

Present: Lauri, Roy Young, Glaser, Schofield, and Mello

Absent: Torvinen and Wilson

Also Present: Lawrence Jacobsen, Speaker of the House

Chairman Lauri convened the meeting at 1:40 p.m. in the first-floor lounge. Lauri advised the Committee that there was a shortage of committee meeting rooms.

Lauri: We have to make some changes. We have multiple use of the rooms by all of the committees now.

Jacobsen: Our biggest problem is that we do not have enough rooms to go around. Nick Lauri and I went over to the Senate and asked to use room 243 which is next to room 241 in the back. They have it assigned to Government Affairs. Senator Gibson said he preferred not to have multiple use of that room. Rooms 326 and 328 we had proposed to use as exhibit rooms. We propose to remodel these rooms. Senator Gibson said he would give his approval for this proposal.

Mello: I second the proposal to remodel the two rooms mentioned.

Jacobsen: We took the reading lounge and put the bill books people in there.

Mello: What would the cost be to finish over the reading room?

Jacobsen: I will advise you of the cost to finish off rooms 326 and 328.

Mello: I think that a reading room would be a good place to get away. If you brought guests, it would be a good place to talk.

Lauri: It wouldn't be just a reading room but would be furnished with desks.

Jacobsen: We have taken the bill book people and moved them into the reading room on the third floor. Room 323 has not been utilized by the Senate so if you want to finish off the reading room, we could move the bill book people into the Senate's reading room. They said this morning that this would be alright.

Lauri: How big is room 320?

Jacobsen: It has a lot of bad noise.

Lauri: The present bill book room has a lot of room.

Jacobsen: All of the facilities are right near the present

bill book room. This is ideal for the bill book people.

Lauri: Should we include in the motion to do the carpeting?

Mello: Yes, I amend my motion.

Young: I second it.

Jacobsen: Room 346 is still available. We can move the bill book people. Most of the noise is at the rear of the building.

Mello: I make a motion to fix the acoustics and carpet rooms 336, 328, and 316.

Glaser: Seconded.

Jacobsen: I can show the rooms to all of you later on today.

Mello: My reason for making the motion is because some of us will not have offices. Some people will say that we do not need offices when we have lounges. The only time you can talk with constituents is during recesses and the committee rooms are usually being used.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Lauri: I talked to Jacobsen about using this lounge for meetings.

Jacobsen: If you used this lounge for your meetings, room 222, which was assigned for the Legislative Functions Committee meetings, would give us another room to utilize. We would like to utilize the good rooms on a continual basis.

Mello: Some of the committees have permanent offices. For those that don't have permanent offices, are we going to put a desk in the committee rooms that they will be using?

Lauri: We have a number of desks for those chairman utilizing that room. Each committee chairman would have his own desk. We could accommodate at least four people per committee room.

Young: Are keys available to the desk?

Jacobsen: Yes.

Mello: How would the rooms be assigned?

Jacobsen: You would have to go to the Sergeant-at-Arms and he would assign a room to you. When you are through with the room, advise the Sergeant-at-Arms and then he would be able to assign it to someone else.

Lauri: There wouldn't be any private offices.

Young: How many offices are there?

Jacobsen: Six offices. I would rather have them on an assignment basis.

Schofield: Would there be a desk and a couple of chairs?

Jacobsen: There would be one desk, a telephone, and a couple of chairs.

Lauri: We lose offices because of the office banks and phone banks.

Jacobsen: We have one room 334, next to room 336, which would hold seven people adequately. It is somewhat difficult to put all of this down hard and fast and we might have to reverse something later on. We can look at room 320 and see what you think. Maybe 320 is the answer.

Mello: While we are on this, I have been getting my books back without all of the pages in them and some of the fasteners missing.

Jacobsen: I'll have this matter checked.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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