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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

APRIL 7, 1987

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Summaries of March 25, 1987 and April 2, 1987, Council Meetings

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: After Deadline Requests

SEN. CHARLES P. PRAY
CHAIRMAN

REP. JOHN L. MARTIN
VICE-CHAIRMAN



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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

March 25, 1987

MEETING SUMMARY

Accepted and Placed on File
April 7, 1987

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Speaker's Office by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 11:11 a.m..

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Clark, Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Perkins, Sen. Pray, Sen. Webster

Representatives: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Martin, Rep. Murphy, Rep. Paradis

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond	Executive Director, Legislative Council
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the Council's March 10, 1987, meeting was approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Resignation

Sally Diamond, Executive Director of the Council noted that Thomas P. Collins, Business Manager had resigned as of March 13, 1987.

The resignation was accepted and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #2: Insurance Coverage for Legislators

Ms. Diamond informed the Council that both she and the Employees Health Insurance Program had received inquiries from legislators and former legislators about whether their coverage could be extended to a period preceding their enrollment if the premiums were paid. Following brief discussion, Council members expressed unanimous their opinion that legislators' coverage should extend only from their date of enrollment.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee's report was deferred until all other business had been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Public Access to Bill Status System: Status Report

Rep. Diamond, Chair of the Council's Committee on Legislative Automation, reported that the Public Access Pilot Project was underway: two training sessions have been held, and most of those who requested access are successfully using the system. Several subscribers have not yet acquired the necessary equipment. Subscribers will have a full month to determine whether they wish to continue their subscription before they are billed.

Twenty-one organizations who had originally expressed interest in obtaining access and been approved by the Council have not yet completed their application for access, and letters have been sent to determine if they are still interested. Six additional requests have been received since the start of the project. Rep. Diamond recommended that the Council approve the additional applications, provided that the total number of subscribers remains below 50.

Motion: That the request be approved (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Commission on Tort Litigation and Liability
Insurance: Request for Authorization to Hire Staff

Sen. Trafton, Commission Chair, was present and requested that the Commission be authorized to hire Joan Sturmthal to staff the Commission for three months for a total sum of \$6,500. The sum would be paid from the Commission's current budget of \$15,000.

Sen. Trafton also referred to a letter that had been sent to the Council listing those bills that the Commission has recommended be held over until the 2nd Regular Session. Rep. Martin noted that all bills should have Public Hearings and a letter be sent to Committee Chairs encouraging them to do so.

Motion: That the item be tabled until the next Council meeting (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).

Item #2: Joint Select Committee on Economic Development:
Correspondence from Rep. Gregory G. Nadeau, Chair

Rep. Diamond reported that Rep. Nadeau had requested that the item be withdrawn. No further action was taken.

Item #3: Renovation of House Gallery to Provide Handicapped Accessibility

Rep. Martin noted that many requests have been made to have the House Gallery accessible to handicapped persons and presented an estimate from the Bureau of Public Improvements for installation of a lift machine in the amount of \$19,800..

Motion: That the request be approved and that the Appropriations Committee be requested to include this item in the Legislature's Part II Request (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

Item #4: After Deadline Requests

A list of After Deadline Requests considered by the Council and a summary of the Council's action is attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council moved into Executive Session at 12:24 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Personnel.

RECONVENE

The Legislative Council reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

Motion: That the Council adopt a policy for legislative employees whose assigned job requires them to spend at least 80% of their time on a regular basis operating a computer terminal, to provide for breaks from continuous work at computer terminals and for annual eye examinations at State expense; and, further that the Executive Director be directed to establish procedures for implementation of this policy in all legislative offices (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Diamond; unanimous).

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

APRIL 2, 1987

MEETING SUMMARY

Approved April 7, 1987

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 9:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Clark, Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Perkins, Sen. Pray, Sen. Webster

Representatives: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Martin, Rep. Paradis

Absent: Rep. Murphy

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No Report.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No Reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: After Deadline Requests

A list of After Deadline Requests considered by the Council and a summary of the Council's action is attached.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.
(Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

SARAH C. DIAMOND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 7, 1987

Out-of-State Travel

Julie Jones, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, to attend
Institute on State and Local Taxation, sponsored by the
Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C., May 21-22.

Approval at this time is for the purpose of obtaining low
rates. Final approval is contingent upon the status of
Committee work on May 20.

Lynn Randall, Law & Legislative Reference Library, to attend
annual meeting of Law Librarians of New England, Woodstock,
Vermont, April 30-May 2.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACTION ON AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS

APRIL 7, 1987

LR 2403	AN ACT Related to Signs on the Maine Turnpike. SPONSOR: DIAMOND	ACCEPTED
LR 2404	AN ACT to Improve Fire Prevention Activity of Railroads. SPONSOR: DOW COSPONSORS: MOHOLLAND MCPHERSON	ACCEPTED
LR 2394	Resolve, to Create a Commission to Review the Laws Relating to Registered Maine Guides. SPONSOR: JACQUES	ACCEPTED
LR 2406	AN ACT to Provide Funds for Hazardous Materials Response Training Program at Southern Maine Vocational-technical Institute. SPONSOR: KANY	ACCEPTED
LR 2395	AN ACT Directing Cities and Towns to Display the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Flag. SPONSOR: KETOVER	ACCEPTED
LR 2405	AN ACT to Authorize Aroostook County to be Reimbursed for Exempt Taxes. SPONSOR: LISNIK COSPONSORS: MARTIN, J COLLINS MCHENRY	ACCEPTED

LR 2396	AN ACT to Require Recording of Certain Subdivision and Zoning Variances.	ACCEPTED
	SPONSOR: MACOMBER	
	COSPONSORS: MARSANO	
LR 2402	AN ACT to Provide for the Replacement of Carl Perkins Federal Money and to Improve Services Provided by the Maine Fire Training and Education Program.	TABLED
	SPONSOR: PERKINS	
LR 2397	AN ACT to Provide a Mechanism for Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds.	ACCEPTED
	SPONSOR: PRAY	
	COSPONSORS: MARTIN, J	
LR 2393	AN ACT to Reconstruct Piscataquus County's Historic Lowe's Bridge.	ACCEPTED
	SPONSOR: THISTLE	
LR 2399	AN ACT Relating to Construction and Improvements at Mount Desert High School.	WITHDRAWN (Sponsor's request)
	SPONSOR: ZIRNKILTON	
LR 2400	AN ACT to Redesignate a Certain Conservation Zone to a Cable Zone and Permit Diving for Scallops within that Area.	ACCEPTED
	SPONSOR: ZIRNKILTON	
LR 2401	Resolve, Authorizing Richard W. Kane, or His Legal Represenative, to Bring a Civil Action Against the State.	ACCEPTED
	SPONSOR: ZIRNKILTON	
LR 2409	AN ACT to Provide for State Wide Flood Relief	TABLED
	SPONSOR: GOULD	
	COSPONSOR: HUSSEY	
LR 2410	AN ACT to Make it a Class C Crime to Donate Blood when They Knowingly Tested Positive on the HIV Antibody Test for Aids.	TABLED
	SPONSOR: LAPOINTE	

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

April 7, 1987

AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS: SUPPLEMENT

LR

AN ACT to Provide Funding for Education Reform

TABLED

SPONSOR: Bost, S.

ACTION ON AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS

TABLED MARCH 25, 1987

LR 2333	AN ACT to Create a Crisis Intervention Program for the Mentally Ill.	REMOVED ACCEPTED
	SPONSOR: DIAMOND COSPONSORS: BOST PERKINS FOSTER	
LR 2306	AN ACT to Allow the Tax Rate of Maine Yankee to be Shared for Educational Purposes with Towns Within the 10-mile Evacuation Zone.	REMOVED RETABLED
	SPONSOR: HOLLOWAY	
LR 2327	AN ACT to Remove an Unconstitutional Provision in the Liquor Laws.	REMOVED RETABLED
	SPONSOR: KANY	
LR 2328	AN ACT to Criminalize Knowing Sale of Liquor to a Minor.	REMOVED ACCEPTED
	SPONSOR: RACINE COSPONSORS: KANY	
LR 2334	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS CONCERNING THE LOCKOUT OF EMPLOYEES AT SIMPLEX WIRE AND CABLE	REMOVED ACCEPTED
	SPONSOR: ROLDE	
LR 2330	AN ACT to Require Privately-owned Salt or Sand Storage Areas to be Covered.	REMOVED WITHDRAWN (Sponsor's request)
	SPONSOR: SEAVEY	

LR 2307 AN ACT to Require Financial Institutions to
Furnish Copies of Real Estate Appraisals to
Prospective Buyers upon Request.

REMOVED
ACCEPTED

SPONSOR: SHELTRA

LR 2199 AN ACT to Repeal the Sales Tax on Telephone
Access Services.

REMOVED
WITHDRAWN
(Sponsor's request)

SPONSOR: WEBSTER M