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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Lana Oleen at 11:10 a.m. on January 15, 1998, in Room 656-S of the Landon State Office Building.

Members present were: Senator Lana Oleen
Senator Sherman Jones
Senator U. L. "Rip" Gooch
Senator Rich Becker
Senator Keith Schraad

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Robin Kempf, Legislative Research Department
Midge Donohue, Committee Secretary
Richard McNelley, Intern, Senator Oleen's Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Mr. Jim Reardon, Director, Division of Facilities Management
Mr. Gary Hibbs, Division of Facilities Management

Others attending: Staff of the Attorney General
Staff of the Secretary of State

Senator Oleen, noting limited time, asked for a brief overview of the space referred to in **SB 400**, (a bill scheduled for hearing by the committee next week which relates to assignment of space and facilities in the state capitol), prior to the tour of the Memorial Building.

Mr. Gary Hibbs, Division of Facilities Management, reviewed the site plans and invited those who did not have a noon commitment to remain after the tour if they had questions.

Senator Jones inquired if the name of the building was set by statute, suggesting that it might be confusing to continue to carry the name. Mr. Reardon explained the history of the building which was dedicated to Civil War veterans.

Responding to questions concerning occupancy, Mr. Hibbs advised that current plans call for the offices of the Attorney General and the Secretary of State to be housed in the building. He estimated it would be ready for occupancy in approximately two years. Mr. Hibbs explained that the plans were currently in the design stage, preparing to convert the building from its previous use to an office building. He said that, although the building is not on the Historical Register, very little would be done, from a historical standpoint, to its exterior and main lobby.

Senator Gooch inquired if outside space would be needed by either agency after occupancy, and Mr. Hibbs indicated that only warehouse space would be required.

Senator Oleen pointed out that the bill before the committee addressed only a change in statute language, as policy decisions concerning occupancy of the building have occurred.

Senator Jones asked about the parking situation after the building is occupied, and Mr. Reardon assured the committee that issue has been addressed through negotiations with the City of Topeka and by a developer.

Mr. Reardon and Mr. Hibbs conducted the tour of the building which concluded at 12:00 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 1998.