

M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 10, 1980

The meeting of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by Committee Chairperson, Senator Calvin O. Hultman, at 1:25 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 1980, in Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present in addition to Chairperson Hultman were:

Senator James Briles  
Senator Lowell Junkins  
Representative Roger Halvorson

Other persons present included:

Mr. Stanley McCausland, Director of General Services  
Mr. Bruce Graham, Assistant Chief Clerk  
Mr. Harvey Logan, Administrative Assistant to the Senate  
Majority Leader  
Mr. Serge Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau  
Ms. Debra Dahab, Legislative Service Bureau

Chairperson Hultman recognized Mr. McCausland who described the details of contacts he had had regarding chandeliers for the remodeled legislative meeting areas on the first floor of the Capitol Building. Mr. McCausland explained that from the designs available for chandeliers, two had seemed to be appropriate for the restoration project. He told Committee members that he would have slides of these two chandeliers for them to view at the next meeting. Mr. McCausland reported that one of the chandeliers sells for \$1500 and the other one is priced at \$3500. He noted that five total chandeliers will be needed for the restored area, two on the south side and three on the north side. He added that all five chandeliers do not have to be of the same design. In response to a question, Mr. McCausland stated that the chandeliers would be completed by January 1981 if they are ordered by July of this year.

Mr. McCausland then showed Committee members several brochures describing furniture for the two legislative committee rooms. He noted that the furniture is of a modern design however, the arms and legs would not be chrome but rather would have a dark finish over the metal. He also presented a sample of the upholstery that had been selected for the furniture. Mr. McCausland noted that to purchase tables, chairs and spectator chairs for the two meeting rooms would cost approximately \$68,000 with the state's discount.

Several Committee members indicated that they thought traditional furniture would be more appropriate since the areas are

being restored to their original condition. Mr. McCausland responded that traditional furniture would be even more expensive and that it may be difficult to obtain. In response to a question from Representative Halvorson, Mr. McCausland noted that he had not discussed with Iowa Prison Industries the possibility of them providing furniture for the meeting rooms. Mr. McCausland added that the architects who worked on the project do not think that mixing the traditional decor with modern furniture would be incongruous. Chairperson Hultman inquired whether the state cabinetmaker would be able to make the furnishings for the room. Mr. McCausland responded that to have the state cabinetmaker do the work would probably take a considerable amount of time. After further Committee discussion, the Committee requested that Mr. McCausland do some further investigation regarding the possibility of obtaining traditional furnishings for the meeting rooms including contacts with the state cabinetmaker and Iowa Prison Industries. Committee members expressed surprise at the cost of the modern furniture which was \$290 for a spectator chair and \$600 for chairs around the tables.

Mr. McCausland reported that he had, at the request of the Committee, investigated the possibility of doing a life cycle cost analysis on different types of air conditioning units suitable for the first floor project. He noted that to do such a study on contract would cost a maximum of \$7500 according to estimates he had received. The analysis would examine the twenty year overall cost of package and central air conditioning systems including operating cost, initial cost estimates and the life span of the unit. Senator Junkins inquired whether personnel at Iowa State University might be interested in doing such a cost comparison. Representative Halvorson questioned whether the ultimate energy savings would justify such an expense. Mr. McCausland pointed out that one must also consider the aesthetics including any unsightly ductwork that might detract from the decor in the room. He opined that central air conditioning would eventually be cost-effective in the north quadrant of the first floor but would probably not be for the south quadrant because of the different uses anticipated for the different areas. The Committee decided to consider the information and thanked Mr. McCausland for obtaining the information requested.

It was then suggested that the Administration Committee request that the Legislative Council approve a \$17,500 maximum budget for chandeliers for the two legislative meeting rooms on the first floor of the Capitol Building. This request was agreed to by all members present and was made a part of the Committee's report to the Legislative Council. Mr. McCausland reported that he would have slides of the chandelier designs available for the next Administration Committee meeting at which time the Committee will choose the design, with the ultimate expenditure of funds subject

to the approval of the Legislative Council. There being no further business to come before the Committee at that time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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