

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

February 4, 1971

The Joint Committee on Legislative Services held a meeting Thursday, February 4, 1971, in the Senate Ways and Means Room at 11:00 a.m. Members present were Chairman Ross Doyen, and Senators Smith, Harder and Warren, and Representatives Ossmann, Moline, Kay, Talkington, and Huggins. Mr. William Bachman and Representative Loux were also present.

Office for New Executive Reorganization Committee Chairmen

Senator Smith explained to the committee that there was a request from Senator Healy for offices for the chairmen of the Executive Reorganization Committee. Representative Donn Everett is chairman of the joint committee and Senator Healy is chairman of the Senate committee and vice-chairman of the joint committee. It was decided that for this session the two chairmen and one secretary should use the office in the north wing on the first floor, similar to the one that Tommy Neal and the Executive Reorganization Commission is using now. Mr. Bachman was instructed to provide the necessary furniture from the existing supplies.

Kansas City Line for Senate

The Senate committee agreed to add one Kansas City FX line to the Senate switchboard, at a cost of approximately \$96.00 monthly.

Doorkeepers Outside Party Caucuses

Senator Smith mentioned that he had heard a complaint that

legislative employees were used to sit outside the Senate Republican caucus taking part in a party function and not a total legislative function. He explained that there was no shortage of doorkeepers, and if the Democrats wanted to use a doorkeeper for this purpose they were fully entitled to do so. The initial reason for using a doorkeeper for this purpose was to keep the press from listening at the door and possibly reporting misconceptions.

#### Bill Books

Mr. Bachman reported that he has had many requests for extra black loose-leaf bill books. The committee decided to furnish committee chairmen with one extra bill book for committee bills.

#### Press Request to Record Floor Debate

Mr. Bachman reported to the committee a request from Roger Wilson to have a jack installed from the press room or press table to record the debates on the house floors. The committee agreed to decline this request because of the press being able to edit the tape and take certain members' remarks out of context and because certain members would take advantage of the opportunity to speak before a larger audience and other members would be more afraid to get up before the microphone.

#### Senate Lounge

The committee discussed the new Senate lounge and it was re-emphasized that it was for Senators only. Senator Smith agreed to make an announcement to that effect to the Senate.

#### Senate Rules for Lobbyists

The committee discussed the rules for visitors and lobbyists to visit the legislative chambers. The Senate is closed to lobbyists, although Mr. Coe the historian takes groups of visitors on tours there.

The committee agreed to move the phone in the Senate lounge to Mr. Dennis's desk (guide supervisor) outside the Senate chamber for use by lobbyists to phone the Senators at their desks.

#### WATS Lines for House

Representative Ossmann asked the status of the two new Kansas City lines and the two new Wichita lines for the House of Representatives. Mr. Bachman answered that the lines were being put in today and being tested and should be in use tomorrow.

#### Heat in Quadrant Rooms

Representative Ossmann discussed the heat problem in the quadrant rooms, especially in the third floor snack bar. The State Architect told the people there that there couldn't be anything done until after the session. Representative Ossmann said that the problem would take a temporary air conditioning unit on an emergency basis. The committee agreed to request a report from the State Architect concerning this problem.

#### Problems With WATS Lines

Several House members complained that legislative wives were using the WATS lines and tying them up when members needed to use them. The committee instructed Mr. Bachman to prepare a memo for all House and Senate members setting forth regulations for use of the WATS lines. The committee agreed that no wives or persons other than legislators could use the WATS lines between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

#### Mailing Service

Mr. Bachman reported that the checks received from the legislative mailing service totaled \$5,660.00 and that the postage required daily were costing between \$75.00 and \$100.00. He was instructed

to keep a study of the costs of the different classes of mail each day and total for the session. Another study will be made of the members' regular legislative mailing privileges.

#### House Switchboard Hours

The committee discussed the telephone company's refusal to allow the legislature to put an operator in the State Office Building after hours to hook legislators up to WATS lines because of tariff regulations. The committee instructed Mr. Bachman to check and see if the House switchboard could be kept open from 5 p.m. till 10 p.m. for that purpose, if it was not against any tariff regulations. The switchboard could be kept open on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights in this way.

#### Employment of Legislative Wives

The committee discussed employment of legislators' wives during legislative sessions. Representative Moline mentioned the report of the Citizens' Conference on State Legislatures which implies that this is an unsatisfactory practice. The committee agreed to discuss this more fully at a later date.

#### Parking Problems

It was mentioned that legislators are having trouble finding parking spaces on the Statehouse grounds because of the visitors', lobbyists' and employees' cars improperly parked there. Mr. Bachman was instructed to speak to the Security Patrol to start ticketing the improperly parked cars. Representative Ossmann stated that the committee would take care of any tickets the Patrol is worried about giving out (such as, to members without sunflowers attached to their cars). The committee also agreed that only one car per

member would be allowed to be parked on the grounds.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Ross Doyen  
Senator Ross/Doyen  
Chairman

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