

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE

to the

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 14, 1984

The Subcommittee of the Administration Committee appointed to determine the feasibility of establishing a legislative public information desk accessible to the public met today, August 14, 1984. The Subcommittee consists of Representative Connors, Chairman; Senator Doyle and Representative Menke.

The Subcommittee believes that the establishment of a public information desk in an area more visible to the public would not accomplish desired results. Such a desk would require bill books, micro fiche equipment, computer terminals, and similar source material to enable public information personnel to answer questions normally asked. A separate desk area would also split the public information staff. Because of the lack of space and the splitting of the staff, the Subcommittee does not recommend establishing a public information desk.

The Subcommittee believes that the present space that the public information office occupies in the legislative dining room is not adequate because it takes space from the dining room, and public information staff and persons occupying the legislative dining room, such as an appropriation subcommittee, disturb each other. Furthermore this space is not visible to the public.

The Subcommittee considered several areas in the capitol building as possible sites for the public information office and recommends that the Legislative Council consult with the Governor's office about the possibility of using space presently occupied by the Executive Council secretary. This space is now a one person office, is accessible to the public, is visible, and while not abundantly large can accommodate the three persons and equipment required for the public information office. This location would not disrupt very many people as would other possible sites.

If the present Executive Council secretary can be located within the office complex occupied by the governor's staff or comptroller's staff without substantial inconvenience, the space occupied by that person would provide permanent and useful space for the public information staff.