

M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
of the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 5, 1978

The meeting of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the Chairperson, Speaker Dale Cochran in the Speaker's Office of the State House on Thursday, January 5, 1978. Members present in addition to Chairperson Cochran were:

Senator George Kinley
Senator Eugene Hill
Representative James Middleswart
Representative Andrew Varley

Also present were:

Mr. Lee Gaudineer, Legal Counsel for
the Legislative Council
Mr. Serge Garrison, Director,
Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. David Wray, Chief Clerk of
the House of Representatives
Mr. Bob Davies, Administrative
Assistant to the Speaker
Ms. Diane Bolender, Research
Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau

Copies of the minutes of the December 19, 1977 meeting of the Administration Committee were distributed to Committee members.

Chairperson Cochran called upon Mr. Gaudineer, Legal Counsel employed by the Legislative Council for a progress report. Mr. Gaudineer described conversations he had with Treasurer of State Baringer. He noted that Treasurer Baringer had stated that if space is made available to the Legislature that is currently occupied by the Attorney General, which is on the northeast quadrant of the State House, he would be willing to move from his office which adjoins that area and make that space available to the General Assembly. He noted that two of his employees will be moving to the Hoover Building and he is willing to move his entire office to another building if suitable quarters can be found.

Senator Kinley suggested that the General Assembly occupy the two rooms on the first floor of the Capitol being vacated by the Department of Agriculture beginning with the coming session with an agreement to move if other suitable space on the first floor of the Capitol can be found.

Senator Hill suggested that funds not be appropriated to refurbish the space for the courts and that the General Assembly commence requiring the vacating of other areas in the Capitol Building currently occupied by members of the Executive branch.

Mr. Gaudineer suggested that the General Assembly might wish to consider a different procedure for funding the construction of new buildings so that the directions concerning the occupation of the new building would be enacted before the appropriation bill is introduced.

Representative Varley expressed agreement with Senator Kinley's proposal to move into the first floor Department of Agriculture's space and retain it until comparable space on the first floor is available.

It was noted that the Attorney General has offices on two sides of the east quadrant of the building, one side of which will be vacated shortly. Members agreed that the General Assembly, in order to have comparable space to the Department of Agriculture's space, must have both sides of the offices now occupied by the Attorney General. Representative Varley noted that the Clerk of Court's office is ideal for the General Assembly, but the judicial representatives do not want the Office of the Clerk of Court moved.

Senator Kinley suggested that Mr. Gaudineer talk to the Director of General Services, Stan McCausland, with the proposal that the General Assembly will use the two rooms presently occupied by the Department of Agriculture until comparable space can be found for the General Assembly on the first floor. Senator Hill suggested that Mr. McCausland also be informed that the General Assembly desires using the space of the Savings and Loan Division's Office of the State Auditor. Mr. Gaudineer agreed to add that the offices occupied by the Attorney General with Mr. Baringer's private office would be comparable first floor space. Senator Kinley suggested adding the space presently occupied by the Clerk of Court.

The Legislative Service Bureau was directed to prepare a bill draft for the removal of the Savings and Loan Division of the Office of Auditor of State from the Capitol Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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