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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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The meeting of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Representative John Connors, at 10:35 a.m., Tuesday, September 11, 1984, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present, in addition to Chairman Connors, were:

Senator Donald Doyle
Senator Lowell Junkins
Representative Lester Menke
Representative Dale Cochran

Also present were Mr. Serge H. Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau; Ms. Diane Bolender, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau; Mr. William P. Angrick II, Citizens' Aide; a number of legislative staff members, representatives of the news media, and other interested persons.

Chairman Connors recognized Ms. Bolender for a request for financing from the Excellence in Education Task Force. Ms. Bolender stated that the Task Force needs additional funding to print and disseminate the Final Report for the Excellence in Education Task Force. She also stated that the Legislative Service Bureau requests reimbursement for costs related to the printing and mailing of the College Students Preparation Survey for the Higher Education Subcommittee. She stated that the two requests amount to \$6,500. Ms. Bolender added that the Task Force expects to print approximately 5000 copies of the Final Report and to disseminate approximately 815 Final Reports to legislators, other states, school districts, area schools, and others. She stated that all other copies would be distributed at cost.

In reply to a question by Representative Menke, Ms. Bolender estimated the cost of a Final Report at \$1.50 plus postage.

After further discussion, Senator Doyle moved that the

Administration Committee recommends that \$6000 be authorized for the cost of printing and postage for the Final Report of the Excellence in Education Task Force and that \$500 be authorized to reimburse the Legislative Service Bureau for the cost of printing and postage for the College Students Preparation Survey as requested by the Higher Education Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Representative Menke and adopted.

Chairman Connors next recognized Mr. Thane Johnson regarding the planning for the Iowa Legislative Orientation Conference. Mr. Johnson commented that no major changes are proposed for the agenda of the Orientation Conference this year. In reply to a question by Representative Menke, Mr. Johnson stated that in the past, comments from first-term legislators have been that additional orientation with regard to the Rules of Procedure is desired.

Lieutenant Governor Robert Anderson stated that he received thirty-six responses from a questionnaire submitted to legislators near the close of the 1984 session relating to the briefing session held in cooperation with Drake University last year. He stated that the responses were favorable toward continuing this type of briefing session or issue seminar. He added that issues which might be used this year include economic development policies and strategies, taxes, agricultural finance, and export marketing development. He stated that this issue seminar could be held the day before or the day after the Orientation Conference.

Chairman Connors commented that due to budgetary considerations, it may be better to hold the issues session or seminar during the early part of the 1985 Session.

After further discussion Representative Menke moved that the Administration Committee recommends that the New Member Legislative Orientation Conference be scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, December 5-6, 1984 and that a legislative issues seminar in cooperation with Drake University be provided for interested legislators early during the first session of the Seventy-first General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Senator Doyle and adopted.

Chairman Connors next recognized Mr. William P. Angrick II for a request for the payment of a voucher from the Building and Grounds Division of the Department of General Services for a new furnace and central air conditioning for the Office of Citizens' Aide. Mr. Angrick stated that the voucher amounts to \$1,947.93. He added that the project has been previously approved by the Legislative Council.

There being no further comments, Representative Menke moved that the Administration Committee recommends that the Legislative Council authorize the payment of \$1,947.93 to the Buildings and Grounds Division of the Department of General Services for a replacement furnace and installation of central air conditioning for the Office of Citizens' Aide. The motion was seconded by Representative Cochran and adopted.

Concerning space for the Office of Public Information, Chairman Connors stated that he and Representative Menke had met with Mr. David Oman, Executive Assistant, Office of the Governor, concerning moving the Executive Secretary to the Executive Council so that that office space on the ground floor of the State House could be used for the Public Information Office. He stated that the Executive Council is opposed to the move and that it is unlikely that any other space will become available in the State House for the Public Information Office. Chairman Connors stated that an alternative is being proposed by Mr. Jack Walters, Department of General Services, to enlarge the current space occupied by the Public Information Office at the east end of the Legislative Dining Room.

Chairman Connors recessed the Committee meeting to be reconvened in the area of the Public Information Office for an explanation of the remodeling proposal.

On reconvening, Chairman Connors recognized Mr. John Goeldner, Public Information Officer, to explain the proposed remodeling of the east end of the Legislative Dining Room for the Office. During the discussion, the Committee examined the possibility of moving the Senate Journal Room, expanding the Public Information Office or remodeling to an area larger than originally proposed, and moving the Public Information Office to the northwest end of the Legislative Dining Room.

Mr. Ralph Oltman, Department of General Services arrived at the Committee meeting to discuss various alternatives with the Committee. Concerning moving the Senate Journal Room, Ms. C. J. Kelly, explained that moving the Senate Journal Room would require substantial movement of electrical outlets and pose a problem concerning the air conditioning requirement of the equipment in the Senate Journal Room.

After further discussion with Mr. Oltman concerning the construction of a wall dividing the Legislative Dining Room to limit access to the northwest corner of the room, Representative Cochran moved that the Administration Committee recommends that the Legislative Council authorize the location of the Office of Public Information in the northwestern end of the Legislative Dining Room area and the construction of a wall partition and

related facilities at a cost not to exceed \$2000. The motion was seconded by Representative Menke and adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Connors adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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