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LB 1227

relating to the distribution of office space within the Capitol Building. Section 81-1108.21 required the Department of Administrative Services to develop a five-year plan for office space prior to 1976. This statute is outdated and this bill proposes the adoption of a new method of office space distribution. LB 1227 would allow the Legislature to determine its needs for space and the Department of Administrative Services would distribute the remaining space as needed by the various agencies and departments. I move for its advancement.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I guess I would ask Senator Marsh, is the effect of this bill that the Legislature or the Exec Board assign space for the whole Capitol or what?

SENATOR MARSH: No, sir. No, only for the Legislature. The Department of Administrative Services would assign the other space. We only would assign space for the Legislature.

SENATOR WARNER: But could we take away space from expanded area. We could expand...we could say we are going to take over space beyond which we now have?

SENATOR MARSH: It would be possible.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I am sure we would all like that authority but I would have a lot of reservations about that. I would bet the introducer isn't all that enthused if he had a different title on his name in a few months.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Marsh, would you yield to a question.

SENATOR MARSH: Certainly.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And I realize you are carrying this bill for someone else, you may not know the answer, but under this bill, would the Legislature then be authorized to take senators' offices and decide to move them around?

SENATOR MARSH: That is possible now, Senator Higgins. And we have done this, as you are aware. This is the process