

## MINUTES

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The Legislative Services and Facilities Committee met on January 30, 1969, at 8:30 a. m. Present were: Senators Ross Doyen, Glee Smith and Joseph Harder; Representatives Richard Loux, Carl Ossmann, Donald Bell and Calvin Strowig; Ben Barrett, representing the Research Department; Fred Carman, Revisor of Statute's Office; and Reed Whitaker, a candidate for the position as Secretary to the Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview and consider the qualifications of Reed Whitaker. Following is a resume of his background:

He is a graduate of Washburn University, with a degree in Political Science. During the past year he has been an intern with the Research Department of the United States Government in Kansas City in the capacity of archivist. His work has been mainly with district court records.

The applicant has worked in the Operations Section of the United States Army in Vietnam, where his duties were to take care of clerical operations. Mr. Whitaker stated that he felt it was his "interest", rather than his qualifications that caused him to be an applicant for this position. He has worked with Mr. Fribley in the Ways and Means Committee of the House during the past session of the Legislature, and stated that he preferred working for State, rather than Federal government.

Mr. Whitker now has a "G. S. 5" rating at a salary of \$5700 per year. When asked how soon he would be available, the applicant answered that he could come within a month. In regard to office space, he stated that he would be willing to operate from a corridor or a broom closet, if necessary.

After Mr. Whitaker left, Senator Doyen asked the Committee's opinion regarding the interview. Ben Barrett stated that to his knowledge there were no other persons interested in the position, and that he was favorably impressed by the candidate.

The possibility of hiring a secretary who would work for the person hired was discussed. Senator Smith stated that it was his understanding that Mrs. Connie Gray had applied for a position of this type.

Representative Bell stated that since the Committee would be asking Mr. Whitaker to leave a position, that perhaps the matter should be tabled for a few days. Representative Strowig suggested that the Committee meet again on Monday, February 3, at 11:30 a. m. to discuss the matter further.

Fred Carman presented the question as to whether the Committee should introduce a bill to handle the matter of reprinting certain volumes of the statute books, or whether the Committee desired the matter to be handled by the Judiciary Committee. The feeling was to have the House Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities introduce the bill to implement this change, to be considered by the Joint Committee after it is introduced.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Recording Secretary