

M I N U T E S

SPACE COMMITTEE

September 22, 1983

The meeting of the Space Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Lowell L. Junkins, at 9:27 a.m., Thursday, September 22, 1983, in Committee Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present, in addition to Chairman Junkins, were:

Senator Calvin O. Hultman  
Representative John H. Connors  
Representative Betty Hoffman-Bright

Also present were:

Mr. Serge H. Garrison, Director, Legislative Service Bureau  
Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative Service Bureau  
Mr. Gregg Barcus, Executive Assistant to the Auditor of State  
Ms. Liz Isaacson, Assistant Chief Clerk of the House  
Mr. Dick Hansen, Hansen Lind Meyer, P.C.  
Mr. Jack Walters, Director of the Department of General Services  
Mr. Dennis Prouty, Director, Legislative Fiscal Bureau  
Mr. Tim Waddell, Administrative Assistant to the Senate Majority Leader  
Mr. Greg Nichols, Caucus Staff Director to the Majority Party of the Senate  
Mr. John Goeldner, Public Information Officer  
Mr. Joseph O'Hern, Chief Clerk of the House  
Ms. K. Marie Thayer, Secretary of the Senate  
Mr. Mike Tramantino, Deputy Treasurer of State  
Mr. Steve MacKenzie, Hansen Lind Meyer, P.C.

Chairman Junkins asked whether there are any corrections or additions to the August 29, 1983 minutes of the Space Committee. Representative Connors moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Senator Hultman and adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Junkins recognized Mr. Jack Walters, Director of the Department of General Services, regarding the Capitol Space Study Report prepared by Hansen Lind Meyer, P.C. Mr. Walters noted that the Capitol Space Study Report has been prepared and distributed to the Capitol Planning Commission which unanimously endorsed option B-1 of the study. He pointed out that the cost of this option will be approximately \$5.8 million and provides for the construction of an underground two story structure just to the east side of the State House. Mr. Walters suggested that Mr. Steve MacKenzie review the alternatives provided in the Capitol Space Study Report. A

copy of the Report is on file in the offices of the Legislative Service Bureau.

Mr. Steve MacKenzie reviewed option A and option A-1 for the Committee. Option A provides for relocation of the offices of the Treasurer of State and Auditor of State to the first floor of the Lucas Building and utilizing vacated space in the State House for additional legislative meeting rooms and legislative office space. As a byproduct of this move, enough additional space is freed up within the State House to allow the consolidation of the operations of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau in the State House and to alleviate various other legislative office space constraints. In the process of accommodating the offices of the Treasurer of State and Auditor of State on the first floor of the Lucas Building, a so-called "domino" effect is created which entails additional space shifts within the Lucas State Office Building and to some other office facility. This "domino" effect is necessary to properly accomplish the desired results. Option A-1 is identical to option A, with the exception being a shift of the offices of the Treasurer of State and Auditor of State to the fourth floor of the Lucas State Office Building instead of the first floor. The net effect of this change is an apparent lessening of the so-called "domino" effect, in that the Lucas State Office Building fourth floor is currently vacant.

Senator Hultman requested Mr. Walters to review the impact of the shifting of agencies in the Lucas State Office Building. Mr. Walters responded that the offices currently occupied by the State Department of Transportation in the Lucas State Office Building could be shifted to their quarters on Second Avenue which is currently anticipated in DOT's long-range plan. He noted that the Commerce Commission which currently has offices on the second and fifth floor and the Department of Health which has offices on the second and third floor could be consolidated on the fourth floor of the Lucas State Office Building.

Mr. MacKenzie noted that option B provides for new space east of and adjacent to the State House and one level below the existing ground floor. This new space would fully accommodate the Fiscal Bureau and Service Bureau and provide new meeting rooms and legislative office space. Two new elevators would be provided within the Capitol Building to facilitate movement between the new and existing facilities. Vacated space within the State House would be used to provide additional legislative office space and relieve other support functions. He pointed out that option B-1 is identical to option B, with the exceptions being the removal of the mezzanine spaces and the construction of additional new space to provide more legislative office space for those persons who currently have no office but only a desk on the chamber floor.

Mr. Garrison inquired as to whether the plan provides for common work areas to accommodate common functions of legislative agencies in order to avoid duplication. Mr. Dick Hansen responded in the affirmative. Senator Hultman inquired as to what level of funding would be required for the next fiscal year. Mr. Walters responded that approximately \$1 million would be necessary to begin the design functions for the projects. Senator Hultman asked whether the Department of General Services has looked into the inflationary construction costs for the projects. Mr. Hansen noted that construction costs have evened out or have declined over the period of the recession and that the projections provide for a six percent increase in construction costs.

Mr. Walters noted that the current working conditions in the State House for the General Assembly and its support staff can be classified as a disgrace and that it is necessary to look at the long-term needs for the General Assembly to operate in a most efficient manner.

Chairman Junkins called for a five minute recess at 10:20 a.m. and the meeting of the Committee was reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Representative Connors inquired as to whether there is a possibility of an expansion for parking to the east of the State House. Mr. Walters responded in the affirmative noting that parking could be provided underground. Representative Hoffman-Bright asked the Director of General Services to itemize the current building code violations which exist in the State House. Mr. Walters noted that there are certainly fire code violations existing in the State House at the current time. He also pointed out that there is a problem of access for the handicapped to all portions of the State House.

Chairman Junkins suggested that Mr. Walters review a list of all of the deficiencies in the State House with persons in his department, the Department of Public Safety, and the Bureau of Labor and suggested that this list of building code violations be presented to the Committee at its next meeting. Representative Hoffman-Bright moved that Mr. Walters be requested to compile this list for presentation to the next Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative Connors and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Senator Hultman suggested that in its report to the Legislative Council and the General Assembly, that the Space Committee recommend the improvements when funds are available and suggested that the various phases of the project be itemized so that the General Assembly may appropriate funds from year to year for specific portions of the project until it is completed.

Senator Hultman moved that the Space Committee recommend to the Legislative Council option B-1 when funds are available. The motion was seconded by Representative Connors and adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Garrison inquired as to any recommendations the Space Committee may have with regard to relocating the Public Information Office. There was general discussion by the members of the Committee but no action taken regarding identification of space in the State House.

Chairman Junkins suggested that the next meeting of the Space Committee be scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on the date selected for the next Legislative Council meeting.

Representative Hoffman-Bright moved that the Committee be adjourned. There being no further business, the motion was seconded by Representative Connors and adopted unanimously on a voice vote and adjournment was had at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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