

**REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

September 18, 2009

Senator Henry "Hank" Wilkins, IV, Co-Chair
Senator Steve Faris
Senator Bob Johnson
Senator Paul Bookout

Representative Allen Maxwell, Co-Chair
Representative Nathan George
Representative Robbie Wills
Representative Bruce Maloch

Legislative Council Members:

We, your Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 17, 2009 in Room 428 of the State Capitol.

The subcommittee heard an update concerning plans for utilizing the 5th floor of the Big MAC Building. Mr. Gary Dean with Williams and Dean Associated Architects, said the renovation would consist of two committee meeting rooms: one to seat 100 legislators, with a public gallery that would seat 85; the second would seat 30 members and accommodate approximately 25 members of the public. The remaining space would be occupied by legislative staff. A new entry area would be constructed for security and accessibility purposes. The plans also include a tunnel that would connect the State Capitol to the Big MAC Building at a cost of \$1.8 million. **Representative Maxwell made a motion to recommend the current architect plan to the Arkansas Building Authority as presented and designate office space to be occupied by legislative staff as feasible. The motion carried without objection.**

The subcommittee also heard a report from David Ferguson, Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, concerning the need for backup power in the ABA - 501 Building for the General Assembly computer system. Ms. Anne Laidlaw, Director, Arkansas Building Authority, said that installation of a back-up system could cost \$100,000. Mr. Ferguson noted that if the Bureau staff moved to the Big MAC Building that purchase of the back-up system would not be necessary because the Big MAC Building already has power backup available.

The subcommittee also discussed the introduction of non-appropriation bills during the Fiscal session. The subcommittee will discuss this issue at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Allen Maxwell House Co-Chair

Senator Henry "Hank" Wilkins, IV, Senate Co-Chair

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