

M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 11, 1981

The seventh meeting of the 1981-82 Legislative Council was called to order at 1:35 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 1981, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines. Council members attending were:

Senator Calvin O. Hultman, Chairperson
Speaker Delwyn Stromer, Vice Chairperson
Lieutenant Governor Terry Branstad
Senator Gary L. Baugher
Senator James E. Briles
Senator C. Joseph Coleman
Senator C. W. Hutchins
Senator Lowell L. Junkins
Senator William D. Palmer
Senator Richard R. Ramsey
Senator Ray Taylor
Representative Robert T. Anderson
Representative Donald D. Avenson
Representative John H. Clark
Representative Ingwer L. Hansen
Representative Lester B. Menke
Representative Lawrence Pope
Representative Richard W. Welden

Other persons present for the meeting were:

Mr. Stanley McCausland, Director of General Services
Mr. William Dikis, Bussard/Dikis Associates, Ltd.
Dr. Sam W. Grabarski, Executive Director, Iowa Arts Council
Mr. William Angrick, Citizens' Aide
Mr. Gerry Rankin, Legislative Fiscal Director
Mr. Serge Garrison, Director of the Legislative Service Bureau
Mr. Burnette Koebernick, Legislative Service Bureau
Ms. Diane Bolender, Legislative Service Bureau

Also present were a number of other Iowa legislative staff persons, news media representatives, and other interested individuals.

Following roll call, Representative Menke moved that the minutes of the July 8 meeting be approved as distributed to Council members. The motion was adopted.

Senator Coleman moved that the Legislative Council receive the educational leave report, and the motion was adopted.

Chairperson Hultman called for comments from Dr. Grabarski about a letter Dr. Grabarski sent to Chairperson Hultman requesting an opportunity to address the Legislative Council about Chapter 304A of the Code. Dr. Grabarski stated that Chapter 304A of the Code requires that one-half of one percent of the cost of construction on public buildings be expended for fine arts projects. He commented that the Iowa Arts Council is given the authority to coordinate the projects and he has established a statewide advisory committee to assist in the coordination. Dr. Grabarski stated that on October 3, 1979 an Attorney General's opinion was issued which stated that the legislation applies to significant renovations as well as to new construction. Dr. Grabarski stated that he had corresponded with Mr. Bruce Graham, Assistant Chief Clerk and Legal Counsel to the House of Representatives, to discuss whether the renovation project for the first floor of the Capitol is a significant renovation. He commented that Mr. Graham had expressed the belief that the Attorney General's opinion had expanded the intent of the General Assembly in the legislation. Dr. Grabarski stated that he believes that the first floor renovation would be a significant renovation if it were being conducted by an agency of the executive branch of government. Chairperson Hultman thanked Dr. Grabarski for his comments and referred the issue to the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council. He asked the Administration Committee to meet with Dr. Grabarski and bring recommendations back to the Legislative Council.

Chairperson Hultman called for comments from Mr. McCausland about the condition of the stonework on the Capitol. Mr. McCausland stated that he had used remaining capital appropriations of \$10,000 to employ the firm of Bussard/Dikis to assist in employing an architect known for work with renovations of historic buildings. He stated that the firm of Chambers and Chambers of Akron, Ohio was employed and did complete a preliminary investigation of the Capitol. Mr. McCausland expressed the belief that action should be taken to retard the deterioration of the stone for both aesthetic value and safety purposes. He explained that a detailed study of the building and the stonework is necessary to proceed. He asked that the Legislative Council consider appointing a building committee to work with him and the architect. Mr. McCausland called for comments about the preliminary investigation from Mr. Dikis.

Mr. Dikis stated that Mr. Henry Chambers, an historical architect, visited the Capitol on July 13 and 14 and discovered that the foundation stone and the main stone are not deteriorating at the rate that the trim stone is. He indicated that a report from the Superintendent of Buildings, written in 1904, indicated that the stone was deteriorating at that time. Mr. Dikis stated that stabilization of the deterioration is advisable and suggested the following choices:

1. Consolidation of the stone, which is a chemical technique.

2. Repair of the trim stone.
3. Replacement of the trim stone.

Mr. McCausland stated that he will be requesting an additional \$35,000 to \$40,000 from the Executive Council under the performance of duties section of the Code for funding the preliminary design phase, in order to identify the specific problems and make recommended solutions. In response to a question from Representative Menke, Mr. McCausland indicated that the just completed research phase cost approximately \$10,000. Chairperson Hultman asked Mr. McCausland to report back to the Legislative Council about the decision of the Executive Council.

In response to a question from Senator Palmer, Mr. McCausland indicated that the cost of completion of the work could be as high as \$100,000. Senator Palmer moved that the Legislative Council approve the expenditure under section 2.12 of the Code of \$35,000 for completion of the preliminary design phase of the project to curtail deterioration of stonework on the Capitol. He asked that recommendations be presented to the appropriate appropriations subcommittees in January. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairperson Hultman recognized Mr. Angrick who commented upon correspondence to Speaker Stromer, as Chairperson of the Service Committee of the Legislative Council. Speaker Stromer indicated that the Service Committee had not met and he had asked Mr. Angrick to address the Council for his request. Mr. Angrick commented that he has received a letter of resignation from John Spinnato, Legal Analyst, and requests that Ms. Linda Leon Hoffmann, currently employed as a General Deputy, be appointed to the position of Legal Analyst effective August 14, 1981 at Grade 27, Step 3. He also requested permission to advertise the opening of a General Deputy position. In response to a question from Speaker Stromer, Mr. Angrick stated that Ms. Hoffmann is currently employed at Grade 24, Step 2. Mr. Angrick expressed the belief that Ms. Hoffmann should be employed at the Step 3 level which is the step at which Mr. Spinnato was employed. Speaker Stromer moved that Mr. Angrick's requests be approved by the Legislative Council, except that Ms. Hoffmann would temporarily be placed at Grade 27, Step 3, and permanent action would be taken at the September Legislative Council meeting after a review by the Service Committee. Speaker Stromer's motion carried.

Representative Pope presented the report of the Studies Committee, a copy of which is attached and by this reference made a part of these minutes. Representative Pope moved that the proposed membership for each study be approved as well as the approval of the creation of an interim study on city civil service. The motion carried.

Representative Menke asked whether a committee would be appointed to work with Mr. McCausland regarding the deterioration of the stonework on the Capitol. Chairperson Hultman stated that

the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council is instructed to work with Mr. McCausland on the matter.

Chairperson Hultman asked to delay setting a date for the next meeting of the Legislative Council until the Block Grants Committee has met with members of task forces from the executive branch since the persons with whom the Committee is meeting will have more definite information about legislative action needed on the block grants. The Legislative Council agreed.

The Legislative Council was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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