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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

February 22, 1983

The meeting of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the temporary Chairperson, Representative John H. Connors, at 12:10 p.m., Tuesday, February 22, 1983, in the Speaker's Conference Room of the State House, Des Moines. Committee members present, in addition to temporary Chairperson Connors, were:

Senator Donald V. Doyle
Senator Lowell L. Junkins
Representative Dale M. Cochran
Representative Lester D. Menke

Other persons present for the meeting were:

Mr. Jack B. Walters, Director, Department of General Services
Mr. John Drummond, Superintendent, Buildings and Grounds
Division, Department of General Services
Mr. Glen D. Anderson, Chief, Communications Division, Department
of General Services
Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative
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Temporary Chairperson Connors asked for nominations for the position of permanent chairperson of the Committee. Representative Cochran moved the nomination of Representative Connors for permanent chairperson. Senator Doyle moved that nominations cease and that the secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Representative Connors as the permanent chairperson and the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Connors noted that the primary purpose for the meeting today is to review the progress and bids for a fire alarm system for the second and third floors of the State House. Chairman Connors recognized Mr. Walters for a report on the system.

Mr. Walters stated that the request for bids has been sent out and that the bid opening is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 1983. He noted that the project has been planned in two phases with the first phase to be that area of the State House under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly and the second phase of the project would be the basement and first floor of the State House. He noted that a preliminary estimate has been set at \$50,000 but is not sure that this amount of funds will be sufficient. He also noted that he is unaware of how the costs were initially planned to be apportioned between the General Assembly and the administrative branch of government.

Chairman Connors inquired as to whether the agencies pay rental for the space they occupy in the State House or other state complex buildings. Mr. Walters responded in the negative. Senator Doyle inquired as to who has control of that area occupied by the Law Library. Mr. Walters responded that he could not definitively indicate who has control of that area but presumes that the Law Library is controlled by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Walters noted that the entire fire alarm system will be wired into the central control system in the Hoover Building and that there will be some costs for restoration because it will be necessary to drill holes through the walls. Senator Doyle inquired as to whether it would be possible to use the air conditioner ducts for this wiring. Mr. Glen Anderson responded that it is not feasible to use the air conditioning ducts because a separate system has to be used for the fire alarm electrical system in order for that system to meet current building code requirements. Mr. Drummond also noted that there is a need for a separate duct for the wiring for the fire alarm system and noted that one company will be submitting a bid proposing the use of armored cable.

Representative Menke asked whether the \$50,000 cost figure is for the second and third floors only and suggested that the fire alarm system may only need to be placed in the chambers of the two Houses. There was some general discussion regarding the origin of the \$50,000 figure and Chairman Connors requested that Mr. Koebernick provide the background information with regard to the \$50,000 figure at the next meeting of the Administration Committee.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Department of General Services currently intends to interface a detection system with the alarming system to allow early detection of fires as well as warning capability.

Chairman Connors suggested that the Administration Committee meet again next Tuesday and that the Department of General Services could report on bids received to the Committee at that time. The Committee agreed to schedule the next meeting for Tuesday, March 1, 1983 at noon in the Speaker's Conference Room of the State House. (Note: This meeting was subsequently changed to 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 2, 1983, in the Speaker's Conference Room of the State House.) It was also suggested that someone from the Fire Marshal's office and Capitol Security be invited to attend the meeting to provide the Committee with an opportunity to further determine the need and requirements of a fire alarm system on the second and third floors of the State House.

Mr. Drummond also indicated that the \$50,000 figure being used may be somewhat low but said that this determination will be made when the bids are opened on February 24.

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There being no further business, the meeting of the Administration Committee was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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