

REPORT OF THE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE
TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 8, 1976

The Legislative Fiscal Committee met in Room 22 September 7, 1976. Representative Dunton presented the report of the Natural Resources Visitation Committee. The visitation, August 16 and 17, included the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery, an on-site tour of the proposed marina at Gull Point State Park, Emerson Bay, Pillsbury Point, and a public hearing on the feasibility of constructing the marina at Gull Point. Approximately 75 to 80 persons attended the hearing.

Senator Willits reported the concern of the State Departments Visitation Committee at their August 17 meeting was the Administrative Code cost. By changing the mailing date and mailing on the bulk rate instead of the first class rate, approximately \$40,000 a year can be saved in postage. By reducing the print order from 5,000 to 3,000, approximately \$1,000 a month will be saved. The Administrative Rules Review Committee will employ staff in the near future.

The Human Resources Visitation Committee made a visitation to the Woodward Hospital-School and the State Training School for Girls at Mitchellville on August 24. Representative Den Herder reported that they plan to build ten new cottages, each housing sixteen residents, at an estimated cost of \$270,000 per unit at Woodward. At both institutions current and future budgets were discussed. At Mitchellville, the possibility of combining two of the correctional institutions was discussed.

Senator Van Gilst reported on the Education Visitation Committee meeting with the Department of Public Instruction on August 19. Dr. Benton and his staff presented six items for the committee's consideration--State-wide Accounting System Implementation, State Plan for State-wide Education Data Processing System, Area School General Aid Funding Formula Refinements for Fiscal Years 1978 and 1979, Funding Vocational Education-Secondary Schools, Funding of Area Education Agencies and the Changing Role of Federal Funding. On Friday, September 17, the committee will visit COMS. The audit of COMS, which was mandated by S.F. 1261, was distributed to the Fiscal Committee.

The Committee continued consideration of the matter of the receipt of federal funds in Iowa. Senator Willits reported on the NCSL meeting he attended recently in Kansas City. One subject discussed was the state appropriating federal funds. The Fiscal Bureau presented and discussed two printouts, "Computer Listings of Federal Aid Received in Iowa for Fiscal Year 1976 and Fiscal Year 1977 to Date." These printouts were obtained from OPP.

The Committee voted to recommend to the Information Systems Management Committee that data on federal funds be entered into the computer system being developed for the Legislature, and that the information be arranged in the most readable form possible.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
ON
SEPTEMBER 8, 1976

The Administration Committee met on September 7, 1976 in the Speaker's Room. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss space allocation within that area of the State House which would be vacated upon completion of the Wallace Building and the Hoover Building and to determine the space needs of the General Assembly. Mr. Stanley McCausland, Director of General Services, was in attendance at the meeting. During the afternoon session Chief Justice C. Edwin Moore attended the meeting to discuss the needs of the courts and Mr. Wythe Willey, Executive Assistant to the Governor, discussed with the members of the Committee his viewpoint relative to the removal of the offices of certain elected officials from the State House to other buildings in the state complex. The Committee reviewed the minutes of the October 15, 1975 meeting of the Legislative Council which approved the addition of a fifth floor to the new state office building as proposed by the Capitol Commission specifying that first priority shall be given to the moving of Executive Council officers, other than the Governor, and their respective agencies out of the State House and assigning the space made available in the State House to the General Assembly. Senator Hill indicated that a check with the Department of General Services in the morning indicated that tentatively, the Commerce Commission, OSHA offices, and the PER Board are tentatively scheduled to be moved into the fifth floor of the Hoover Building.

The positions taken by the parties who attended the meeting are as follows:

1. The Administration Committee believes that the immediate needs of the General Assembly are the acquisition of larger committee rooms on the first floor of the State House. There is need for additional rooms because of the committee meeting schedules during the session and in the interim and larger committee rooms are needed because of the number of persons who attend regular meetings of standing committees and interim study committees. The availability of such rooms would allow the conduct of some public hearings in these larger meeting rooms. The members of the Administration Committee believe that it is necessary that members of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government meet together to discuss the allocation of space which will become available so that each branch of government is aware of the space needs of the other and that a solution to the space needs of all branches of government may be worked out.

2. The Supreme Court is of the opinion that it has an immediate need for all space in the State House which is presently occupied by the the Department of Agriculture. This need arises

because of the creation intermediate court and the need for additional office and conference room space following the appointment of five members to the new court. The location of the present offices of the Department of Agriculture are in close proximity to the courtroom of the Supreme Court and other court facilities to make this area most desirable. The Supreme Court appears to be rather adamant in its position relative to the amount of space needed and the space which it desires to have in the State House.

3. Mr. Wythe Willey, Executive Assistant to the Governor, indicated that he favors the retention of offices in the State House for those elected officials currently having offices in the State House. The reason is that the present location of the offices of the elected state officials makes all of these offices accessible to the public within one building.

Mr. Stanley McCausland, Director of the Department of General Services, outlined for the members of the Administration Committee his idea relative to making the parking lot east of the State House a better facility for handling parking for members of the General Assembly, all legislative employees, and other state employees working in the State House. He recommended that control gates be placed at three locations on the lot and that parking stickers and plastic cards which would be inserted into the control gate to open it be issued to all State House employees, members of the General Assembly, and other legislative employees to assure adequate parking for persons working within the State House. He indicated that the cost of the installation of the three gates and curbing would be approximately \$12,655. After further discussion, it was also agreed that the unpaved lot located just south of Walnut Street and adjacent to the State House lot be included to insure adequate parking facilities for those persons who would use the lot. Mr. McCausland indicated that the installation of an additional gate would be approximately \$3,425 with a possible 10 percent contingency. The Administration Committee adopted a motion that the Legislative Council approve an expenditure of funds by the General Assembly pursuant to the appropriation in section 2.12 of the Code for the installation of the control gates for the parking lot just east of the State House traditionally used by members of the General Assembly and the lot located just south of the State House lot located on the other side of Walnut Street. The motion was approved unanimously with Speaker Cochran, Senator Hill, Representative Doyle and Representative Varley voting in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
DALE M. COCHRAN, CHAIRPERSON

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
September 8, 1976

The members of the Administration Committee met at 10:50 a.m. on September 8, 1976 in the lower office of the governor with the Governor, members of his staff, and Chief Justice C. Edwin Moore of the Iowa Supreme Court. The members of the Administration Committee indicated their desire to work with the executive and judicial branches of government to accomplish the best use of space which will become available in the State House when the two new buildings are completed. The Administration Committee emphasized the need of the General Assembly to find additional meeting rooms which are accessible to members of the General Assembly and which are able to accommodate committee members and other persons who attend these meetings. The Governor suggested that other meeting rooms may be available in the capitol complex and indicated his reluctance to have elected officials removed from the State House.

It was agreed that another joint meeting be held prior to the next Legislative Council meeting and the Governor indicated that he would discuss the matter with other elected state officials to get their views on the subject prior to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker of the House Dale M. Cochran
Chairperson