

M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 14, 1990

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order at 1:35 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 1990, by Chairperson Senator Donald Doyle in Senate Room 20, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa. Members present in addition to Chairperson Doyle were:

Senator Julia Gentleman
Representative Bob Arnould
Representative Florence Buhr
Representative Bill Harbor

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SAFETY DEFICIENCY CORRECTIONS IN LEGISLATIVE AREAS

Chairperson Doyle recognized Mr. Jack Dwyer, Secretary of the Senate, for a report on remodeling work currently being done in legislative areas. Mr. Dwyer stated that in completing the remodeling work currently being done in the Senate chamber, small amounts of asbestos were discovered under the floor of the chamber. Further study also revealed that asbestos was present under the floor of the House chamber. Mr. Dwyer stated that, if approval was given for the removal of the asbestos in the Senate at this time, this work could be completed prior to installation of the new carpet. Mr. Mark Willemsen, Department of General Services, stated that the asbestos removal work could begin immediately through a contractor retained under contract by the Department specifically for work which needs to be done on short notice and which the Department is unable to complete with its own staff.

The Committee approved unanimously a motion recommending that the Legislative Council approve funding for the Department of General Services to provide for certain "life safety" improvements including asbestos removal and reinsulation under the floor of both chambers. The motion also stated that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council be given authority to approve the final agreement for this project. The Department was

directed to work with the administrative officers of both chambers to attempt to have all necessary work completed under one contract in an attempt to minimize the fixed costs associated with each individual contract.

SENATE WIRING

Mr. Dwyer also updated the Committee on the progress of the Senate chamber's wiring needs. He stated that it would be useful for purposes of spreading the electrical load over a series of circuits to place an electrical outlet at each desk with three outlets to a circuit. Mr. Dwyer related problems with the current wiring configuration and stated that increased demands for electricity within the chambers will only increase those problems. The Committee approved a motion recommending that the Legislative Council approve funding for the Department of General Services for the removal and reinstallation of wiring in the Senate chamber for the telephones, voting system, page bells, and microphones, and for placing an electrical outlet at each Senator's desk, with three desks per circuit. The motion also stated that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Council be given authority to approve the final agreement for this project. The cost of this project was estimated by the Department of General Services to be no more than \$33,000.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the Committee, Representative Harbor moved that the Committee adjourn. The motion carried and the Committee adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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