

M I N U T E S

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 9, 1978

Representative James Middlewart and Senator Eugene Hill, members of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council, met informally with Mr. Stanley McCausland at 9:25 a.m., August 9, 1978 in Committee Room 22, State House, Des Moines to discuss Mr. McCausland's recommendations concerning the remodeling of designated legislative space on the first floor of the State House, presently occupied by staff of the Attorney General and the Treasurer of State. Representative Andrew Varley arrived at 9:50 a.m. Also present were Chief Clerk David Wray, Acting Secretary of the Senate Kevin P. Light, Thane R. Johnson, Senior Research Analyst, Legislative Service Bureau, other legislative staff, and interested persons.

Following introductory remarks by Chief Clerk Wray, Mr. McCausland stated that the purpose of his meeting with the Committee is to discuss plans for the remodeling of the space presently occupied by the Attorney General and the Treasurer of State of the first floor of the southeast quadrant of the State House. He stated that one of his recommendations is the proposed legislative space in the southeast quadrant be remodeled in conjunction with remodeling of the areas occupied by the Executive Offices. He stated that the capabilities exist to provide chilled water air conditioning for the State House and that future plans call for implementing this system on a quadrant-by-quadrant basis. He added that in his opinion, the cost of remodeling and air conditioning individual areas of the State House on a piece meal basis would be more expensive than phasing in these improvements on a quadrant-by-quadrant basis. He stated that he is requesting that the Legislative Council participate in the remodeling by paying a proportional cost of the southeast quadrant project.

Concerning the remodeling of the Court of Appeal space presently being utilized by the General Assembly, he stated that he plans to request from the Executive Council funding under his "performance of duty" authority to prepare plans for remodeling the area. Following completion of the architectural plans, he stated that he hopes that the General Assembly will give early consideration to an appropriation to complete the actual remodeling.

In reply to a question by Senator Eugene Hill, Mr. McCausland stated that he believes there is precedent and authority to use the "performance of duty" authority for planning costs for the Executive Department, but this authority would not extend to

the Legislative Department. He added that a rough estimation of the total project cost for the remodeling for the Court of Appeal area is between \$200,000 and \$400,000. He added that planning costs would probably would be less than \$100,000.

In reply to a question by Representative Middleswart, Mr. McCausland stated that no remodeling plans have been completed for Court of Appeal area because no funds were appropriated by the General Assembly and that he has not had time since July first to prepare a proposal for approval of the Executive Council.

There being no quorum to receive Mr. McCausland's report and make recommendations to the Legislative Council, Representative Middleswart requested Mr. McCausland to personally attend the Legislative Council meeting and make his recommendations directly to the Council.

The informal meeting was concluded at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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