

MINUTES

Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities

April 21, 1972

The Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities met Friday, April 21, 1972 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 528-S of the Statehouse. Senator Ross Doyen presided, and members present were Senators Smith and Warren and Representatives Andrews and Talkington. Staff present were Mr. William R. Bachman, Secretary; Dr. J.W. Drury, Research Department; and Mr. Fred Carman, 1st Assistant Revisor of Statutes. Guests of the committee were Mr. Kenneth R. McLain, State Architect; Mr. Bob Houglan and Mr. Gary Carlat, State Architect's Office.

State Architect Matters

Mr. McLain introduced Mr. Carlat of the Planning Department who discussed with the committee the various moves taking place in the State Office Building and Capitol as a result of moves into the 535 Kansas Building. He stated that the Insurance Department should be relocated in the State Office Building by the middle part of July. Mr. Houglan passed out copies of floor plans of the first and second floors of the Capitol building. Mr. Houglan said that the top priority for moving went to the Secretary of State for space for additional employees and to the State Library which is growing too fast for its present space. He also mentioned plans to move the Lieutenant Governor's office to the second floor. After discussion on the proposed floor plans, Senator Smith moved that the committee direct the State Architect to rework the plans with these points in mind: relocate the Attorney General's office completely on the first floor, assign the existing three-room suite presently occupied by the Attorney General to the Lieutenant Governor, and locate all the Secretary of State's offices in the north wing of the second floor. Representative Andrews seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Senator Smith stated that this reworked plan, after being approved by the committee at its next meeting, will be submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Council at its next meeting for final approval. In answer to a question by Mr. McLain, the committee directed him to move the Accounts and Reports Division in total to the State Office Building.

Mr. Houglan stated that the contractor for the House lighting would provide lenses for the spotlights which would reduce the glare some 35%. The committee agreed that since the manufacturer was providing these at no cost to the state, Mr. Houglan should go ahead and try this method.

The committee directed Mr. Hougland to get estimates on relighting the Senate Chamber to suit the decor and provide proper lighting. He was also instructed to look into restoring the gas fixtures on the west gallery railings.

Central Dictating Equipment

The committee discussed the wide use of the central dictating equipment during the 1972 session. Mr. Bachman stated that he thought the legislature should purchase the equipment. Senator Smith moved that the legislature purchase the central dictating equipment. Representative Andrews seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

In connection with the purchase of the central dictating system it was suggested that some alternate use might be made of the equipment when the legislature is not in session. Mr. Bachman was asked if he had received many requests to prepare correspondence for individual legislators during the interim. Mr. Bachman mentioned one legislator periodically called his office, collect, and asked to be called back on WATS so he could give dictation. The committee agreed that this service could not possibly be extended to all legislators and instructed Mr. Bachman to tell the legislator that the service would have to be discontinued pending further study on the use of the central dictating system.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Bachman stated that in 1970 the committee had had 35 House chairs reupholstered, but that in 1971 due to renovation of the House and storage of the furniture no chairs were reupholstered. He said that Prison Industries would do the work for the same price they charged in 1970. Senator Smith moved that up to 50 chairs at one time be reupholstered by Prison Industries until all the House chairs have been reupholstered. Representative Andrews seconded the motion, and the motion passed. ← chairs

Purchasing furniture for the Senate lounge was discussed, and Representative Andrews moved that the three Senators present select the type of furniture purchased. Senator Smith recommended that Mr. Bachman contact Thachers or any other furniture store to have their interior decorators give the committee their ideas for the room. The committee agreed that several different plans should be drawn up with estimates for the next meeting. ←

In response to Mr. Bachman's question, the committee agreed to discuss employee salary changes during the summer.

The committee discussed the postage situation during the session. Senator Smith moved that letters be sent to the 105 county clerks requesting information on their use of the documents and that the mailing rates remain the same for next session. Senator Warren seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The committee directed Mr. Bachman to start designing a retirement application and questionnaire form for the present legislators in connection with the new statute that goes into effect July 1, 1972. Mr. Carman stated that the committee might want to study the advisability of beefing up the legislation passed so that it would reflect administration of the law and operation of the agency administering it.

The committee will meet again at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 1972.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes approved:

Ross Doyen

Senator Ross Doyen, Chairman

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