

**Assembly**  
MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

January 19, 1971

The following members were present: Chairman Nick Lauri; Messrs. Torvinen, Roy Young, Mello, Glaser, Wilson and Schofield.

The following motion was duly moved, seconded and approved: That all materials placed in the Assembly will be identified as to source, and then cleared by the Sergeant at Arms and Chairman of the Legislative Functions Committee. A report to the Speaker will be made in the regular order of business, standing committees.

The committee has approved Mr. Schofield's appointment to investigate placement of certain vending machines on the first floor for the Assembly's use.

The Committee approved identifying badges for interns. They will be checked out with the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

The Committee suggests that Mr. Lowman be asked to bring in his portable microphone and speaker for use of the Chief Clerk. This is a temporary measure until the sound system is authorized.

The Committee has approved the use of the Assembly Lounge on the second floor to be used for television and radio interviews at the request of the broadcasting stations.

The Chairman announced that Mrs. Frazzini of the Elections Committee has asked that a committee room be established for that committee to use for all their meetings, so that they could have some permanent exhibits set up. It was informally decided that several committee rooms will be established for use of committees that wish to set up permanent exhibits.

Mr. Speaker and State Planning Board Manager Bill Hancock joined the meeting.

Mr. Lauri mentioned that he would like to have placed in the committee rooms a desk for the committee chairman to keep his things in. Mr. Speaker said he would see that these will be available.

Mr. Hancock said he had discussed the public address system for the Assembly with Executone Corporation of Reno. A fully automatic recording system with tape and conversion for foot control system, with control panel at the Speakers desk which could control the microphones would cost between \$25,000-\$30,000. This system would have a microphone at the desk of each member of the Assembly.

The following problems and aspects of public address system were discussed: The Chief Clerk and Speaker, at least, should have microphones. The discussions held in Session January 18 did not come through on the present recording system at all. There is a problem of not being able to hear the members speaking, and Mr. Mello suggests the members should take care to speak more loudly and clearly.

The old system which was used in the Capitol is around, but would not be feasible for this Assembly Chamber. Mr. Mello stated that the Legislative Commission considered converting the old system but decided against it because of the expense.

The members considered the possibility of having hanging microphones, or a microphone for each four desks.

Mr. Hancock will look into all these possibilities, and will have a representative of the public address system company come look over the chambers and give estimates. Mr. Hancock suggests that it might be better at this time to consider a rental instead of a purchase

Terry Loy requested that if remarks are to be entered in, the

Journal, a request be made prior to the speech being made, so that the stenographer could take the speech.

The problem of calling people to session was discussed. Possible solutions would be a buzzer system, a chime system, or having the telephone messengers call members to session.

The next order of business is naming of attaches. Twelve stenographers have been approved. Discussion was had regarding appointing stenographers to various committees. Terry Loy suggested that the employees classified as stenographers, and not necessarily committee stenographers, could work for several committees. The members felt that one stenographer should consistently work with the same committee and become familiar with the work of that committee, to the mutual benefit of committee and stenographer.

Regarding clerks and typists: Several people will be hired as clerks who will also be able to type and can fulfill both functions. The following names were submitted for the committee's consideration: LYDIA WICK, HELEN MATTHEWS, MR. FITZGERALD, SALLY DUNFIELD, MELINDA BYDALIK, BODELL SULLIVAN, MARIE EDMONDSON, SARA GABLE, GERTRUDE HILLYGUS.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Glaser and carried, that the above names (9) all be approved, that Terry be allowed to hire less than the total nine if less are required, giving preference to the first six names on the list.

Regarding the positions of Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Supervisor, Terry stated that these people would be taken from the pool, and she would prefer not to be restricted as to specific duties for them. The committee agreed to leave this to Terry's discretion.

The committee agreed to hold the number of attaches to 45, and

give Terry authority to place people in positions where their talents will best be utilized.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.