type box mounting for the buttons will make the buttons more accessible if desired. The new recorder will lessen future maintenance, give faster performance and be more flexible if changed legislative membership should follow in the future. New York, State, Missouri have been equipped with the new unit and Minnesota will be so outfitted this year.
- b) Continuing as at present is feasible if the reworked recorder and all components perform well in 1968 as this session progresses.

The costs for these two approaches may be listed as follows:

- a) For new key assemblies at each legislator's desk and the new recorder, the sum of \$3,500 will apply for 1969, using present equipment. \$15,000

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down when modifications are completed during 1969 and \$4,500 per year for ten years beginning in 1970 will suffice to transfer title of the reworked and CEECO maintained system to the State of Kansas. Upon transfer of title a nominal "maintenance only" contract will be negotiated for thereafter if desired.

- b) For continuance of present system maintained by CEECO, we propose to charge \$4,500 per year in 1969 and thereafter. Topeka's present equity in the original \$89,500 system is \$61,100 (after the 1968 payment). From this \$4,500 per year payment in 1969 and thereafter, it is proposed that the sum of \$3,500 will increase Topeka's equity each year in the present system until the eighth year when title to the present system will pass to Topeka. Furthermore, from the \$4,500 per year payment, CEECO proposes that the sum of \$1,000 per year will be accumulated to be extended as a credit to apply on replacement costs of the legislator's desk buttons or the recorder, or both if the State and CEECO mutually agree at any time that this change is desirable.

We will welcome any suggested modifications you may suggest to make either of the above proposals better serve your requirements. We have tried to allow for any aspect covered in my visit but we may have overlooked some feature.

It will continue to be our purpose to retain Mr. Frank Oppitz as in the past to give local service "on the spot" for whichever arrangement is desired.

We will welcome your comments. Please extend my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Committee for the discussion during my visit.

Very truly yours,



William J. Feahr
Vice President & General Manager

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HOUSE BILL No. 2146

AN ACT concerning voting by members of the house of representatives; roll call equipment contracts; joint committee on legislative facilities, amending K. S. A. 46-601 and 46-603 and repealing the existing sections, also repealing K. S. A. 46-602.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K. S. A. 46-601 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-601. The vote of the members of the house of representatives of the Kansas legislature may be taken and recorded by mechanical, electrical, or electronic or any combination thereof means in all cases where the yeas and nays are required by the constitution of Kansas or ordered by members of the house. All such voting shall be taken and recorded by the use of modern equipment properly installed and operated.

Sec. 2. K. S. A. 46-603 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-603. The joint committee on legislative facilities is hereby authorized by a majority vote of the members thereof to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to provide for, modernize and renew the existing equipment for voting of members in the house of representatives, including addition or replacement of equipment or components as may be needed. Such roll-call system may be acquired on (a) a rental-maintenance plan; (b) a rental-maintenance plus option to purchase plan or (c) for any one or more of such plans. K. S. A. 75-3739 and acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto relating to competitive bids shall not be applicable to equipment acquired on a rental-maintenance or a rental-maintenance plus option to purchase basis. Any contract entered into under authority of this act by the joint committee on legislative facilities shall contemplate that such committee is the successor of all rights and powers of the state executive council exercised heretofore under K. S. A. 46-601 *et seq.* Any agreement entered into under authority of this section shall be limited in firm commitment in the state of Kansas for a period extending not longer than December 31, 1969, but may contain options to be exercised by act of the legislature at its regular session in 1969. Such agreement shall make a firm commitment for not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) payment under the terms thereof which shall be paid from funds appropriated for legislative expense upon voucher approved by the chairman of the joint committee on legislative facilities.

Sec. 3. The establishment of the joint committee on legislative facilities provided for in chapter 291 of the 1967 session laws of Kansas is hereby ratified and confirmed as provided in said chapter 291. Members of the senate and house of representatives serving

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on the joint committee on legislative facilities shall receive compensation and travel expenses and subsistence expenses or allowances as provided in section 1 of 1968 senate bill 421.

Sec. 4. K. S. A. 46-601, 46-602 and 46-603 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official state paper.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the House, and passed that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.