REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 5, 1979

The Legislative Fiscal Committee met in Room 22, September 5, 1979. Members present were:

Representative Richard Welden, Co-chairperson Senator John Murray, Co-chairperson Senator William Palmer Senator Ray Taylor Representative Gregory Cusack Representative Roger Halvorson Representative James West

Thom Freyer introduced new members of the staff and then presented an up date on program evaluation. His presentation included forms which will be used in program evaluation.

The Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, Representative Welden, appointed a subcommittee consisting of Senator William Palmer and Representative James West to meet with the director of the Fiscal Bureau and the State Comptroller concerning the Legislative Computer Information System. That committee and the Fiscal Director had met with the State Comptroller and reported to the Fiscal Committee that a plan has been worked out whereby a data base management system would be procured and a computer information system established using staff personnel rather than a consultant. The Fiscal Committee discussed the proposal and at the suggestion of the subcommittee, Representative Halvorson made the following motion:

That the Chairman appoint a subcommittee to study the membership and duties of the Fiscal Committee and to make a recommendation changing that membership to include representation of the Ways and Means Committee and to broaden the duties to include legislative management of the computer information system. (The objective of the motion is to have a group from the Legislature representing the legislative point of view on what should be included in the data base to benefit legislative committees.)

The motion passed unanimously.