

M I N U T E S

Joint Committee on Legislative Facilities

January 17, 1968, 10:00 a.m.

All Committee members were present.

Conferees were: Mr. William J. Feahr, Vice President and General Manager, Communication Equipment and Engineering Company; Mr. William Pitts, Representative of the International Roll-Call Corporation; Mr. Frank Oppitz, local representative of CEECO, and Mr. L. J. Marshall, from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Ben Barrett from the Research Department also attended.

Mr. Feahr met with the Committee to discuss the future of the present roll call equipment in the Kansas House of Representatives. In general, he proposed that the House keep the present roll call equipment through the 1968 and 1969 sessions. After the 1969 session, Feahr proposed that the present roll call machine be updated. First, the voting stations should be replaced by newly developed CEECO voting stations. Second, the recorder should be replaced. Mr. Feahr believed that the other equipment could be kept and maintained, and further replacement would be unnecessary. Mr. Feahr estimated that the cost of his proposal would be a \$15,000 non-recurring installation charge for the two new items of equipment, and an annual rental fee of approximately \$4,500 per year for ten years.

Mr. Feahr said that some of the present equipment had been rebuilt to assure the legislature of reliable voting equipment during the 1968 Session. He said that CEECO would make every effort to make the machine function well in 1969 also.

Feahr stated that Missouri and New York have recently installed updated CEECO equipment. Proposals in Utah and Georgia are also being considered.

The Committee requested that Mr. Feahr draft proposals for maintaining the rental arrangements for one more year (the 1969 session), and that he also submit a proposal for the updated equipment. Mr. Feahr said that information would be forwarded to the Kansas Legislature in a week or ten days.

Also on January 17, the International Roll-Call Corporation demonstrated their voting equipment in Room 529. A substantial number of House and Senate members had the opportunity to view the equipment during the day.

William Pitts demonstrated to the Committee the features of the International Roll-Call equipment. As a general outline, Pitts said that for Kansas there would probably be an installation cost of \$17,500. Annual rental charges for the equipment thereafter would probably be \$7,500 annually. However, certain terms of the contract have not been resolved. Mr. Pitts was asked to submit to the Committee a definite proposal for installation of International Roll-Call equipment in the Kansas House. The Committee will discuss the matter and, if necessary, contact International Roll-Call regarding any contract provisions which might need to be changed to suit the needs of the legislature. Mr. Pitts said that a definite proposal would be forth-coming in two or three weeks.

Details of the general proposal of International Roll-Call are on file in the Research Department.

The meeting was adjourned.