

# **REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**December 12, 2000**

The Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council met on December 12, 2000, in the Senate Committee Room 24 of the State Capitol and makes the following report and recommendation:

1. The Committee heard presentations regarding the following:
  - ◆ An update regarding the planned renovation of the Senate and House Chambers including new electrical and telephone wiring, lighting, fire detection and sprinkler systems, and plaster and paint repair.
  - ◆ A progress report on the proposed parking structure to be located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Grand Avenue.
  - ◆ A progress report on the proposed Department of Public Safety building.
  - ◆ A report on employee office space vacated in the House as a result of air quality tests.
  
2. The Committee recommends the adoption of the attached resolution assigning all of the space in the Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building (also referred to as the old Historical Building) for the use of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Chuck Gipp  
Chairperson

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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A Legislative Council Resolution relating to the space needs of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council and the General Assembly have been involved in the assessment of the space needs of the General Assembly as the restoration of the Capitol has moved toward completion; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council is greatly concerned with the life and health safety issues which affect legislative employees in their current environment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council established the Capital Projects Work Group on May 21, 1997 to coordinate and direct the Council's efforts in determining an appropriate and responsible course of action to assure the safety of the General Assembly's employees and to provide adequate space for the efficient operation of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council, through the Capital Projects Committee and the Capital Projects Work Group, has considered and evaluated many options in an effort to determine such appropriate and responsible course of action; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council, pursuant to Iowa Code section 2.43, is vested with the authority and responsibility to assign certain areas in the Capitol and the authority to assign areas in other state office buildings for use of the General Assembly or legislative agencies; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, That the Legislative Council, pursuant to Iowa Code section 2.43, hereby assigns all of the space in the Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building (also known as the Old Historical Building) to the

General Assembly for the use of the General Assembly and its various legislative agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislative Council hereby gives notice to the Department of General Services and the Capitol Planning Commission of the assignment of the Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building for the use of the General Assembly, and that the Department, pursuant to Iowa Code section 18.8, should immediately begin planning to accommodate any other state agency or office currently or proposed by the Department to be located in that Building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislative Council shall appoint a committee to make recommendations, subject to the approval of the Council, concerning the relocation of legislative personnel to the Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building and the reassignment of legislative space in the Capitol; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislative Council intends to coordinate and direct the planning of the use and programming of space in the Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building.