

R E P O R T

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The Legislative Council's Administration Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 6, in the Speaker's Conference Room, with Director of General Services Stanley McCausland, Chief Justice Ward Reynoldson and other members of the Iowa Supreme Court and Iowa Court of Appeals, Treasurer of State Maurice Baringer, Mr. Robert Brammer, representing the Attorney General's office, Code Editor Wayne Faupel and Deputy Phyllis Barry, Chief Clerk of the House Dave Wray and Secretary of the Senate Frank Stork, as well as a number of other interested persons. Plans for reassignment and renovation of space in the State House during the balance of the current calendar year were discussed.

Mr. McCausland stated that all of the fixtures and equipment needed to allow occupancy of the new Hoover Office Building are now on hand. Accordingly, it is anticipated that both the portion of the Secretary of State's staff now housed on the ground floor of the Capitol and the Attorney General's office will shortly begin moving into the Hoover Building. It is hoped that these moves can be completed by early August, and Mr. McCausland said that without question they can be completed by Labor Day.

Present plans call for retention of the Women's Rest Room on the north side of the west ground floor corridor, nearest the west (loading dock) door. The area next to the Women's Rest Room, now occupied by the Secretary of State, will become the new State House mail room, and another room on the north side of the west corridor, nearest the present cafeteria area, will become a press room. The balance of the area now occupied by the Secretary of State on the ground floor is to be turned over to the Judicial Branch in due course, to be used as the new quarters of the Supreme Court Clerk, however Mr. McCausland indicated he has agreed to assign this space for use by the Governor's Economy Committee until it completes its work, probably in October or November. Neither the planned press room nor the temporary use of the remainder of the ground floor area now occupied by the Secretary of State are contemplated by the January, 1978 space allocation agreement to which the Legislative and Judicial branches, Mr. McCausland and Treasurer Baringer are parties.

A related problem concerns plans for renovating existing air conditioning arrangements so that the ground and first floor areas of the northeast and southeast Capitol Building quadrants are tied into the Capitol Complex chilled water loop, and are properly air conditioned with respect to the new uses and arrangements of these spaces.

Under the procedures which Mr. McCausland has assumed should be followed, a high proportion of the anticipated cost of this project would be allocated to the Judicial Branch, since that Branch will occupy much of the space to be served. If this arrangement were followed under existing circumstances, the funds appropriated to the courts for renovation of their assigned areas in the Capitol would be almost entirely used for this purpose alone.

Since it will not be possible to take bids on the proposed air conditioning work much if any before January 1, 1980 in any case, and since a part of the areas in the building to be served are occupied or to be occupied by the General Assembly, it is recommended by the Administration Committee that the Legislative Council underwrite the cost of planning for this system pursuant to its authority under section 2.43 of the Code to expend money to make preparations for the next session of the Legislature. An appropriation can then be made by the 1980 Session for the actual cost of the system, and work can begin expeditiously on the planning for the system.

It is also recommended that the remainder of the space in the Legislative Fiscal Director's Conference Room, used during the 1979 Session as a committee meeting room, be assigned to the Legislative Fiscal Director for use by the Program Evaluation Division of the Fiscal Bureau, and that as this assignment will result in the loss of a committee room, the new committee rooms on the first floor each be considered joint committee rooms.

Chief Clerk Wray and Senate Secretary Stork have been asked to determine what steps will be necessary to permit use of the ground floor areas now occupied by the Attorney General, and also by Treasurer Baringer's private office, as legislative committee rooms during the 1980 Session.

A subcommittee of the Administration Committee, composed of Representative John Clark as Chairperson, and Senators Briles and Junkins, has been appointed to consider and make a recommendation with respect to the relocation of the office of the Code Editor, which is now housed in part of the area to be used by the new Judicial Branch offices and chambers.

Mr. McCausland reported that the cost of installing five Pyro-Exit fire escape units for the upper floors of the Capitol Building will be \$59,700. He has been asked to report to the Legislative Council on this matter.