

M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
of the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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The Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 1979 in the Speakers Conference Room of the State House in Des Moines. Members present for the meeting were:

Senator Calvin O. Hultman, Chairperson
Senator James Briles
Senator Lowell Junkins
Representative John Clark
Representative Roger Halvorson

Also attending the meeting were:

Chief Justice Ward Reynoldson and Justices Mark McCormick
and Robert Albee of the Iowa Supreme Court
Chief Judge Leo Oxberger and Judges Allen Donielson
and Janet Johnson of the Iowa Court of Appeals
Treasurer of State Maurice Baringer
Robert Brammer of the Attorney General's Office
Director Serge Garrison and Phil Burks of the Legislative
Service Bureau
Code Editor Wayne Faupel and Deputy Code Editor Phyllis
Barry
Dr. Michael Wong, a professional planner retained
by the Supreme Court

A number of additional legislative staff and other interested persons were also present.

Senator Hultman noted that the agreement between the General Assembly, the Supreme Court, the Treasurer of State and the Director of General Services which had been concluded in January, 1978 with the assistance of former State Senator Lee Gaudineer has since that time governed the division of available space in the State House between the Executive and Judicial branches of government. He noted that some difficulties, primarily relating to the timing of changes of occupancy in particular areas, are now arising as implementation of this agreement goes forward. He stated that the primary purpose of the present meeting was to discuss these difficulties.

Senator Hultman continued that the leadership of the Legislature has received conflicting information as to when particular offices and agencies are likely to vacate space they currently occupy in the State House. He observed that Director of General Services Stanley McCausland was not present for the current meeting, and

remarked that this is unfortunate since Mr. McCausland is probably the only person who can state with any authority when the moves in question are likely to be made. In response to a question from Senator Hultman, Mr. Garrison reported that the Legislative Service Bureau had on June 6 sent Mr. McCausland a letter requesting that he attend the current meeting, but that when contacted by telephone by Chief Clerk of the House, Dave Wray, Mr. McCausland had indicated that he had received no notice of the meeting and would be unable to attend due to the necessity to prepare for a meeting of the Capitol Planning Commission at 10:00 a.m. on the present date.

Chief Justice Reynoldson then reviewed briefly the major points of the agreement concluded in January, 1978, noting that the disposition of two particular areas within the State House had not been clearly treated by the text of that agreement. One of these areas is on the North side of the West corridor on the ground floor level, next to the present ladies' restroom. The other area is that presently occupied by the office of the Code Editor.

The Chief Justice added that the reason the latter area had not been treated specifically in the January, 1978 agreement is that it was not then anticipated that the Code Editor's office would be transferred from the Judicial to the Legislative branch of government. Chief Justice Reynoldson stressed that neither he nor the Supreme Court as a body has any objection to this transfer, but he explained that it has complicated the implementation of the space allocation agreement because that agreement was drawn on the assumption that the future location of the Code Editor's office would be a matter to be decided internally by the Judicial branch, whereas in fact it is now a matter involving both the Legislative and Judicial branches.

The Chief Justice noted that there had earlier been mailed to members of the Committee detailed information about Dr. Wong's qualifications, and the terms and purpose of his retention by the Judicial branch. At Chief Justice Reynoldson's request, Dr. Wong explained in some detail the proposed space assignment and renovation for the appellate court facilities in the State House, particularly those which it is anticipated will be permanently assigned to the Court of Appeals under the space allocation agreement. Dr. Wong made use of multi-colored drawings of the affected areas of the State House and distributed to Committee members booklets containing similar drawings in black and white and related information. One of these items of information is a specific sequence of steps necessary to implement the proposed plan which had just been described.

At the conclusion of Dr. Wong's presentation, Senator Hultman indicated that he has no specific objection to the sequence of steps described in the booklet which had just been distributed, but reiterated that the timetable involved will be a problem. He

stated there is a need to confirm as soon as possible who will move where, and when. He added that it is therefore his intention to call another meeting of the Legislative Council's Administration Committee and the other persons present for the current meeting, at a time when it will be possible for Director of General Services McCausland to attend, within the near future.

Mr. Faupel stated that the Committee should be aware that serious problems will be created if the Code Editor's office is moved out of the State House. He said that is important for the Governor's Administrative Rules Coordinator and the staff of the Departmental Rules Review Committee to have ready access to the Code Editor's office.

Treasurer Baringer noted that the terms of paragraph 7 of the January, 1978 space allocation agreement acknowledge that when the Treasurer of State vacates the personal office on the first floor of the State House, a need for additional space for that agency may result and states that "space on the ground floor directly under the present Treasurer's office (now denoted as Room 16) shall be the preferred replacement space, if and when it becomes available." Mr. Baringer noted that this is the area now occupied by the the food service line of the Legislative Dining Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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