

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

September 23, 2002

Members present:

Speaker Kent Glasscock, Chairperson
President Dave Kerr, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Lana Oleen, Majority Leader
Representative Shari Weber, Majority Leader
Representative Clay Aurand, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Jim Garner, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Glasscock at 10:35 a.m. in Room 123-S, State Capitol.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Kerr moved that the minutes of the August 9, 2002, meeting be approved. Representative Weber seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

President Kerr reviewed with the Council the report of the Subcommittee on Administration. The subcommittee recommends that Speaker Glasscock appoint a subcommittee of Speaker Glasscock, President Kerr and Senator Hensley to review the position description of the legislative chief information technology officer and to consider other matters relating to this position; that the request of Secretary of Administration Joyce Glasscock to use for transition office space for the governor-elect Rooms 260-S, 263-S, 264-S, 242-N, 243-N, 244-N, 245-N and 246-N of the capitol from November 6, 2002, through January 13, 2003, be approved; that persons selected to a Legislative Coordinating Council position who are not currently holding such a position in the House of Representatives be authorized office space and authority to employ staff from general legislative appropriations for the purpose of organization in preparation for the next regular session of the legislature; that two members from each house designated by Speaker Glasscock and President Kerr, in consultation with the minority leaders, be authorized to attend the National Black Caucus of State Legislatures Annual Legislative Conference in Indianapolis, IN, December 9 through 14, 2002; that delegates or the alternates of delegates unable to attend be authorized to attend the NCSL Standing Committees Fall Forum in Washington, DC, December 11 through 13, 2002; that the chairperson and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, the

Committee on Education of the Senate, the Committee on Taxation of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Assessment and Taxation of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Ways and Means of the Senate be authorized to attend the Fiscal Chairs Seminar in Washington, DC, December 12 and 13, 2002; that persons otherwise authorized to attend American Legislative Exchange Council meetings be authorized to attend the ALEC States in Nation Policy Summit in Washington, DC, December 12 through 14, 2002; that the Legislative Budget Committee be requested to review the use of additional state idle funds for the agriculture loan program; that the Task Force on Long-Term Care Services be authorized one additional meeting day; that, due to the announcement by Mr. Barrett that he will retire during December, 2002, the subcommittee of Speaker Glasscock, President Kerr and Senator Hensley be directed to review and develop a process for filling the position of director of the Kansas Legislative Research Department; and that the subcommittee of Speaker Glasscock, President Kerr and Senator Hensley review a request of the Department of Human Resources for approval to use federal moneys for positions to process unemployment insurance claims. Senator Oleen expressed the concern that the release of federal moneys as requested by the Department of Human Resources was needed for the purpose requested. President Kerr moved that the recommendations of the subcommittee be approved. Representative Garner seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND PLANNING

Representative Weber presented the report of the Subcommittee on Facilities and Planning regarding its ongoing oversight and review of the capitol restoration projects. The subcommittee received the monthly progress report from Mr. Barry Greis, Capitol Architect, on the current status of each phase of the projects and focused on the issue of soil stabilization for the west wing of the capitol. Mr. Greis reviewed in detail the pressure grouting soil stabilization procedure which was selected in consultation with the soil stabilization experts. The procedure consists of progressive injection of concrete into the soil above the limestone layer at intervals of six feet. Representative Weber reported that the pressure grouting will also be used for soil stabilization under the east wing of the capitol.

Representative Weber noted that the northwest and northeast quadrant underground project areas contain electrical and fire suppressant facilities for the parking garage and reported that these areas, along with the parking garage, are currently estimated to be completed sometime after the regular session of legislature in 2004.

In response to a question from President Kerr, subcommittee members confirmed that they remain satisfied that the cracks which have appeared in the west wing interior walls are cosmetic in nature and do not indicate structural damage. It was explained that the statehouse moves in very small increments all the time and that this natural movement is expected and has been planned for. The subcommittee will continue to monitor the status of the capitol restoration and report further at future meetings of the Council.

OTHER MATTERS

Prior to the meeting members of the Council received a letter from Senator Jenkins recommending the appointment of an interim committee to study the use of additional state idle funds for the agriculture loan program, a letter from Senator Praeger requesting an additional meeting day for the Task Force on Long-Term Care Services, a letter from Secretary of Administration Joyce Glasscock concerning assignment of space for the governor-elect transition offices, a letter from Mr. Richard Hays, legislative chief information technology officer, providing a position description for this office and other information concerning the office, a letter from Representative Jim Morrison concerning the legislative chief information technology officer position, a memorandum from Mr. Russell relating to travel requests; a memorandum from Mr. Barrett reporting on foregone interim committee meeting days in response to the concern expressed by council members about the state's financial condition and a Policy 42 report from Mr. Barrett concerning outside employment of a staff member of the Legislative Research Department.

Mr. Russell reported to the Council that Mr. David Larson, director of computer services, has been selected a staff vice-chair of the National Conference of State Legislature's standing Committee on Communications, Technology and Interstate Commerce.

The next meeting of the Council was scheduled for October 21, 2002, at 10:30 a.m.*

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Norman J. Furse,
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as Secretary

Approved by

Speaker Kent Glasscock, Chairperson

*Meeting later rescheduled for October 30, 2002, at 2:00 p.m.