

M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 16, 1981

The meeting of the Administration Committee was called to order at 10:20 a.m., Wednesday, September 16, 1981 in Committee Room 24 of the State House, Des Moines. Committee members attending were:

Senator James Briles, Chairperson
Senator Calvin O. Hultman
Senator Lowell L. Junkins

Also present were Mr. Bruce Graham, Legal Counsel of the House of Representatives and Ms. Diane Bolender of the Legislative Service Bureau.

Chairperson Briles noted that a quorum was not present and appointed himself and Senators Hultman and Junkins to serve as a subcommittee of the Administration Committee.

Chairperson Briles noted that Dr. Sam W. Grabarski, Executive Director of the Iowa Arts Council, had corresponded with Senator Hultman concerning the status of the renovation project on the first floor of the Capitol. Dr. Grabarski had indicated that an Attorney General's opinion has stated that the requirements that not less than one-half of one percent of the total cost of state building projects must be spent on visual arts elements extends to additions to or renovations of existing buildings. He noted that Mr. Graham had responded that the scope of Chapter 304A of the Code should not be extended to renovation projects. Chairperson Briles noted that Senator Hultman, Chairperson of the Legislative Council, had referred the matter to the Administration Committee.

Chairperson Briles called for comments from Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham expressed the belief that the Attorney General's opinion was based on incomplete information and his analysis of the language used in the statute is that renovations to existing buildings are not covered under the requirements relating to the expenditure for visual arts. Mr. Graham added that the remodeling of the area used by the judicial branch of government might be affected by the Attorney General's opinion. Senator Junkins suggested that the Legislative Council not require that one-half of one percent of the cost of remodeling be expended for visual arts effects. Senator Junkins moved that the Subcommittee ask Mr. Graham to draft an appropriate letter indicating the actions with regard to the remodeling project to be presented to the Administration Committee the next time it meets. The motion was adopted, with all three Subcommittee members voting in the affirmative.

Chairperson Briles appointed a subcommittee composed of himself, and Senators Hultman and Junkins to view the installation of new carpeting in Legislative Fiscal Bureau offices in the Lucas State Office Building and to inquire about the source of funds for the purchase of the carpeting.

The Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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