

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS - 56TH ASSEMBLY SESSION

FEBRUARY 11, 1971

PRESENT: Lauri, Roy Young, Mello, Wilson, Glaser, Schofield and Torvinen

OTHERS

PRESENT: Speaker Lawrence Jacobsen and Theresa Loy, Chief Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lauri at 10:30 A.M. in Room 234.

Chairman Lauri read the quotations for carpeting which had been received. These quotations included both the Senate and Assembly and were as follows:

Home Furniture - \$3,672

Tom Joyce Floors - \$3,410

Mr. Lauri continued by saying that although the quotation from Tom Joyce Floors was lower, the desired carpeting was not readily available as it would have to be ordered; nor was it acoustically sound. For these reasons, Mr. Hancock suggested in his letter that Home Furniture's bid be considered.

Mr. Mello commented that a lower quotation may be obtained if more than two carpet companies put in a bid.

Mr. Lauri stated, however, that time was of the essence. He said that the main concern was with the acoustical quality and in expediting this issue.

Mr. Torvinen moved that authorization be given to carpet the third floor rooms from Home Furniture and advise Mr. Hancock of this authorization of purchase and installation. Motion seconded by Mr. Schofield. Motion carried.

Mr. Lauri then read the quotation received from Executone for the installation of individual microphones in the Senate and the Assembly. The Senate has agreed to go ahead with the microphones.

Mr. Young suggested that two members use one microphone rather than having individual microphones at each desk thus cutting the cost.

Theresa Loy said that the Assemblymen are not being picked up on the recorder unless they step to the microphone. After a discussion of the actual importance of recording everything that is being said by a member on the floor, Mrs. Loy said that it depended on just exactly what type of recording system the Assembly wants to have. She also said that microphones would help everyone to hear each other better. Mr. Glaser agreed with this and added that he had difficulty hearing the members on the other side of the chambers. He said that he would personally favor the microphones because of this difficulty in hearing. He said that he felt that as long as four million dollars have been spent on this building, another four or five thousand dollars to make it more functional would be important.

The sound equipment in question would be hand microphones on coiled cords that are held in the hand and a button is pushed to activate. These would all be fed into the recorder and improve hearing and also eliminate the panel at the desk.

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Mr. Torvinen moved to authorize the purchase and the installation of the microphones in cooperation with the Senate. Mr. Schofield seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Lauri brought up the Resolution* on Boy Scout Week. Do Pass.

Mr. Young then began a discussion on the cost of resolutions in regard to printing. His main concern was to the bills memorializing individuals. He brought up that the cost of each of these resolutions is \$60. Mr. Schofield suggested a blanket-type of memorializing at the end of the Session. Mr. Torvinen stated that perhaps the Speaker could admonish the people on the floor to be judicious of whom they chose to memorialize. Chairman Lauri wondered at the necessity of printing the resolutions memorializing people and Mr. Torvinen suggested that it be taken out of law and just have 50 Xerox copies made. At that point, Speaker Jacobsen commented that a study was coming up on printing. End of discussion.

Chairman Lauri brought up the Resolution** commemorating Lincoln's birthday. Mr. Torvinen seconded. Motion carried.

On the subject of buzzers being installed, Speaker Jacobsen stated that it would cost \$360. to have buzzers installed in the Speaker's office and in the Sergeant at Arms office on both sides. Speaker Jacobsen did not see any necessity in having this done. Mr. Schofield added that he thought it should be each man's responsibility to be in the chambers on time.

On the subject of the recording machine, Mrs. Loy said that it had been ordered buy not yet received. It is to be shared by the Senate and the Assembly as a backup machine. Sound equipment for Room 131 was discussed. The equipment in there now is borrowed. Chairman Lauri suggested that the Legislative Functions Committee on the Senate side be contacted to see what their plans are. Speaker Jacobsen has borrowed a lectern and he suggested seeing how well it works.

Mr. Glaser moved the amplifying equipment in Room 131 be included with the microphone set up. Mr. Schofield seconded. Motion carried.

Speaker Jacobsen suggested that on one day a week the Session come back to order at 5:00 P.M. in order to allow members of the Ways and Means Committee and the Judiciary Committee to give a short talk on what their committees were doing. Chairman Lauri questioned whether this could be included under Order of Business No. 4 of the Standing Committees. Speaker Jacobsen added it should be done in the body so that everyone including the general public would know what was going on. He asked that this be tried for one week to see how it works. It was also suggested that an 8:00 A.M. meeting be tried where just rollcall would be taken followed by adjournment until 1:00 P.M. This would give the committees more uninterrupted time.

Theresa Loy then asked for two recorders in the committee rooms as the girls have been bringing their own and she personally doesn't feel that this was a responsibility of the employees. The recording equipment that was brought over from the other building does not work well. It will soon have to be repaired or replaced. The cost of each new recorder would be \$150.

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Mrs. Loy added that she felt it was her responsibility to provide what the committee chairmen want whether or not it is verbatim. Mr. Mello said she could only provide what she was capable of providing. Mr. Wilson commented that he had instructed his secretary to take down only pertinent information. Speaker Jacobsen said that more men have been and should make more use of the dictating machines. Mr. Schofield commented that the machines are not very efficient because of the problem of acoustics.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.