

M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 14, 1972

The twelfth meeting of the 1971-73 Legislative Council was called to order by the Council Chairman, Representative Andrew P. Varley, at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, June 14, 1972 in the Speaker's Room, State House, Des Moines. Council members attending the meeting in addition to Chairman Varley were:

Senator Clifton C. Lamborn, Vice Chairman
Lieutenant Governor Roger W. Jepsen
Speaker of the House William H. Harbor
Senator James E. Briles
Senator Vernon H. Kyhl
Senator William D. Palmer
Senator John C. Rhodes
Representative Michael T. Blouin
Representative Dale M. Cochran
Representative Dennis L. Freeman
Representative Nathan F. Sorg
Representative Delwyn Stromer

Other persons present when the meeting was called to order were Senator Francis Messerly, Secretary of the Senate Carroll A. Lane, Director Serge H. Garrison, Phil Burks and Miss Diane Devin of the Legislative Service Bureau staff and a number of representatives of the news media and other interested persons.

On motion of Representative Sorg, seconded by Senator Kyhl, the minutes of the May 10, 1972, Council meeting were approved as submitted to Council members.

Chairman Varley recognized Senator Messerly for the report relative to need for and availability of funds for construction of a new state office building, and to levels at which statutory salaries of state government department heads and comparable officers should be set, which the Council had on April 12 requested Senator Messerly and Representative John Camp, as respective chairmen of the standing Committees on Appropriations, to present at this time. Senator Messerly explained that he was appearing in behalf of both himself and Representative Camp, who is under doctor's orders to limit his activities for the time being.

Senator Messerly noted that shortly after he and Representative Camp had begun gathering information relative to the state's building needs, the Governor had also asked for a preliminary survey directed toward obtaining the same kind of information. Senator Messerly stated that he had therefor been working with General Services Director Stanley McCausland and Acting Director Wayne Laufenberg of the Office for Planning and Programming in this matter. Senator Messerly noted that a complete survey of rent presently being paid by the state, and alternative possibilities

relative to the construction of one large new building or three smaller ones, as well as other relevant information, is presently being prepared but has not been completed. He therefor requested that the Council grant an extension until its July meeting of the time for completion of the report of these matters. This request was agreed to, and Senator Messerly commented that he anticipates presenting a fairly comprehensive report which will require a substantial amount of time during the July meeting. Chairman Varley indicated that this should occasion no difficulty in terms of the balance of the agenda for the July meeting.

In regard to the matter of statutory salaries, Senator Messerly indicated that he has been working with Miss Devin to obtain as much information as possible. Questionnaires have been sent to private industry in Iowa, asking for information on work responsibilities and salary levels which can be used together with comparable data relative to state employees. Information regarding salaries paid in other states has also been obtained. Senator Messerly reported that information has been obtained which makes it feasible to proceed with establishment of a joint interim subcommittee of the standing Committees on Appropriations to review the information and make recommendations on statutory salaries as contemplated by the Council's discussion at its April 12 meeting. Senator Messerly suggested that the joint interim subcommittee consist of three senators and three representatives, and be authorized two to three meetings.

Senator Briles moved that the Council authorize Senator Messerly and Representative Camp to establish a joint interim subcommittee of the standing Committees on Appropriations, to consist of three members from each house and to be authorized three meetings during the 1972 interim, for the purposes stated by Senator Messerly. The motion was seconded by Senator Lamborn and unanimously adopted.

Representative Sorg requested that the major aspects of the salary data gathered by Senator Messerly be placed in writing when the interim subcommittee's report is presented to the Council later this year.

Mr. Garrison informed the Council that Senator Edward Nicholson has resigned from the Higher Education Study Committee and that, because its work is already well underway, the Study Committee wishes Senator Nicholson's successor to be appointed as soon as possible. Senator Lamborn stated that a recommendation would be made to the Council with respect to this matter later in the day.

Chairman Varley reported that he has received a request from Representative C. Raymond Fisher, Chairman of the standing Committee on State Government of the House of Representatives, to form a joint interim subcommittee to review the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) program. The purpose of this review is to provide a factual basis for evaluating proposals to change

benefits and contribution rates which it is anticipated will be presented to the next General Assembly.

Representative Blouin pointed out that although the Council had been unwilling, at its previous meeting, to establish an interim study committee to review problems of aging citizens in Iowa, it has already authorized establishment of one additional interim subcommittee at the present meeting and now has been asked to approve a second. Representative Blouin suggested that the relative importance of these proposals possibly should be reevaluated.

Senator Rhodes expressed support for the proposed IPERS study.

Representative Stromer moved that the Council authorize the standing Committees on State Government to establish a joint interim subcommittee composed of three members from each house to undertake the review of the IPERS program requested by Representative Fisher. The motion was seconded by Representative Sorg, and unanimously adopted.

Representative Stromer requested that the Council approve the appointment of Mr. Robert Buck of Waukee as an advisory member of the School Systems and Standards Study Committee, succeeding Mr. Paul Eckert who has resigned. Representative Stromer explained that one of the matters which the Study Committee wishes to consider during the present interim is the future status of the present county school systems. He noted that during the 1972 session, the House had approved abolishing the county school systems but the Senate wished to retain them and possibly utilize them in a somewhat different manner in the future. Since Mr. Buck is very knowledgeable in this area, the Study Committee is particularly anxious to have him as an advisory member at this time.

On motion of Representative Stromer, seconded by Senator Kyhl, the Council unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Buck to succeed Mr. Eckert as an advisory member of the School Systems and Standards Study Committee.

Senator Palmer presented a proposal for a legislative study committee to determine the feasibility of more extensive utilization of the existing State Fairgrounds, and to study certain related matters. A copy of Senator Palmer's statement presenting this proposal is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

Upon completing his statement, Senator Palmer moved that an interim subcommittee of the standing Committees on Commerce composed of three members from each house, be established for the purposes he had just suggested. The motion was seconded by Representative Cochran.

Representative Stromer expressed the view that initiative should come from a regional body for utilization of the State Fairgrounds as a year-round recreational facility, since in this capacity the Fairgrounds would not serve Iowans generally. He also noted that private enterprise has announced plans to develop a large recreational complex in the immediate Des Moines area, and that this should also be considered when evaluating the need for additional recreational facilities in this area.

Senator Kyhl expressed the view that the Fair Board could do anything that the subcommittee proposed by Senator Palmer could do, if the Fair Board chooses to do so. Senator Palmer agreed, but expressed the view that the present Fair Board is complacent regarding the use of the Fairgrounds at times other than during the State Fair, which he added is certainly one of the best in the nation. Senator Palmer commented that it has been his observation that establishment of study committees tends to motivate state agencies to discharge their responsibilities more effectively, and that he would expect a similar result in this case.

Representative Freeman said that Senator Palmer's suggestions are good, but expressed opposition to the proposed interim subcommittee for what he termed the same reasons as he had, at the Council's previous meeting, opposed the proposed interim study committee to review the problems of the aging in Iowa, namely that there is presently in existence a state agency charged with essentially the same function which the proposed subcommittee would perform. Representative Blouin disagreed, stating that he does not believe the analogy between the Fair Board and the Commission on the Aging is accurate. He added that in his view Fair Board Secretary Kenneth Fulk has refused to follow the expressed intent of the General Assembly in regard to refusal to approve the proposed world food fair, and is continuing to promote this idea rather than devoting his efforts to ideas such as had just been put forth by Senator Palmer. Representative Blouin expressed doubt that Senator Palmer would receive a positive response to his proposals if he presented them to the Fair Board.

Representative Stromer moved to amend Senator Palmer's motion so as to provide that Secretary Fulk and the President of the Iowa State Fair Board be requested to appear before the Legislative Council at its July meeting to discuss the matters about which Senator Palmer had expressed concern, before any action is taken by the Council on Senator Palmer's motion to establish an interim subcommittee. Representative Stromer's motion to amend Senator Palmer's motion was seconded by Representative Freeman.

There was a brief discussion of the structure and manner of selection of the State Fair Board. Senator Palmer pointed out that Chapter 173 of the Code provides for the election of members of the Fair Board other than designated ex officio members, by a special procedure involving representatives of certain designated organizations, and that the members are not appointed by the

Governor nor confirmed by the Senate. He commented that he therefore regards it as particularly desirable that this Board's functions be reviewed from time to time by the General Assembly.

Representative Stromer's amendment to Senator Palmer's motion was adopted by a voice vote. Representative Blouin then requested that State Fair Board Secretary Fulk be instructed to be prepared to answer questions regarding his activities in support of a World Food Fair, subsequent to the rejection of this proposal by the 1972 session of the General Assembly, when he appears before the Council in July as contemplated by Representative Stromer's amendment.

Senator Palmer's motion, as amended, was then adopted.

Chairman Varley then called for reports on activities from the interim study committees. It was noted that a separate report would be presented later in the day by the Chairman of the Higher Education Study Committee, and copies of the contracts proposed for approved by the Council at that time were distributed to Council members for their review during the noon recess.

Representative Stromer reported briefly on the progress of the School Systems and Standards Study Committee. He stated that there has been some discussion of the implications of the California Serrano v. Priest decision, and similar cases in Texas and elsewhere. In particular, the Study Committee is interested in determining what leeway will exist in terms of permitting voluntary additional effort in terms of supplementary tax levies of one sort or another by individual school districts, over and above that required by state law.

Senator Lamborn reported that the Penal and Corrections Study Committee is continuing to make progress. He said that the Iowa Crime Commission has abandoned its earlier position in favor of regional jails, and is now strongly supporting half-way houses as correctional facilities.

In response to a question from Representative Blouin, Senator Lamborn stated that a half-way house can be almost self-supporting, as compared to the relatively high cost of operating a more traditional penal facility. A brief discussion of the economics of various forms of incarceration followed, at the conclusion of which Senator Lamborn noted a marked liberalization of the policies of the state parole board during the Study Committee's tenure, but cautioned that such policies are likely to create difficulty if they go beyond what the public is willing to support.

Representative Cochran reported that the Land Use Policies Study Committee is planning a two-day seminar on land use policies at the Hotel Savery in Des Moines on June 26 and 27. He stated that the League of Women Voters is joining the Study

Committee in sponsoring this seminar in an effort to inform the public about the considerations involved in land use policy planning.

Speaker Harbor inquired whether cities are adequately involved in the Land Use Study, explaining that he has heard criticism that the Study Committee is too much rurally oriented. Representative Cochran responded that there has possibly been some justification for this criticism in the past, but pointed out that the Council has during the present interim approved the addition of two more members from urban areas to the Study Committee and that the Study Committee is conscientiously trying to orient itself more toward the concerns of cities as the study progresses.

Mr. Garrison reported that the Criminal Code Study Committee is meeting every two weeks, is hopeful of completing its entire project this year, and feels certain that it will be able to complete the criminal procedures aspect of its work in any case. It was pointed out that the Criminal Code Study Committee's recommendations will be detailed and technical, and will present difficult problems in terms of legislative consideration. In response to a question from Senator Lamborn, Mr. Garrison stated that the Study Committee's recommendations are divisible, and need not be considered as a single package by the General Assembly.

Mr. Garrison reported that the Supreme Court Study Committee has scheduled its first meeting for June 20. The Health Maintenance Organizations Study Committee will organize after July 1, but a preliminary staff research memorandum will be completed and distributed to Committee members prior to that time.

Senator Briles reported that the Professional and Occupational Licensing Study Committee held its first meeting on May 30. At future meetings, the Study Committee plans to hear from students at the University of Iowa law school who have gathered considerable information in this area, as well as from all presently licensed groups and other groups interested in being licensed. It is hoped to gather information on such matters as how many persons pass or fail to pass the various licensing board examinations, the amount of fees collected, etc.

Mr. Garrison reported that no meeting of the Consumer Credit Study Committee has yet been scheduled. Chairman Varley stated that Representative Elizabeth Shaw has indicated to him that she would call a meeting of this Study Committee at an early date.

Mr. Garrison reported that the Unified Law Enforcement Agencies Subcommittee of the standing Committees on Law Enforcement has not yet met, but that Senator Harold Thordsen and Representative Perry Christensen, the respective standing committee chairmen, have begun planning for the first meeting. The interim subcommittee on Grain Alcohol Motor Fuel of the standing Committees on Environmental Preservation has not yet met. The

interim subcommittee on Milk and Milk Products of the standing Committees on Agriculture will hold its first meeting on June 19.

Mr. Garrison reported that the appointments to the joint interim subcommittee to conduct further study of no-fault automobile insurance plans are as follows: from the House Commerce Committee, Representatives Harold O. Fischer and Tom Dougherty, from the House Judiciary Committee, Representative Robert Kreamer, from the Senate Commerce Committees, Senators Palmer and W. R. Rabedaux, and from the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Lucas J. DeKoster. Senator Lamborn moved that the Council authorize the addition of one member from each house to this subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Speaker Harbor and unanimously adopted.

Speaker Harbor presented a brief report on the previous days' meeting of the Council's Procedures and Facilities Committee. A copy of the minutes of that meeting is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

At Speaker Harbor's request, Mr. Garrison briefly reviewed the information relative to improvement of data processing service to the General Assembly, and specifically the up-dating of the computerized Code of Iowa, which had been presented to the Procedures and Facilities Committee on the previous day. At the conclusion of Mr. Garrison's review, Speaker Harbor moved that the Council approve the Procedures and Facilities Committee's recommendation that Mr. Garrison be authorized to contract for up-dating of the computerized Code of Iowa, on the terms and subject to the limitations expressed in the attached minutes of the Procedures and Facilities Committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Lamborn and unanimously adopted.

In response to questions by Senators Kyhl and Lamborn, Mr. Garrison reported that progress is being made on reprinting of the Code of Iowa to reflect additions and changes made during the 1971 and 1972 legislative sessions. Mr. Garrison acknowledged that this complete reprinting of the relatively recent 1971 Code of Iowa is expensive, but added that hopefully this will be the last time that it will ever be necessary to reprint the Code by the method involving setting of lead type by a linotype machine. It is intended that in the future a much less expensive and less time-consuming process, utilizing the data processing capabilities which are now being developed, can be substituted for linotype typesetting and printing.

Chairman Varley noted that a meeting of the Council's Budget Committee was scheduled for the noon recess. The members of the Budget Committee are Representative Freeman, Chairman, Senators Kyhl, Milligan and Palmer and Representatives Stromer and Skinner. Representative Freeman suggested that the meeting be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Legislative Service Bureau library.

The Council meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m., and reconvened in the Speaker's Room at 1:30 p.m. with all Council

members who had been present for the morning session, Mr. Garrison and Mr. Burks again present. Also present for the afternoon session were Representative Richard W. Welden, Citizens Aide Lawrence D. Carstensen, and Mrs. JoAnn Brown of the Legislative Service Bureau staff.

Chairman Varley recognized Representative Freeman for presentation of the Budget Committee's report. Representative Freeman briefly outlined the Legislative Service Bureau's proposed budget and estimated expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1972, a copy of which is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

Representative Freeman moved that the funds available to the Legislative Service Bureau for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1972 be allocated in the manner indicated by the proposed budget submitted by the Director, and that effective July 1, 1972 salaries of Bureau personnel be increased for the 1973 fiscal year at the rate of 5.5% for each employee except John Dwyer and Donald Hoskins, whose salaries shall be increased at the rate of 7.5%, and Connie Coughenower whose salary shall be increased at the rate of 6%, both as permitted by federal wage guidelines, and that the anniversary date of Mrs. Jeanne Miller shall be November 1, 1972. The motion was seconded by Senator Briles and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Varley thanked Representative Freeman for his report, and recognized Mr. Carstensen. Mr. Carstensen distributed copies of the legislation adopted by the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, Second Session, establishing the office of Citizens' Aide, to which was attached a series of six proposed resolutions prepared by Mr. Carstensen. A copy of the latter item is attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Carstensen briefly explained each of the six proposed resolutions which he had prepared. He noted that the first of these resolutions is in effect an appointment to the office of Citizens' Aide, lacking only the name of the appointee. The resolution provides for an annual salary of \$20,000, Mr. Carstensen explaining that it appears to be the sense of the General Assembly that the salary should not exceed this figure, and that anything less would not be acceptable to him.

Mr. Carstensen stated that he was a candidate for the appointment to the office of Citizens' Aide for the period until December 31, 1972. He commented that it is his understanding of the new legislation that any appointment made at this time would become void when the Sixty-fifth General Assembly takes office, or at least at such time thereafter as a new appointment might be made by the Council and submitted to that General Assembly for confirmation, and added that in any event he would anticipate offering his resignation so as to give the new General Assembly a free hand in selecting an appointee to this office.

Mr. Carstensen stated that the second resolution provides for the staff of the office of Citizens' Aide to be maintained at its present level, namely two deputies and one secretary at the annual salaries specified in the resolution, plus authorization for temporary secretarial help at the rate of \$24 per day not to exceed a total of thirty days prior to July 1, 1973. In answer to Council members' questions, Mr. Carstensen urged that firm efforts be made in the future to keep the staff of the office of Citizens' Aide small, however he stated that if the office is to have only one secretary someone must be in that position every day. Therefore, the authorization to hire occasional temporary secretarial help has been included to permit the office to cover vacations and sick leave, and possibly to handle temporary unusually workload situations. Mr. Carstensen briefly outlined the qualifications and experience of the present staff, and recommended that the deputy who presently holds a permanent appointment be retained and that the deputy now serving on a daily pay basis be given a permanent appointment.

Mr. Carstensen explained that since its inception, his office has been funded by federal grants obtained from the Office of Economic Opportunity. At the present rate of expenditure, these funds will not be exhausted until late this year. Mr. Carstensen said he had therefore made tentative arrangements that the Comptroller draw from the remaining available federal funds to pay the expenses of the office until these funds are exhausted, after which the state appropriations to the office will be utilized for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and the third proposed resolution would implement these arrangements. Mr. Carstensen said in answer to a question, that a state appropriation of \$75,000 per year would be necessary to maintain the office at its present level of operation for each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 1973.

Mr. Carstensen stated that the fourth proposed resolution requests and authorizes the Comptroller's office to provide accounting services required in connection with the federal grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity, until this grant is exhausted. He noted that the preparation of the report required by the Office of Economic Opportunity will be a major expense, but stated that he had arranged for this expense to be paid out of available federal funds. In answer to a question from Senator Lamborn, Mr. Carstensen confirmed that after the reporting requirement in connection with the federal grant has been satisfied, the state can decide upon its own format for future reports by the Citizens' Aide office.

The fifth of the proposed resolutions prepared by Mr. Carstensen relates to execution and filing of an oath of office as required by law.

Mr. Carstensen explained that the last of his proposed resolutions is authorization for the Citizens' Aide and a deputy to

attend an ombudsmans' meeting sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity at Seattle, Washington August 10-12, 1972. Mr. Carstensen explained that some months ago the Office of Economic Opportunity had directed him to visit the State of Hawaii in order to learn more about the ombudsmans' office which is operation there, but that the Governor had directed him not to go since he had already visited Hawaii for that purpose. Mr. Carstensen indicated that the federal Office of Economic Opportunity officials involved with the program under which the grant for his office was obtained were quite displeased that Mr. Carstensen did not make the second visit to the State of Hawaii, but eventually in effect compromised by directing him to attend the meeting at Seattle on August 10-12.

Responding to questions, Mr. Carstensen discussed with Council members his philosophy regarding the function and operation of the office of Citizens' Aide. He again stated that continuing efforts should be made to keep the staff small and efficient, and indicated that he is opposed to any organized effort to develop a greater workload for the office. He said the office workload has been rising steadily but not rapidly. He indicated that he has been appearing about once every three months on a Des Moines radio station's program involving telephone inquiries to program participants by listeners, but added he had declined an invitation to make a monthly appearance on this program.

In response to a specific inquiry from Speaker Harbor, Mr. Carstensen stated that an increasing number of the calls received by his office are referrals from legislators. He commented that he does not object to statements by legislators that every legislator should be an ombudsman, adding that the calls referred to his office by legislators tend to be the more difficult problems which will require several days of investigation and which a legislator simply does not have time to handle himself.

Senator Kyhl and Representative Blouin directed several questions to Mr. Carstensen relative to the types of records kept by his office. Mr. Carstensen said that the office keeps track of every call received, and can furnish the General Assembly with reports as often and in as much detail as it desires. He stated that there is no secrecy involved in his office, however in response to concerns expressed by Representative Blouin he stated that he would not open his complete file of requests to an individual legislator although he would do so for a duly constituted legislative committee. He said that every complaint or request received is recorded by the citizen's name and address, and the category of his complaint or request. The former is required by federal regulations, and the latter is helpful because the same kinds of problems tend to recur to some extent. Representative Blouin said he is anxious to assure citizens that when they contact the Citizens' Aide office their anonymity will be preserved insofar as this is necessary to make the office effective. Mr. Carstensen agreed, adding that he particularly objects to a feature of his

office's procedure presently required by the Office of Economic Opportunity which indicates on the record of each complaint received whether or not the complainant is "poor".

In answer to questions by Senator Lamborn, Mr. Carstensen stated that his office has thus far done very little in investigation of complaints of inmates or residents of state institutions, although he believes that the services of his office should be available to such persons to some extent. He explained that the Citizens' Aide office probably should be primarily concerned that the institutions have adequate grievance procedures, and then should insure that these procedures have been completely exhausted before accepting a complaint. He also stated that his office, in his opinion, has no business investigating whether a prisoner was rightfully convicted or not, that this is the business of the judicial branch of government.

Representative Cochran inquired of Chairman Varley whether there have been any other applicants for the office of Citizens' Aide, in addition to Mr. Carstensen. Chairman Varley replied that he knows of no such applicants.

There was a brief further discussion of the period for which the Council should make an appointment to the office at this time, Mr. Carstensen reiterating the point that he believes such an appointment would not be binding on the Sixty-fifth General Assembly if it should choose to appoint someone else after it takes office. At the conclusion of the discussion, Representative Sorg moved that the Council adopt the six proposed resolutions submitted by Mr. Carstensen, inserting in the first resolution the name "Lawrence D. Carstensen" as the appointee and also inserting in that resolution after the word "aide" the words "for a period of one year". The motion was seconded by Senator Lamborn and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Varley expressed appreciation to Mr. Carstensen for the information he has provided. Mr. Carstensen then left the meeting.

Chairman Varley stated that the next order of business would be the report of the Higher Education Study Committee. Senator Lamborn moved that Senator Charles Balloun be appointed to this Study Committee to succeed Senator Nicholson, whose resignation had been announced earlier in the day. The motion was seconded by Speaker Harbor and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Varley then recognized Representative Welden, Chairman of the Higher Education Study Committee. Representative Welden briefly reviewed the provisions of the contracts for the services of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. as consultant to the Study Committee, and the contract between the Higher Education Facilities Commission and the Legislative Council for funds with which to employ the consultant, copies of which had been

distributed to Council members earlier in the day. Copies of these contracts are attached to and by this reference made a part of these minutes.

In response to a question by Representative Blouin, Representative Welden stated that the amount of federal funds to be obtained from the Higher Education Facilities Commission does equal the amount proposed to be expended for employment of the consultant. Representative Stromer asked whether the study will be conducted as though Iowa presently had no institutions of higher education and was starting to develop them from scratch, or whether it will in effect depart from the situation in which the state presently finds itself. Representative Welden indicated the latter approach is the one which will be followed.

At Senator Kyhl's request, Mrs. Brown explained the procedure by which the consultant's services will be provided to the Study Committee. The project will be under the direction of Dr. Clyde N. Carter, who will also participate actively in it, and fieldwork will be performed by Mr. Kenneth Anderson, both of whom are very knowledgeable in the field of Higher Education. The project will be coordinated locally by Mr. Jack Bennett, of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.'s Des Moines office. All work will be reviewed by Mr. Charles Nelson, National Director of the firm's services in Higher Education and by Mr. Arnold Golieb, Partner-in-charge of the firm's Des Moines office.

In response to further questions by Senator Kyhl and Representative Blouin, Representative Welden, Chairman Varley and Mr. Garrison stated that the Study Committee will maintain on-going control of the study. Mr. Garrison commented that Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. will act as a staff arm of the Study Committee and that the firm fully understands this relationship.

In answer to inquiries by Representative Cochran, Representative Welden briefly reviewed the procedure which resulted in the selection of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. as the Study Committee's consultant. He stated that Committee members and the Legislative Service Bureau drew up a list of possible consultant firms, and that a few inquiries were received from other firms. The final list totaled fourteen firms, of which eleven were interviewed, a few not being interested. In response to a further question by Representative Cochran, Representative Welden explained that although Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. was originally an accounting firm it has gone heavily into the educational field and now has considerable experience in consultant work in this area.

Representative Stromer moved that the Council approve the proposed contracts presented by Representative Welden, and that Chairman Varley be authorized to sign the contracts on behalf of the Council. The motion was seconded by Representative Cochran and unanimously adopted.

Representative Sorg moved that the Council authorize Legislative Fiscal Director Gerry D. Rankin to contact Mr. Frank Bunker, who was the architect for the remodeling project in the Fiscal Director's office area, and request him to determine what must be done and the cost in order to make the new office area on the intermediate floor above the second floor ladies restroom usable, in the light of earlier comments regarding present problems affecting this area. The motion was seconded by Representative Stromer and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Garrison noted that he will shortly begin preparation of the proposed Legislative Council and Legislative Service Bureau budget for the 1973-75 biennium. He stated that at this time he contemplates no major changes from the budget for the present biennium, but invited any suggestions or comments from Council members in regard to the new budget proposal.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 12 in the Speaker's Room. Speaker Harbor stated that a meeting of the Procedures and Facilities Committee would be called for the previous afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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