

LEGISLATIVE SPACE RENOVATION PROJECTS - 2009-10 INTERIM

This memorandum reviews recent legislative space renovation projects and presents projects for consideration during the 2009-10 interim. Senate Bill No. 2001 (2009) provides an appropriation of \$1 million for legislative wing equipment and improvements. Section 5 of Senate Bill No. 2001 provides:

Any expenditure of funds relating to the sum of \$400,000 of the \$1,000,000 provided for legislative wing equipment and improvements . . . must be approved by a majority of the senate members of the legislative management committee, or its successor. Any expenditures relating to a separate sum of \$400,000 of the \$1,000,000 for legislative wing equipment and improvements must be approved by a majority of the house of representatives members of the legislative management committee, or its successor, and any expenditures relating to the remaining \$200,000 must be approved by a majority of all members of this committee, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

1979-80 AND 1981-82 LEGISLATIVE SPACE RENOVATION PROJECT

In 1977 the Legislative Assembly authorized the Board of University and School Lands to invest permanent funds of the common schools for the construction of an office building on the Capitol grounds. The authorization also mandated that legislative committee rooms be provided. During the 1977-78 interim, the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee established as a top priority the moving of legislative committee rooms to the ground floor from the balconies behind the Senate and House chambers. This was the impetus of the major legislative space renovation during the 1979-80 and 1981-82 legislative interims.

The current use of legislative space resulted from plans developed by the architectural firms of Brunner, Hoeffel, Torno, and Nester of Minot during the 1977-78 interim and Tvenge-Larson of Bismarck during the 1979-80 interim and modified by the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee during the 1979-80 and 1981-82 interims. Agencies were displaced in the Capitol and additional committee rooms were established by moving the Legislative Council staff to the offices vacated by the Supreme Court which resulted in the press studio; the doctor's exam room; the legislative study; the Roosevelt Park, Fort Union, and Peace Garden

Rooms; and the press room on the ground floor; converting the former Supreme Court hearing room into the Prairie Room; moving the Highway Patrol to the new State Office Building which resulted in the Harvest Room; and moving the cafeteria to the new State Office Building which resulted in the Roughrider and Sakakawea Rooms and committee clerk room. The renovation also included providing a legislative study on the first floor in what was the Lieutenant Governor's office; offices for the Senate leaders and their secretaries behind the Senate chamber; an office for the Secretary of the Senate; a joint supply room; an information kiosk in Memorial Hall; offices for the Speaker of the House, the Speaker's secretary, and the Chief Clerk of the House behind the west balcony of the House chamber; separate offices for the House leaders and their secretaries on each side of the House chamber; enlarged restrooms on each side of the House chamber; stripping and refinishing the wood in both chambers and in Memorial Hall; replacing the Formica tops on the legislators' desks in both chambers with new veneer; replacing the carpeting in both chambers; recovering the legislators' chairs in both chambers; installing press desks in each balcony; installing conduit systems under both chambers; and removing four desks on each side of the House chamber and cutting the brass rails to provide an additional access on each side.

The renovation also included installing an elevator connecting the ground floor and the third floor of the former Supreme Court library which gave handicap access to the Senate balcony, installing an elevator connecting the first floor and the west side of the House balcony which gave handicap access to the House balcony, installing a chair lift for the Brynhild Haugland Room, installing a sound system in the Brynhild Haugland Room, installing new electronic voting systems with computer interfacing and high-speed printers in both chambers, and installing computer terminals on the information kiosk and the ground floor.

1983-84 THROUGH 2005-06 INTERIMS

During the 1983-84 interim, the woodwork in the Prairie Room, the foyer to the Prairie Room, the Legislative Council reception area, the Legislative Council conference room, the former Supreme Court case conference room, and the wood base and doors and frames throughout the ground floor of the legislative wing were refinished; the hardware throughout the legislative wing was repaired or replaced; the benches on each side of Memorial Hall outside the House and Senate chambers were reupholstered; new lights were installed in Memorial

Hall to accentuate the woodwork; new tables and a new sound system were installed in the Roughrider Room; and the sound system in the Harvest Room was upgraded.

During the 1985-86 interim, the wood paneling on the first and second floors was stripped and refinished, a new sound system was installed in the Harvest Room, bookcases and new chairs were installed in the Roughrider Room, a new table was installed in the Prairie Room, a new ceiling with recessed lighting was installed in the Prairie Room, and new committee room signage boards were installed.

During the 1987-88 interim, the benches in the House and Senate chambers were refinished, tinted windows were installed in the House chamber, and committee room thematic pictures were developed.

During the 1989-90 interim, thematic pictures were installed in all committee rooms; the voting systems were enhanced with upgraded technology; microphones were replaced in the Roughrider Room; and microphone cords, plugs, and jacks were upgraded in the chambers.

During the 1995-96 interim, electrical and data wiring and grommets were installed at each legislator's desk in the chambers; electrical and data wiring and grommets were installed in the Roughrider, Sakakawea, Harvest, and House Conference Rooms; sound-absorbent surface was installed on the ceiling over the table area and a curtain was installed in front of the stage in the Brynhild Haugland Room; and committee room bookcases were installed in four committee rooms.

During the 1997-98 interim, the front desk and well areas were renovated to add workspace, rewire for technology, and improve visibility; carpeting in the chambers was replaced; and legislators' chairs in the chambers were replaced.

During the 1999-2000 interim, the electronic voting system in each chamber was replaced and upgraded with new wiring, voting stations, tricolor message panels, and member name display boards in each chamber, and a new audio system with microphones at each member's desk was installed in each chamber.

During the 2003-04 interim, the sound system in the Senate chamber was enhanced with different wiring, new digital mixers, and separate processors; a new sound system was installed in the Brynhild Haugland Room; new stacking chairs were placed in the Brynhild Haugland Room; and new folding chairs were purchased for use in the chambers and in Memorial Hall.

During the 2005-06 interim, the space occupied by the joint bill and journal room was renovated to provide a substantially smaller bill and journal room and two committee rooms--the Medora and Great Plains Rooms, new committee member chairs were installed in all committee rooms, the House sound

system was enhanced with new digital mixers, and projection screens and projectors were installed in the Roughrider and Harvest Rooms.

2007-08 INTERIM AND 2009 SESSION

During the 2007-08 interim, the wall between the Medora and Great Plains Rooms was removed resulting in the Medora Room.

New carpeting was installed in the north circular hallway, the Fort Lincoln Room hallway, and in all committee rooms except for:

- The Prairie Room, in which new carpeting was installed when the carpeting was replaced in the Legislative Council office suite after the 2009 session.
- The Roughrider Room, which will receive new carpeting when the new committee room table is installed.
- The Harvest Room, which will receive new carpeting when the new committee room table is installed.

New committee tables were installed in:

- The Medora Room.
- The Fort Lincoln Room.
- The Fort Union Room.
- The House Conference Room (with new committee member chairs).

During the 2009 session:

- The side chairs in all committee rooms were reupholstered.
- New carpeting was installed in the Senate Conference Room.
- New electronic signage was installed for the Fort Union, Peace Garden, Harvest, and Pioneer Rooms.
- New lecterns were installed in the Fort Lincoln and Fort Union Rooms.
- Portable sound systems were used in the Fort Lincoln, Missouri River, and Sakakawea Rooms.

After the 2009 legislative session and at the direction of the leaders:

- New committee room tables were installed in the Roosevelt Park, Missouri River, Red River, and Lewis and Clark Rooms.
- New committee room tables have been ordered for the Fort Totten, Peace Garden, and Sakakawea Rooms.
- Coffee counters have been installed in the regular House and Senate committee rooms except the Medora Room.
- New side chairs were installed in the Lewis and Clark, Red River, and Missouri River Rooms.
- New furniture has been installed in the House majority and minority leaders' office suites.
- New furniture has been installed in the Senate majority and minority leaders' office suites.

The attached table ([Appendix A](#)) describes the renovations resulting from the 2007-09 appropriation of \$200,000 for legislative wing renovations. The attached chart ([Appendix B](#)) graphically illustrates the status of committee room renovations.

Remaining projects related to the House include:

- House Speaker's office suite furniture and carpeting.
 - House Chief Clerk's office furniture and carpeting.
 - Roughrider Room table, lectern, carpeting, and electrical and data port replacement.
 - Roughrider Room committee clerks' furniture and carpeting.
 - Roughrider Room sound system.
 - Sakakawea Room electrical and data port replacement.
 - Sakakawea Room lectern.
 - Prairie Room intern desk.
 - Medora Room coffee counter.
 - Video signage for the Medora, Prairie, Roughrider, and Sakakawea Rooms.
 - Video screens/projectors for House committee rooms.
 - Portable sound systems for the Fort Totten, Fort Union, Peace Garden, and Prairie Rooms.
- Remaining projects related to the Senate include:

- New carpeting in the Senate leaders' office suites.
- Secretary of the Senate's office furniture and carpeting.
- Harvest Room table, lectern, carpeting, and electrical and data port replacement.
- Harvest Room committee clerks' furniture and carpeting.
- Harvest Room sound system.
- Video signage for the Fort Lincoln, Lewis and Clark, Missouri River, Red River, and Roosevelt Park Rooms.
- Video screens/projectors for Senate committee rooms.
- Portable sound systems for the Lewis and Clark, Red River, and Roosevelt Park Rooms.

Potential overall projects include:

- House and Senate committee clerk areas furniture and carpeting.
- Secretarial service area furniture and carpeting.
- House and Senate front desk technology use renovation, e.g., keyboard trays, etc.
- Hall monitor hardware and software to display chamber and committee activities.

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