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Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities
April 27, 1971

The Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities met Tuesday, April 27, 1971, in Room 522 of the Statehouse at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Ross Doyen presiding. Other members present were Senators Smith, Harder, and Warren and Representatives Ossmann, Loux, Kay, Strowig and Moline. Staff present were Dr. Drury, Director, Research Department, Mr. Fred Carman, Revisor of Statutes Office and Mr. Bill Bachman, Secretary to the Joint Committee. Guests of the committee were Mr. Bud Buser, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; Mr. Jack Brier, Assistant Secretary of State; Mr. William Hale, State Architect; Mr. William Nace, Capitol Complex Manager; Mr. Jerry Stobaugh, Project Supervisor; and Mr. Frank Applegate and Mr. Bob Hougland of the State Architect's Office.

Senator Doyen turned the meeting over to Mr. Hale who discussed with the committee his plans for construction and improvements during the interim. He stated that they will design a new air system that uses fresh air to control the temperatures in the new quadrant rooms. He also stated that a new console in the basement of the State Office Building will be installed in May which will monitor all the rooms in the State Office Building and Capitol to check their temperatures so that they can immediately act to alleviate any adverse conditions instead of depending on employees to call in their complaints. At this time also the air handling system will go on automatic control instead of manual. Mr. Hale passed out plans to the committee of the new snack bar to be located

in the basement of the Capitol and also plans of a new east elevator area and smoke tower staircase. The new staircase would provide an exit from fifth to first floor with a new outside exit. He mentioned that Senator Winter had talked to him regarding the white tile on the quadrant room entranceways and that the Senator had objected to the tile and recommended that the Architect's office go more slowly and spend more money so that the character of the building could be preserved. Mr. Hale wondered if the best way of remodeling was to go slower and spend more money on the different projects.

The committee discussed with Mr. Hale the different priorities involved in building the new Senate lounge, moving the Lieutenant Governor's office, and clearing space from the Insurance Commissioner's office and possibly utilizing it for legislative offices. The committee agreed that moving the Lieutenant Governor was very important and reaffirmed their position in this regard.

Mr. Hale discussed the possible leasing of the old First
National Bank Building. It will cost \$900,000.00 which includes
remodeling costs. The first three floors of the building will
require extensive remodeling to convert it from a bank facility
into office space. The top three floors are not air conditioned
and will need this installed, but the middle floors can be occupied
now by certain agencies as soon as the agencies are determined. He
mentioned the Welfare Department and the Division of Institutional
Management as possibly being moved there. Mr. Strowig mentioned
that they should go back to the original plan of having the Health
Department move there. Mr. Hale asked the committee whom he should
contact to make the decision of what agencies to move to the bank,
and the committee designated the legislative coordinating council.

Mr. Hale stated that although the bill was signed today by the governor, the First National Bank might decide not to accept the offer and as the bill is written it mentions only one figure and there would be no way to negotiate the bid, so the deal is not finalized.

Senator Smith mentioned that he liked Plan A of the elevator plans because it contained two elevators. Mr. Hale said in this plan one of the elevators would go to the basement. The two elevators would be slightly smaller than the new one in the west wing. Senator Smith moved that the committee recommend to Mr. Hale that he proceed with plans to prepare final plans on Plan A with the idea of taking bids on it before the next session so that work may start immediately after the 60-day session. Senator Harder seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Harder moved that the State Architect finalize his plans so that the basement lounge and snack bar construction be completed before the next legislative session. Representative Kay seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Doyen mentioned that the Senate needs new lighting fixtures that will fit in better with the existing Senate decor.

Mr. Hale stated that that would be possible. He summed up his presentation by stating that this summer he planned to get the House Chamber remodeling finished, the Senate lounge work done, the basement snack bar finished, and the move of the Lieutenant Governor's office and remodeling of the Senate Pro Tem's office if at all possible.

Mr. Bob Hougland of the State Architect's office showed the committee a model of signs for the committee chairmen's rooms. He mentioned that they were trying to find some firm in Topeka who

could make up the lettered inserts and perfect a way to keep them more firmly in their holders. He mentioned that he has a new numbering scheme for all the rooms and these will be utilized in the new signs. He stated that the committee chairmen's signs should be completed in two or three months. Senator Smith, with the committee's agreement, instructed Mr. Hougland to work with Mr. Bachman to get new committee room signs as well as chairmen's office signs.

Mr. Carman asked Mr. Hougland if there was any schedule for lowering the ceilings in the building. He answered that there had been a schedule for this but things were running a lot behind that schedule and he couldn't say at all.

Mr. Bud Buser from Southwestern Bell Telephone discussed with the committee the problem of long distance service for members of the legislature during the interim. After a discussion of WATS proposals and special billing procedures, the committee decided to authorize five offices to accept collect calls from legislators. The five offices are: the Speaker's office, the Pro Tem's office, Legislative Research, Revisor of Statutes and the Legislative Services office. Mr. Bachman was instructed to notify the members by letter telling them of this new service and that it should be used for legislative business only and only station to station calls will be accepted. The secretaries can convey messages to any other state agencies who can then return the calls on their WATS lines.

Representative Loux mentioned the idea of leaving the telephones in the quadrant rooms for the committee chairmen to use when
they are in town at interim meetings. Mr. Bachman stated the cost
per telephone would be \$26.00 per month and the committee decided
that they would not be used enough to warrant the outlay of that
monthly rate.

Mr. Jack Brier of the Secretary of State's office discussed with the committee the salaries of their legislative employees who are kept busy until about July 1 working on the Session Laws. Senator Harder moved that the committee authorize Mr. Bachman to set up proper monthly salaries for the Secretary of State's legislative employees. Senator Warren seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Doyen explained to the committee that Speaker Strowig feels he needs a full-time secretary due to the new legislative coordinating council. Mr. Strowig explained that he intends to have his secretary attend all interim committee meetings and report on their progress to him, and this information will also be included in a newsletter from his office. Discussion followed regarding possible rates of salaries for the Speaker's secretary and the Pro Tem's secretary. Representative Moline moved that Miss Pat Theno be hired as a full-time employee at Step A of the Secretary I level (\$432.00/month) for the interim with no increase on July 1, and that Mrs. Helen Marshall's percentage of time to her salary be increased to raise her salary above that of the Speaker's secretary due to Mrs. Marshall's greater legislative and office experience. Senator Harder seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The committee discussed the interim salary of Mr. Harold Hall, House Historian, since the House will be remodeled during this interim. Mr. Ossmann moved that Mr. Hall be put on full-time during the summer months at \$277.00 per month (his usual pay) and instead of performing his usual duties, he could be available for other tasks along that line. Senator Harder seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mr. Brier asked the committee about the sale of bound journals

from previous years since the new 1971 journals would be priced at \$2.00 each. The committee agreed that prior journals should be given away since there was never a charge for them before.

The committee discussed sending some legislators to meet in Denver with the Data Retrieval Corporation to see their equipment where it is in use. Speaker Strowig, Senator Bennett and Mr. Fred Carman would be attending a meeting there in Denver at the same time, so they could see the demonstrations also. Representative Ossmann moved that the committee authorize five members along with Mr. Bachman to make the trip to Denver on June 11 to see the computer demonstration. Senator Harder seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Senator Doyen mentioned that Mr. Wyland of the Data Retrieval Corporation had spoken to him and recommended that the committee send him some bills, a bill locater and resolutions so they will have some idea of what they will have to work with in the Kansas situation.

Senator Harder moved that the committee authorize several members of the legisalature to attend an Education Commission Seminar on accountability held in Boston July 7, 8, and 9. Senator Warren seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The committee discussed the Security Seminar in Washington, D.C. which several members attended, and Senator Doyen stated that Kansas was ahead of many other states in this area.

Tuesday, May 25 at 9:00 a.m. was set as the next meeting date. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

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Senator Ross Doyen, Chairman

Except as otherwise noted, the more an elemental recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim and this record has not been approved by the committee or by the individuals making such remarks.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

April 29, 1971

Mr. William R. Hale, State Architect Department of Administration 12th Floor, State Office Building Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Mr. Hale:

The Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities has asked that I confirm the matters discussed with you at the meeting on April 27, 1971.

The committee requests that first priority be given to completion of remodeling of the House of Representatives, completion of the Senate lounge, providing new offices for the Lieutenant Governor, and to providing new legislative office space concurrent with relocation of state agencies to the First National Bank Building, if and when the purchase is finalized.

The committee is in agreement with your desire to complete the basement lounge and snack bar prior to the next legislative session and recommends that final plans be prepared to accomplish this.

The committee prefers "Plan A" for the new elevator construction and recommends that you proceed with the final plans so that bids can be taken before the 1972 session and work started immediately thereafter.

After your departure the committee discussed room numbering and identification signs with Mr. Hougland. The committee generally agrees with the ideas presented and strongly urges that offices and committee rooms be properly identified before the next session. have been directed to work with Mr. Hougland if I can be of some assistance.

Finally, the committee is most anxious to improve the appearance of the committee rooms on the fifth floor and urgently requests your consideration in doing something toward this end during the current interim. Again, if I can be of any assistance please let me know.

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The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 25 in Room 522 of the Statehouse. The committee requests that a progress report on the above matters be presented at that time. Please let me know by May 11 if you prefer to discuss this personally with the committee or if you wish to send a written report.

I will be happy to discuss any of the above matters with you and/or Mr. Hougland at any time you deem it necessary.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM R. BACHMAN

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

April 23, 1971

To: Members of the Joint Committee on Legislative Services and Facilities

The committee has been requested to look into the possibility of providing an in-coming and out-going WATS line for use of legislators and the legislative offices during the interim. In the course of investigating the WATS services, two alternatives have emerged. Following is a discussion of the three systems.

- 1. WATS -- This proposal envisions the installation of an incoming WATS line and an outgoing WATS line at a fixed cost of \$610.00 per month for each line (total \$1220.00).
 - This service could terminate at In-WATS. either the central switchboard or in one of the legislative offices, i.e., Legislative Services. An advantage of terminating at the central switchboard would be the ability to reach any state agency tied into Centrex. A disadvantage would be the possible (probable) use by non-legislators. Even if we were to set up a procedure to refuse calls from nonlegislators the unauthorized calls could still tend to tie up the lines. Representatives of the telephone company state that if in-WATS lines are continually backlogged we would have to install another line or remove the existing one. Terminating the line in a legislative office would possibly provide a closer screening of incoming calls but it could also create personnel problems in functioning as a message relay center.
 - b. Out-WATS. These lines could be tied direct to the offices of the Senate Pro-Tem, Speaker of the House, Revisor of Statutes, Research Department, Legislative Services, and/or to any other office designated by the committee. The equipment in the offices of

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the Pro-Tem, Revisor of Statutes and Research Department would have to be modified or added to but this could be worked out.

- 2. SPECIAL BILLING -- Under this proposal each legislator and legislative office would be issued a special billing credit card which could be used from any telephone. Each month we would receive a print-out showing the calls charged to each special billing. The obvious advantage to this proposal is its flexibility. The disadvantage, of course, is its susceptibility to abuse. With proper, enforcible rules perhaps abuses could be held to a minimum. This could cost more or less than the fixed WATS rate but experience can dictate additional rules, if necessary. This proposal would also work well with full time dictating equipment if the committee ever determines that we want to get into that area.
- 3. COLLECT CALLS -- This proposal would authorize any of the offices mentioned above to accept "collect" telephone calls from legislators. This probably would be the least expensive but it would not provide the versatility of the special billing system or of the in-WATS tied in to the central switchboard. Outgoing calls could be handled in the same manner as the special billing calls except location of outlets for making the calls would be limited.

I know the above does not answer all the questions or pose all the problems involved but since we may be pressed for time on the 27th, I thought you might be interested in having a little advance background.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM R. BACHMAN

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SPECIAL BILLING tary of State believes he will have employees during the current critical on a seven-day per week hasis. The imately \$420.00 per 30 day month for s and \$360.00 per 30 day month for It is anticipated that they will Since our last regular legislative od April 10 through 30, I recommend 21 days in April and on May 1 put them blude them on the Legislative Services the rest of their time. Mr. Brier byees fit the Clerk III job description nth. The other employee would be ing at \$354.00 in Step A or \$372.00

in Step B. It might be argued that if we pay the Secretary of State employees on a seven-day week we should pay all legislative employees working five days a week after the session on a seven day a week basis, i.e., Zarker, Hazen, etc. This would be one argument in favor of converting these employees to a monthly rate.

The Speaker of the House would like to retain his secretary during the interim. At least for the past two interims, Mrs. Marshall has served as secretary to both the Speaker and the Pro It is anticipated that the work involved with the new coordinating council will preclude Mrs. Marshall from giving much help to the Speaker. If a secretary for the Speaker is approved, what salary should she receive? Mrs. Marshall is employed as a Secretary II, Step B, for 60% of her time (60% of \$525=\$315/mo.), Cathy is employed full time as a Secretary I, Step C (\$477/mo.). Miss Theno has not had the legislative experience of either Mrs. Marshall or Cathy. Recommend she be employed full time as a Secretary I, Step B (\$454/mo.) with an increase to \$477/mo. effective July 1.

The House Historian (Harold Hall) will not be needed in this capacity while the House is being remodeled. The same situation existed last interim and since the lack of employment was not due to the desire of Mr. Hall the committee decided to pay him \$30.00 per month to keep up his medical care, etc. He was required to check in once a week and perform whatever duties were required. Recommend that the same procedure start June 30 this year until completion of remodeling. If the committee has any suggestions on other duties Mr. Hall can perform he would not be adverse to receiving a higher interim salary. It should be pointed out that Mr. Hall receives his regular \$277.00 per month throughout the session, whereas his counterpart in the Senate draws his regular \$277.00 salary plus \$9.50 per day as an Assistant Sergeant at Arms during the session.

Mrs. Marshall is presently receiving 60% of \$525.00 per month (\$315.00) during the interim although she puts in more time than the 60%. Recommend she be paid 75% of \$525.00 (\$393.75) with raise to next step in July as previously approved by the committee.