

## MINUTES

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities met on March 24, 1969, at 6:00 p. m. Present were: Senators Ross Doyen, Glee Smith and Joseph Warren; Representatives Calvin Strowig, Donald Bell and Richard Mankin; Ben Barrett, representing the Research Department; and Reed Whitaker, candidate for the position as Secretary of the Joint Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various aspects of the position with the applicant.

Mr. Whitaker presented a salary schedule with which the Committee would be competing. He stated that the Federal Government would be ahead in salary progress speed. His main interests were to have a satisfactory retirement program similar to the Research Department, as well as a satisfactory promotion policy.

Senator Smith suggested that perhaps Senator Bennett and Clyde Hill would be more qualified as to what the basic job entailed than was the Committee.

Senator Doyen asked Mr. Whitaker if the present salary range of approximately \$8000 would appeal to him, to which the applicant answered, "Against long term initial salary, no." He also stated that his basic concern was security.

In response to a question by Senator Doyen as to what terms the Committee would have to meet in order to hire him, Mr. Whitaker answered that he would be willing to accept the position due to the fact his present employer had given him clearance to return to his present job in case the position did not materialize.

Senator Doyen stated that as a matter of policy, the person hired would begin at Step C, Range 37. Senator Smith was interested in star-


ting at Step A, Range 39, at a salary of \$8160.

Mr. Whitaker asked the Committee when he would be expected to begin work, to which Senator Doyen responded, "Right away--before the Legislature ends." The applicant stated that he would not be available until approximately April 24.

Several Committee members expressed the feeling they did not feel the salary should be out of range with regard to other employees. Ben Barrett stated that he did not feel there would be hard feelings among other employees, and that he felt sure they would be understanding.

Representative Strowig moved that Reed Whitaker be offered the position at Step A, Range 39, at a salary of \$8160 per year. The motion was seconded by Representative Bell, and carried unanimously. This figure would not include the proposed \$27.00 per month increase that Governor Docking proposed.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
Recording Secretary