

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

May 22, 1991

The Service Committee of the Legislative Council met on May 22, 1991. The meeting was called to order by Senator Joseph J. Welsh, Chairperson, at 10:58 a.m. in Room 22 of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Service Committee respectfully submits to the Legislative Council the following report and recommendations:

1. The Service Committee received and filed a personnel report from the Office of Citizen's Aide/Ombudsman.
2. The Service Committee received and filed a personnel report from the Computer Support Bureau.
3. The Service Committee received and filed a personnel report from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.
4. The Service Committee received and filed a personnel report from the Legislative Service Bureau.
5. The Service Committee received and filed information from the Computer Support Bureau relating to a proposed processor upgrade for the legislative computer system. A copy of the proposal is attached to this report. A subcommittee was appointed to negotiate with Unisys as to the total proposed cost of the upgrade. The members of the subcommittee are Senator Joseph J. Welsh, Senator Jack Rife, Representative Harold Van Maanen, and Representative Kay Chapman.
6. The Service Committee received and filed information relating to possible redistricting assistance from the Legislative Service Bureau to counties, cities, and school districts.

The following recently hired employees of the Central Legislative Staff Agencies were introduced to the members of the Service Committee:

1. **Judi Stageberg**, Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.
2. **Kathy Hanlon**, Legislative Service Bureau.
3. **Neal Baedke**, Legislative Service Bureau

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR JOSEPH J. WELSH
Chairperson

STATE OF IOWA
LEGISLATIVE COMPUTER SYSTEM
PROPOSAL FOR PROCESSOR UPGRADE

Present:

- 1 - Current Processor is being phased out by Unisys for software upgrades and maintenance.
- 2 - Current maintenance costs are being increased due to age of current equipment and the new developed technology.
- 3 - Current long-term software lease agreement will expire. Cost advantage of current long-term agreements will not be able to be renegotiated.
- 4 - Current front-end processor will not support all current software and new connections.

Proposal:

- 1 - Proposed upgrade will provide direct PC support and programming capabilities with mainframe. Users will be able to create graphical environment on the mainframe with the PC environment.
- 2 - Proposed upgrade will provide increased communications speed between mainframe and PC interfaces.
- 3 - Proposed upgrade will increase throughput in part due to using large scale integration. LSB and LFB will realize less processing time for all production runs.
- 4 - Proposed upgrade will reduce over-all maintenance costs and environmental cost.
- 5 - Proposed upgrade will support two-way communications with Executive Branch (including the Regents).

Total outright proposed upgrade cost \$1,713,000

Assuming 5 year lease/purchase plan:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Existing System	\$278,000	\$393,900	\$444,400
Proposed Upgrade	<u>\$451,200</u>	<u>\$445,500</u>	<u>\$446,500</u>
Net Difference	\$173,200	\$ 52,600	\$ 2,100

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