

R U L E S

THE 1975-1977 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

1. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.
2. Not less than eleven affirmative votes are required for final action on any motion except a motion to recess or adjourn.
3. Whenever Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure does not conflict with the rules specifically adopted by the Council, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the deliberations of the Council.
4. Meetings shall be set by motion before adjournment, or by call of the Chairman of the Council with the approval of the Vice Chairman if meetings are necessary before the date set in the motion.
5. Rules may be changed by a majority vote of the Council as provided in Rule 2.
6. The Council upon its motion may create committees in addition to those provided by statute to carry out its duties and shall designate the members of such committees. The committees shall include members of both political parties. The actions of the committees shall be reported to the Council at each meeting.

In addition, the Chairman and Vice Chairman may suggest to the Council the membership and chairman of study committees authorized.

The chairmen of standing committees shall recommend to the Legislative Council the membership of joint subcommittees of their standing committees.

All appointments suggested to the Council under this Rule shall be approved as provided in Rule 2.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STATE CAPITOL DES MOINES, IOWA 50319

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CHIEF CLERK

To: Members of the Legislative Council

In re: House Remodeling

The shortage of legislative office space has been apparent for some time. The situation in the House is especially critical because the House chambers occupy most of the available area, whereas the Senate has additional space behind the Senate chambers both on the second and third floors.

This lack of space has put the staff of the Chief Clerk in a perilous situation. The technical staff of the Chief Clerk is the same size as it was in 1967, the session before annual sessions were begun. Since 1967, however, great changes have been made in Iowa's legislative process. However, space limitations have not permitted an increase in staff to handle the ever broadening responsibilities.

There were 900 proposed amendments in 1973, the first year amendments were numbered, and 1370 during the 1975 session. In addition, there have been more bills introduced and a generally greater work load since annual sessions were instituted. This resulted in over 700 hours of overtime by the technical staff of the Chief Clerk. Further, the space which the staff presently utilizes, 1188 square feet, is far too small.

An additional consideration is the lack of meeting space. The House has only two meeting rooms, which are not adequate to handle the number of meetings required for subcommittees and standing committees.

Therefore more space must be found. Double decking is the only available answer in the present situation.

Sincerely,

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