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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 10, 1990

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 1990, by Chairperson Donald Doyle in Room 116, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

Members present in addition to Chairperson Doyle were:

Senator Julia Gentleman
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Florence Buhr
Representative Bill Harbor

UPDATE -- SALE OF CODE DATA BASE

Chairperson Doyle inquired as to the status of the sale of access to the Code data base to interested vendors. Mr. Mark Johnson, Legislative Service Bureau, responded that the National Conference of State Legislatures is currently in the process of updating its survey of the fifty states concerning online access to legislative data bases and the cost of the access. This updated information should be available by November of this year. The Committee unanimously approved that a recommendation be made to the Legislative Council that the Administration Committee staff be authorized to commence negotiations for the purpose of reaching a tentative agreement with vendors for the sale of the data base for a one-year period. This agreement will be reviewed by the Committee and Council prior to final approval.

UPDATE -- TELEVISION CABLE INSTALLATION

Chairperson Doyle recognized Steve Palm, Department of General Services, Communications Division, for an update on the installation of television cables in the House of Representatives. Mr. Palm noted that work on the cable installation was delayed last year because it appeared that IPTV might be procuring new cameras which would necessitate the installation of different cable. Those cameras were not purchased, but probably will be in the near future. Mr. Palm stated that the new cameras purchased

by IPTV would require the same type of wiring as that needed for the cameras of the three network stations serving the area. Mr. Palm stated that the Department of General Services will install the conduit for the cable with IPTV providing such cable. The total cost for this project will be approximately \$17,500.

Representative Arnould inquired as to whether or not both types of cable could be installed to satisfy current IPTV needs and the needs of the networks. Mr. Palm responded that this would be a possible option, but the cost would be about twice as much. He suggested that it would probably be most advantageous to wait until next year. Senator Gentleman moved to defer on making a recommendation to the Council concerning this issue until next year. The Committee agreed.

INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Mr. Ralph Oltman of the Property Management Division of the Department of General Services, briefly reviewed the events which resulted in the power outage the final night of the legislative session. Representative Arnould inquired as to whether it would be possible to provide emergency power to areas of the capitol building occupied by the Legislature and staff in order that work could continue in the event of another power outage. Mr. Oltman responded that this option has been considered, but has been found to be cost-prohibitive. He stated that the Department recommends that enough lighting be provided at appropriate places to allow for evacuation of the building. The Department also recommends that a consultant be retained for the purpose of determining the most effective placement of such lighting, considering the cost of providing the lighting. It was estimated that this consultant would cost approximately \$15,000. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Legislative Council direct the Department of General Services to contract with a consultant at a cost not exceeding \$15,000 for this purpose and that the Department should provide a plan for installation of emergency lighting to the Committee by the July meeting, if possible. Funding for the cost of the consultant would be paid from moneys available to the Legislative Council under section 2.12 of the Code. This plan is to include a cost estimate to install the lighting.

DES MOINES GENERAL HOSPITAL LETTER

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Legislative Council that a letter be sent to Des Moines General Hospital thanking the hospital and staff for the services provided to the Legislature, capitol employees, and visitors to the capitol building.

CAPITOL VIDEO TAPE

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Legislative Service Bureau investigate options and develop a plan of implementation, including cost estimates, related to the production of an informational video tape about the capitol building for use by schools and other civic organizations. The video was discussed as an appropriate tool to provide information concerning the capitol to schools and organizations unable to arrange visits to the capitol building.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Arnould moved that the Committee adjourn. The motion carried and the Committee adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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