

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
50TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The meeting of the Legislative Administration Committee was called to order on April 7, 1987 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 427 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present at the meeting:

Rep. Harriet Hayne, Chairman  
Rep. Ed Grady, Vice Chairman  
Rep. Jan Brown  
Rep. Bob Marks  
Rep. Willam Menahan

Also present were Chief Clerk Bobby Spilker, Sergeant-at-Arms Chuckie Cramer, Assistant Chief Clerk Al Abramson, and Carla Gatzke, System Sales Manager for Daktronics Inc.

The minutes of February 17, 1987 were approved as submitted.

Chief Clerk Bobby Spilker briefly reviewed the history of the purchase of a new bill calendar board, explaining that the House was scheduled to install a new bill calendar board two years ago, and for various reasons this was not done. The funding to update the system was included in the feed bill this year and because of budget constraints and lack of time to submit a new proposal, the funds were pulled out of the bill. Pursuant to directions from this committee, Chief Clerk Spilker has been in touch with Daktronics and has invited Carla Gatzke to discuss a new proposal with the committee. Ms. Gatzke presented the following example proposal for the committee's consideration:

The bill calendar system can be updated for \$93,000. This will include a free-formatted 15 x 30 matrix display with the good side vision that is desirable for legislative application. More information can be placed on the board such as current motions and amendments. Ms. Gatzke strongly recommended that the bill calendar board be integrated with the voting system. If the PC that controls the bill calendar board is integrated with the voting system, some of the options that will become available are: current motions could be put before the floor with two lines of text, four bill numbers, the bill sponsor, amendment sponsor and motion sponsor. That information could be printed on the voting record and would match the printed record. The information could be sent to the computer center and would be available to legislators off the floor. Options

are also available to alleviate the work of the Reading Clerk and the Journal Clerk. The bill calendar board and the voting system can be integrated for an additional \$2000. The costs of the individual display options were not available at this time.

Rep. Marks asked how much time would be involved to go through the process of drawing specifications, submitting a proposal and putting the proposal up for bid. Re. Menahan questioned the necessity of putting out a bid as Daktronics seems to be our sole source. The only other vendor, International Roll Call, isn't compatible with our system - they would have to place a bid for a total new system. Rep. Marks said the law would require us to put it up for bid and suggested we get a proposal from Daktronics based on specifications prepared by the legislative staff and the Legislative Council, have the staff review it and then come to the committee again. Chief Clerk Spilker suggested that in light of the many options and features available it would be good to formulate a six-year plan that could be carried over a longer term. Ms. Gatzke said that most of Daktronics proposal would be finished in the first third, after that it would be mostly interfacing, journal and status. She offered to present a detailed proposal that the staff could evaluate and use the specifications. Rep. Menahan moved that Daktronics present a proposal to the committee with the options available consistent with the presentation made by Ms. Gatzke, have the staff review the proposal and bring it back to the committee. The motion was seconded by Ed Grady and CARRIED unanimously. Ms. Gatzke informed the committee that she would have the proposal to the committee by the end of the week.

Rep. Brown asked if the snack bar could stay open longer while the House is in session. She also inquired if there was a contract, as they don't seem to be consistent. The Chairman asked Al Abramson to check into it.

Sergeant-at-Arms Cramer informed the committee that she has contacted five places to bid on the bookcases. Three responded with the following bids:

New Creation Cabinetry	\$395
Montana State Prison	\$275
Supply Masters	\$256

Four to six weeks for delivery.

The committee decided to table action on the bookcases until the next meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the committee,  
the meeting was regularly adjourned.

Harriet Hayne by IB  
HARRIET HAYNE, Chairman

