

R E P O R T
OF THE SPACE COMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 29, 1983

The Space Committee of the Legislative Council held its first meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 1983, in Senate Room 22, State House, Des Moines. The Committee identified three problem areas regarding legislative space needs including inadequate meeting rooms, inadequate facilities for legislative staff and other support equipment, and future space needs for computer hardware and added staff functions. Except for Rooms 116 and 118, the legislative committee rooms have one or more of the following deficiencies: inadequate size, public access difficulties, access obstacles for handicapped persons, fire safety hazards, and accoustical and traffic flow problems. Concerning legislative staff and support problems, there is no permanent location for the Public Information Office; heat and humidity cause mechanical problems for the legislative copy center; Fiscal Bureau staff are housed in three separate locations; and size and safety problems exist for the work areas of legislators and House and Senate staff.

Having identified and discussed the legislative space needs, the Committee agreed to proceed as follows:

1. Request the Department of General Services to provide a current inventory of space available in the Capitol Complex.
2. Request the Department of General Services to prepare a cost estimate of updating the 1977 Capitol Space Study and the 1976 Capitol Heating and Ventilation Study.
3. Request the Department of General Services to study the feasibility of acquiring additional space through lease-purchase arrangements and the phase-in of a long-term capital construction of the Capitol Complex.
4. Establish communication with the Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, and the Governor concerning options for moving all or part of the staffs of the Auditor of State and the Treasurer of State to other office space outside the State House.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman