

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 30, 1985

The Administration Committee met on April 3, 1985 and May 30, 1985 to review the status of the Capitol Nurse Station and the availability of medical coverage for the Capitol Complex. The Committee met with representatives of the State Department of Health, the Iowa Medical Society, and the Board of Pharmacy Examiners to discuss what services and medication can be made available through the Capitol Nurse Station by volunteer physicians. The Committee was informed that without at least a part-time physician being in charge of the Nurse Station, Ms. Virginia Moore, R.N., cannot keep nor dispense medications. In effect, the Capitol Nurse Station is a first aid station. Ms. Moore refers requests for medical assistance to the Family Practice Group at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. The Committee was also informed that it would be impractical to try to transfer responsibility for necessary prescription drugs daily from one volunteer physician to another.

At its May 30th meeting, the Committee discussed four options submitted by the State Department of Health to provide medical coverage for the Capitol Complex and discussed parking problems for Legislative Council members. The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the State Department of Health enter into a contract with Des Moines General Hospital to provide without cost to the state a physician for two hour coverage (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.) five days per week in the Capitol with telephone coverage during routine daily working hours during the legislative session and one hour coverage (8:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m.) five days per week in the Capitol with telephone coverage during routine working hours during the period between legislative sessions.

2. That the State Department of Health provide necessary medical supplies and equipment within its budget for that purpose for the Capitol Nurse Station.

3. That a reserved parking place be maintained for the physician provided by Des Moines General Hospital.

4. That the Department of General Services is requested to reserve twenty parking spaces in the legislative parking lot on meeting days of the Legislative Council and that the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau is to inform the Department of the dates of Legislative Council meetings.

The Administration Committee also deferred action on the doctor of the day program agreeing that further discussions and evaluations of this program are required.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR DONALD V. DOYLE, Chairman