

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 30, 1999

The Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council met on June 30, 1999, in Room 118 of the State Capitol and makes the following report and recommendation:

1. The Committee heard presentations regarding the following:
 - a. The proposed location of the Iowa Hall of Pride and the development of the area approaching the Capitol beginning at the new State Historical Building. The Committee requested that the architecture engineering firm of Brooks Borg Skiles that developed the proposal review other potential sites for the Hall of Pride and prepare a presentation for the Committee associated with such review and the Iowa Capitol Complex Master Plan developed by that firm. Presentation by William Anderson and Brad Hartman, Brooks Borg Skiles.
 - b. Progress on the Capitol restoration work. Presentation by Mark Willemsen.
2. The Committee discussed the issue of Capitol space options associated with the location of staff which may be displaced if mezzanine levels are removed as part of the interior restoration work.

3. The Committee makes the following recommendation:

That the Capital Projects Committee conduct two meeting days for the purpose of reviewing and disseminating information and discussing proposals associated with the space requirements and needs of the Legislature and legislative staff as a result of proposed interior renovation. The Committee anticipates that one meeting day will be used for the purpose of gathering and reviewing information associated with Americans with Disabilities Act issues, fire and life safety issues, alternatives reviewed by the Capital Projects Work Group, and the general functions and use of the Capitol; and that one meeting day will be used to follow-up on any outstanding issues raised at the first meeting and for the possible development of a recommendation to be presented to the Legislative Council regarding Capitol space usage and needs and possible solutions associated with such usage and needs.

It is also the intent of the Committee that an invitation be extended to all legislators to attend the deliberations of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Chuck Gipp
Chairperson