

The Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee recommends to the Legislative Council that further study be continued by the Committee and the Council to determine possible improvements in the following legislative procedures:

1. The number of working days per week for the General Assembly, including the feasibility of meeting fewer than five days per week.
2. Possible rules changes concerning the process of amending bills.
3. Possible improvements of the committee system.

It is the viewpoint of the Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee that the three areas enumerated are interrelated and dependent to a degree upon improvements or changes being made within each subject area.

The Legislative Procedures and Facilities Committee is also of the opinion that possible changes in the bill drafting system and the application of data processing techniques to bill drafting should continue to be studied in order that timely bill drafts can be prepared for the next legislative session, a new Code of Iowa can be available for the next session, and that the printing of the Code of Iowa can be done in a shorter period of time and at less expense in the future.

PROGRESS REPORT -- HOUSE CHAMBER REMODELING

June 10, 1970

William R. Kendrick, Chief Clerk

1. We have taken three bids on carpet.
 - a. Storey-Kenworthy Co., 309 Locust St., Des Moines
 - b. Younkens, 7th and Walnut, Des Moines
 - c. Hammer Carpet, 2212 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines
2. We have taken two bids on window drapery.
 - a. Storey-Kenworthy Co.
 - b. Younkens
3. The contract for the lower half of the House Chamber windows was awarded to the low bidder -- Arthur H. Neumann and Brothers, Inc., 514 Hubbell Building, Des Moines, for a price of \$3,000.00. This work has been started.
4. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Dwight Harvey, representative for the Prison Industries, Fort Madison, to send 100 members' desks and file cabinets to the penitentiary for refinishing. Time element involved.
5. The wiring and electrical contract, including the voting machine, has been awarded to Johnson Electric Company, 2116 Valley Drive, Des Moines. Representative for the company is Art Johnson. Walter Callison is the voting machine consultant.
6. The public address system, including repairing and new microphones where needed, has been awarded to AudioCom, 2715 Harding Road, Des Moines. Representative for the company is C. J. "Van" Vanderlinden. Mr. Vanderlinden has submitted three bids on equipment.
7. We have made arrangements to have the acoustical problems checked in the House Chamber. A preliminary report reveals that the glass paneling in the rear of the Chamber and possibly the glass paneling in the front of the Chamber will either have to be draped or covered with some form of decorative material. Prices are being checked at this time.
8. We have investigated the possibility of air-conditioning the House and Senate Chambers. Frank Pulley Associates, Engineers, 512 Security Building, Des Moines, has made an estimate of \$98,000.00 for two units, totaling 162 tons of cooling capacity. Pulley's have the contract for laying out plans to air-condition the entire statehouse complex. This estimate of \$98,000.00 seems to me to be rather high. The cost of maintaining the air-conditioning equipment for the House and Senate is estimated to run 20¢ per square foot of space for electricity, labor, etc.



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STATE OF IOWA
Sixty-Third General Assembly
STATE HOUSE
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
June 8, 1970

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Iowa Legislative Council
Senator Elmer F. Lange, Chairman
Statehouse
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Senator Lange and members of the Council:

When the Medicaid Study Committee submitted its report, one of the recommendations contained therein was that a select legislative committee be appointed to continue surveillance of the Medicaid program. This recommendation was embodied in House Concurrent Resolution 143 which passed the house on April 13, 1970. It is my understanding that the Senate did not take action on this resolution.

The reason that the committee made this particular recommendation was the belief that the presence of a legislative inquiry had a salutary effect on the operation of the program. This was expressed in a steady decline in the total monthly costs of the Medicaid program. Although it is difficult to analyze the cause and effect relationship, still the statistics show a definite correlation, and the members of the study committee who were most closely associated with the program had the impression that the relationship did exist.

Today I have received current reports of the expenditures under the Title XIX program. These indicate that since the committee ceased to exist (March 1, 1970) there has been a sharp increase in costs under Medicaid. Specifically, the latest figures which are for the month of April show that spending has jumped to \$2,451,215.45 from the figure of \$1,779,815.75 which represent the February expenditures. I'm sure you will agree that this is a very substantial increase and one that should give us concern.

It is in the scope of the Legislative Council to establish a legislative committee charged with further observation of the Medicaid program. I urge you to examine House Concurrent Resolution 143 and to consider the establishment of such a Select Legislative Committee on Medicaid.

If I can be of any assistance in providing information relative to this request, I will be most happy to do so and to cooperate in any manner you may desire.

Sincerely,

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Representative of Linn County