

M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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The meeting of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 322 of the State House by Committee Chairperson Calvin O. Hultman. Other Committee members present in addition to Chairperson Hultman were:

Senator James Briles  
Senator Lowell Junkins  
Representative Roger Halvorson  
Representative John Clark

Other persons in attendance included:

Mr. Harvey Logan, Administrative Assistant to the Senate  
Majority Leader  
Ms. Marie Thayer, Assistant Secretary of the Senate  
Mr. Stanley McCausland, Director of General Services  
Ms. Debbie Dahab, Legislative Service Bureau

Chairperson Hultman recognized Mr. McCausland for a report regarding chandeliers for the remodeled legislative areas on the first floor of the Capitol Building. Mr. McCausland circulated a letter he had received from Mr. Snow who handcrafts the chandeliers. The letter indicated that the one design which Mr. Snow considered particularly appropriate for the rooms would cost \$3200 each. Mr. McCausland also circulated a photograph of the design. A copy of the letter from Mr. Snow is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Mr. McCausland reported that it appears that the legislative branch has sufficient furniture to furnish the remodeled legislative meeting rooms. He reported that 6 tables and 80 chairs similar to those now being used in Room 322 are available for use. He added that at the request of the Administration Committee at the last meeting, Iowa Prison Industries is working on a design for tables and chairs for the legislative meeting rooms.

Representative Halvorson inquired whether there is a sufficient number of side chairs available to furnish the meeting rooms. Mr. McCausland responded that if the number of side chairs available is not sufficient, simple black and chrome stacking chairs can be purchased from Iowa Prison Industries for \$22 each. Chairperson Hultman suggested that such a purchase might be recommended by the Administration Committee to the Legislative Council contingent upon the need arising.

Representative Halvorson inquired as to the cost of installing florescent lights rather than chandeliers in the two legislative

meeting rooms. Mr. McCausland indicated that he would have this information available to the Administration Committee by early afternoon. He did emphasize that the contractors would need to know whether chandeliers or florescent lighting are to be used in the rooms so that any changes in the plans for wiring the areas can be made. Mr. McCausland then suggested that if the Committee is reluctant to incur the expense of purchasing five chandeliers perhaps the members might want to consider purchasing chandeliers for the south room and using florescent lighting in the north room.

Chairperson Hultman suggested that the Committee recommend to the Council that furniture already available for use by the legislative branch be used in the two meeting rooms. He then suggested that copies of the letter from Mr. Snow along with information to be presented by Mr. McCausland on the cost of florescent lighting be made available to the Council this afternoon so that the Council itself might make the decision. Senator Junkins opined that the Administration Committee should make a recommendation to the Council on the lighting for the two rooms and suggested that the Committee reconvene at 1:15 p.m. Senator Junkins then moved that the Administration Committee recommend to the Legislative Council that furniture available to the legislative branch be used to furnish the two legislative meeting rooms on the first floor and that the Legislative Council approve the purchase of five chandeliers for the meeting rooms at the cost outlined in the letter from Mr. Snow. The Junkins motion was deferred until the afternoon session.

The Committee recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m. in the Speaker's Room of the State House. Representative Avenson was present for the afternoon session. Mr. McCausland reported that it would cost a minimum of \$1000 per room to install florescent lighting. He also indicated that there may be some minimal construction costs to accommodate the change in design. He said that his estimate was to install lighting above the tables only and that the outer edges of the room would not be directly lit. Representative Halvorson asked how many foot candles the lighting would provide. Mr. McCausland responded that it would be adjustable and probably would depend on the orientation and exposure of the room. Senator Junkins then moved his previous motion, deferred from the morning session, that the Administration Committee recommend to the Legislative Council the purchase of five chandeliers for the meeting rooms at a maximum total cost of \$3500 each, including expenses outlined in the letter from Mr. Snow. He further moved that the Administration Committee should explore the possibility of two of the chandeliers being of a design different from the one in the photograph and described in the letter from Mr. Snow. The Junkins motion also included the recommendation that no additional furniture should be purchased for the rooms with the exception of side chairs, if necessary, with those to be purchased from Iowa Prison Industries. The motion passed with Chairperson Hultman voting no.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at that time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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