

M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
IOWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 14, 1981

The meeting of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by Chairperson James Briles at 9:40 a.m., Wednesday, October 14, 1981 in Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present in addition to Chairperson Briles were:

Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Lowell Junkins
Representative Lester Menke

Also present were:

Mr. Bruce Graham, House Legal Counsel
Mr. Stan McCausland, Director of General Services
Mr. Gerry Rankin, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Mr. Thane Johnson, Legislative Service Bureau
Ms. Debbie Dahab, Legislative Service Bureau

Minutes of the September 16 meeting were approved as distributed. Senator Junkins moved that the report of the subcommittee appointed to assess whether Chapter 304A of the Code relating to the purchase of artwork for construction projects applies to the renovation of first floor legislative rooms become the report of the Administration Committee to the Legislative Council. The motion was seconded by Senator Hultman. The report of the subcommittee reads as follows:

"The Subcommittee of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to consider and make recommendation to the Committee concerning the application of the Iowa Arts Council for payment under Chapter 304 of the Code, on account of the renovation of the first floor committee rooms, recommends that no payment be made. The provisions of the Code have been construed by the House Legal Counsel as not authorizing such payment. In the light of the uncertainty of the law, it is the Subcommittee's recommendation that no payment be made, or agreement executed."

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Briles then recognized Mr. Stanley McCausland for a report on the progress of the study to determine the condition and extent of repairs necessary for the stonework on the Capitol building. Mr. McCausland distributed copies of a report on the first phase of the study being conducted by Bussard-Dikis Associates Limited. He explained that this first phase cost \$7,700 which was paid from the regular Department of General Services'

budget. Mr. McCausland told the Committee that the second phase of the study is now in progress and will further define the extent of the problems and necessary repairs including cost estimates. Mr. McCausland expressed the opinion that it is important that the General Assembly participate in the project perhaps from this point on and suggested that the Administration Committee might want to appoint two of its members to monitor the progress of the study and participate in any meetings between the Department and the consultants regarding recommendations and repair work. He told the Committee that a meeting has been scheduled between these groups on October 29 and that legislative involvement might want to begin at this point.

In response to questions from Committee members, Mr. McCausland explained that where the roof and cornice of the Capitol building meet, the stonework is in very poor condition and the brickwork underlying the stone is deteriorating. He noted that water in the gutters is seeping into the brickwork and is the cause of the problems. Mr. McCausland indicated that he is hesitant to comment any further regarding the extent of the damage at this point.

In response to a question from Representative Menke, Mr. McCausland stated that no water has seeped inside the building as yet. He added that he did not know where the water seeping in through the stonework is going and that he prefers not to speculate on this point. Senator Hultman requested a written summary of the progress of the study to date and the dollars spent and already budgeted for the study. Mr. McCausland supplied the Committee with this information, a copy of which is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes. He explained that the original budget for the study was \$33,000 with a \$3000 contingency fund. Mr. McCausland projected that this amount will be sufficient to cover the cost of the study. He further explained that the money for the project was provided by the Executive Council under the performance of duty section of the Code.

In response to further questions, Mr. McCausland explained that the meeting on October 29 is intended to give the architects and engineers the opportunity to discuss the project in more detail with the Department and that after the meeting the consultants intend to issue their report including repair recommendations and cost estimates. Senator Hultman expressed the hope that Mr. McCausland would keep the Administration Committee informed of the progress regarding the study of the stonework and the consultant's recommendations so that the Legislative Council can ultimately make recommendations to the standing committees regarding the necessary repairs. The Committee then appointed a subcommittee composed of Senators Hultman and Junkins and Representative Menke to monitor the progress and activities concerning the condition of stonework on the Capitol building. The Committee also voted to recommend to the Legislative Council that the Council authorize the payment of expenses and per diem for subcommittee members.

Chairperson Briles then recognized Mr. Rankin for comments concerning the study of the Department of Transportation and various transportation procedures required by Senate File 561 and House File 850. Mr. Rankin suggested that the Committee might want to consider recommending that the Council authorize the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to work with the Legislative Service Bureau and other state agencies to determine what studies have already been completed in the areas mandated in the legislation and to prepare a request for proposals to submit to potential contractors with the deadline for the receipt of bids being early December. He noted that under this timetable the Administration Committee would then have a staff evaluation of the bids received for consideration at its December meeting and could make a recommendation to the Council in December regarding the awarding of the contracts. Mr. Rankin noted that once the bids are received, the Council could then assess whether the funds provided in House File 850 are sufficient for the study. He added that the condition that the report of the study shall be submitted to the General Assembly by January 11, 1982 probably will not be met and in fact will probably be violated in the preparation of the request for proposals. Senator Hultman moved that the Administration Committee recommend that the Council authorize the formation of an in-house committee of legislative and agency staff to prepare a request for proposals for the transportation study with an early December deadline on bids by contractors so that the Council can make a final decision on the contract at its December meeting. At that time, legislation changing the January 11, 1982 statutory deadline for completion of the study to a date feasible for completion will be prepared for consideration by the Council. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Senator Hultman then moved that the Committee recommend that the Legislative Council approve the payment for per diem and expenses for the four legislative members appointed to serve on a Department of Transportation study on primary and secondary road systems. It was noted that the group has held one meeting thus far and that three additional meetings are currently scheduled. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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