

August 5, 1970

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Honorable Elmer F. Lange  
State Senator and Chairman,  
Iowa Legislative Council  
BUILDING

RE: Electrical Wiring -  
Capitol Building.

Dear Senator Lange:

Forwarded herewith is a copy of the letter received from William F. Gall, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings and Grounds, written in response to the request made by this office in our letter of July 28, 1970, wherein the Executive Council, in meeting held July 27, 1970, directed Mr. Gall to advise of any steps taken to employ the services of a qualified electrical engineer and progress made in line with recommendations received to effect rewiring of the Capitol Building.

The Executive Council, in meeting held August 3, 1970, reviewed Mr. Gall's letter and the directive was given this office to forward a copy of same to you and advise of the Council's willingness to meet with the Iowa Legislative Council to discuss the problem occasioned by a legislative act which does not appropriate the necessary funds to accomplish the intent of the Legislature.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

WCW:v  
cc: Mr. Gall

W. C. WELLMAN,  
Secretary

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# Capitol Building and Grounds

STATE HOUSE

Des Moines, 50319  
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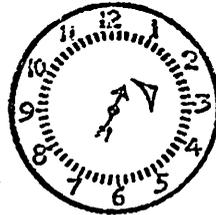
WILLIAM F. GALL  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



Iowa  
a place to grow

July 29, 1970

Mr. W. C. Wellman  
Secretary  
Executive Council  
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**RECEIVED** Re: Electrical Wiring  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Capitol Building

Dear Mr. Wellman:

Our original asking for Capital Appropriations for the 1969-71 biennium was \$249,000.00. The Appropriation granted was \$200,000.00. Obviously, some of the planned projects were eliminated to meet the appropriated figure. There were no plans for rewiring the Capitol Building in the request. In Chapter 23, Acts of the 63rd General Assembly, First Session, the rewiring was added but no money was added, even though a figure of \$75,000.00 was given to the Senate. I can not recall which Senator called me.

At the direction of the Executive Council I retained the Brown Engineering Company to make a power study of the Capitol Building. This was done in July of 1969 and presented to the Executive Council. There were improvements to be made immediately at a cost of less than \$5,000.00 and major improvements estimated at \$75,000.00. The Executive Council approved the immediate improvements but deferred the major improvements. The immediate improvements were made.

The several outages that occurred on July 7, 1970 were the result of the improper installation of a four hundred amp circuit breaker by the contractor who made the immediate improvements. This was corrected by him.

With the purchase and installation of the new boiler in the heating plant there will not be enough money in the \$200,000.00 appropriation to make the major improvements.

Mr. Frank Pulley has been retained by Mr. Carroll Lane and Mr. William Kendrick to make a study of air conditioning in the House and Senate Chambers. His report has been presented to the Iowa Legislative Council. His report includes a transformer

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Mr. W. C. Wellman

of which some of the capacity could be used in the rewiring of the Capitol Building.

When we receive the recording volt/ampere meter we will be able to make studies and correct existing bad situations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William F. Gall".

William F. Gall  
Superintendent  
Buildings and Grounds

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July 31, 1970

### PROGRESS REPORT OF REMODELING - SENATE

1. Carpet-- Heinrich's of Carroll, Iowa started the removal of the carpet from the Senate Chamber on July 20, 1970. They laid the carpet in Senator Frommelt's office on Monday, July 20, and in Room 22 on July 21. They completed the job on July 21, 1970.

There is some carpet stored in Room 83 (Lloyd Weislander put it there) to use in the restrooms when we want to. There is also a small piece in 24A that can be used for the Lt. Governor restroom, but no pad is with it.

2. Drapes-- The drapes were taken down on July 21, 1970, by Keller Paint Co. They had 3 men do the job and used the state's scaffold, which had been put up by the state for Neumann Bros. to use for painting the windows. They were here for 3½ hours on July 21 and 1½ hours on July 22, and we will owe them for this.

The drapes are stored in the Senate Lounge at the present time. Mr. Lane plans to have them remade so they can be put in Room 22.

3. Window Repairing--The window repairing was done by Neumann Bros. They had 2 men working on this job. It is completed. Leonard Ryan was in our office on July 9, and he said that they ran into more problems than they anticipated in regard to fixing the windows and the invoice will probably be higher than the estimate.
4. Painting of Windows-- The estimate on painting the glass at the top of the windows in the Senate Chamber was \$295.00 to be on a joint basis with the House. Neumann Bros. made the estimate. They had a hard time getting the paint to stay on the East Windows of the Senate Chamber. They started the job on Friday, July 24. On Tuesday, July 28, the paint was not holding on, at least, three windows. They came back on Wednesday, July 29, and tried to paint them again, but could see that it was not going to work, so they then shellacked over them, and let it dry, and then painted over them after that. We will have to keep checking this to see if it will work. If it doesn't, they will have to scrape the windows clear down and start over again.

5. **Washing the Walls--** The estimate to wash the walls of the Senate Chamber from the lights down, including the marble, was made by Keller Paint. It would take 1½ to 2 weeks to finish the job. The estimate was \$2500.00. No final decision was made on this until Mr. Lane checks it on August 5.
  
6. **Restrooms--** The vanity for the Lt. Governor's restroom is built, and needs to have the finish put on it, then they will proceed with it. As soon as the workmen can get to it, the restroom upstairs can be started. The vanity is ready for it. Ruth talked to Lloyd Weislander on July 30, and he said that there is some beveled glass upstairs that could possibly be used upstairs for a mirror. No mirror has been ordered for the restroom for the Lt. Governor.
  
7. **Chairs--**Iowa State Industries picked up the two chairs to be refinished and reupholstered for Senator Rigler and Senator O'Malley. We have the acknowledgment that they were received at Ft. Madison and the order taken by Mr. Harvey states that they are to be reupholstered with black gross point on the seat and both sides of the back (all of the chair) and that the frame is to be refinished to match the Senate desks that they are now refinishing. No new castors were to be put on these two chairs.
  
8. **Conference Table--** Iowa State Industries returned the conference room table on July 29, 1970. It has been put back in the conference room -- Room 24. There is a non-glare finish on it, but the color doesn't match the other two conference tables.
  
9. **Seating Chart--** Mr. Jim Young from the State Architect Office (Dept. of Social Services) picked up the small drawing of the seating chart from Johnson Electric on July 31. He will begin preparation on drawing up the seating chart so that one will be available for anyone that wants to have one when they come in the office. The big drawing is still on display in the office.
  
10. **Air Conditioning--** The Legislative Council decided on July 8, 1970, to defer any action on the matter of air-conditioning the Senate and House Chambers until the next Council meeting. They decided that the Council would have authority to seek bids and award a contract for the air-conditioning of the legislative chambers only, even though the feasibility of air-conditioning the entire building was discussed.