

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES AND FACILITIES
COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee met on November 2, 1971. Members present were Speaker of the House, Representative William H. Harbor, Representative Dale Cochran, Representative Nathan Sorg, Senator James Briles, and Senator Eugene Hill.

The first order of business was the opening of bids for remodeling of the Fiscal Director's office and adjoining areas. Ten bids were received. Mr. Frank Bunker, architect for the project, read the bids and they were tabulated by all persons present, including all bidders. It was agreed by the Committee that final action on the bids would not be taken by the Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee, since final action on the bids would be within the jurisdiction of the Legislative Council. It was agreed that the Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee would open and tabulate the bids and submit them to the Legislative Council. Mr. Frank Bunker was asked to be present for the meeting of the Legislative Council. It was agreed that Mr. Bunker would present his tabulation of the bids, as submitted to the Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee, to the Legislative Council. The tabulation is being submitted on a separate document.

The Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee recommends that the Legislative Council consider the total bids submitted, and the time element involved in completion of the project since it appears that the total project cannot be completed in time for the commencement of the next session of the General Assembly and there should be no disruption of the Fiscal Director's functions nor the functions of the General Assembly.

The Committee next considered the adoption of deadline procedures for the General Assembly as reflected in House File 57 which is a special order for consideration by the House of Representatives on the second Tuesday of the second session of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly. The Committee discussed at length the deadlines established by House File 57, and in conjunction with their consideration studied deadline procedures as contained in the Oklahoma Rules and the North Dakota Rules. The Committee is of the opinion that each member should study the bill at length and develop questions and viewpoints in regard to such deadline procedures for the next meeting of the Committee. At such time the Committee will make its recommendations in regard to deadline procedures.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of split sessions, and the size, membership, meeting frequency, and numbers of standing committees. It is the opinion of the Committee that the latter items must be considered in conjunction with deadline procedures since each item appears to have an effect upon each other item.

The Committee discussed the staffing for leadership positions and standing committees and also discussed the Hawaii short form bill.

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The Committee discussed legislative compensation and in such regard recommends that the Legislative Council consider the possibility of the creation of a citizens' commission, commonly known as legislative compensation commissions, to recommend legislative compensation levels for consideration and action by the General Assembly in the future. The Committee asked the Legislative Service Bureau to gather information in regard to the operation of legislative compensation commissions functioning in other states for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted
Speaker William H. Harbor,
Chairman