

SPACE AGE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE SENATE

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS I HAVE BEEN ANALYZING THE PRESSING SPACE NEEDS OF THE SENATE AREA AND HOW THOSE NEEDS CAN BE EASILY MET, AS I SEE THEM, WITHOUT SERIOUS REMODELING CHANGES. FIRST, LET ME LIST THE MOST URGENT NEEDS, AS I SEE THEM. AS YOU READ THEM, I AM SURE SOME OF YOU WILL FEEL THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN PRIORITIES; BUT I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THAT ALL OF THEM ARE PRESSING NEEDS.

THE NEEDS:

1. A SENATE "RESTING" OR LOUNGE AREA RESERVED FOR THE USE OF THE SENATORS ONLY, WHERE THEY CAN HAVE A FEW MINUTES OF RELAXATION WITHOUT THE PRESSURES OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
2. AN AREA ADEQUATE IN SIZE FOR LARGE HEARINGS AND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.
3. AN OFFICE FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE THAT IS LARGE ENOUGH TO PERMIT YOUR SECRETARY TO HAVE A PRIVATE OFFICE WITHIN THE LARGER OFFICE.
4. A TYPING ROOM FOR THE SECRETARIES PROVIDING MORE SPACE FOR EACH TYPING DESK, ELECTRIC OUTLETS, AND MORE FILE SPACE FOR THE SENATORS.

THE REMEDIES:

1. SENATE LOUNGE - ROOM #22, APPROPRIATELY CARPETED, DRAPED AND FURNISHED.

2. PUT A SECOND FLOOR IN ROOM #22 SO THAT THE COMMITTEE ROOM SPACE WILL NOT BE LOST.

3. MAKE THE SOUTH GALLERY INTO A LARGE HEARING ROOM BY CLOSING THAT AREA OFF FROM THE CHAMBER, PUTTING IN A LEVEL FLOOR, AND MAKING THE RESULTING 105 BY 28 FOOT SPACE INTO TWO LARGE ROOMS. ONE OF THESE WOULD ACCOMMODATE A MEETING OF 200 PEOPLE. THE OTHER COULD BE USED AS A PERMANENT TYPING ROOM. THE NEW WALL IN THE FRONT OF THE SENATE CHAMBER COULD BE APPROPRIATELY DECORATED TO BLEND IN WITH THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE PRESENT SENATE CHAMBER.

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