

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MAY 5, 1987

### MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED MAY 13, 1987

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 11:45 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
Peter Siegel	Law Librarian
Bent Schlosser	Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Helen Ginder	Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
David Silsby	Revisor of Statutes

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the Council's April 28, 1987, meeting was approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

## Item #1: Personnel Committee:

Rep. Martin, Committee Chair, reported on the results of further research regarding alternatives for providing an income protection plan for legislative employees. Since the Council's last discussion of this item in March, three alternatives have been explored: 1)contracting with an insurance carrier; 2)obtaining the benefit through individual membership in MSEA; and, 3)self-funding a plan, consistent with the plan currently available to confidential employees.

Rep. Martin reported that five insurance companies had indicated that they would not write a policy for legislative employees. The second and third options present some significant differences, including duration of the benefit, level of benefit payments; and who pays. Discussion focussed on the importance of providing a plan to legislative employees, but, at the same time, raised concerns regarding the difficulty of administering an income protection program internally.

Motion: That the item be tabled pending further study by the Personnel committee. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).

Item #2: Committee on Legislative Automation

Rep. Diamond, Chair, noted that the Committee would meet on Monday, May 11, immediately following adjournment of both houses.

Item #3: Committee on Utilization of Legislative Space

Sen. Pray, Chair, announced that this Committee would also meet on Monday, May 11, immediately following adjournment.

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Amendment of Legislative Council Procedures for Oversight of Legislative Committees and Commissions

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, presented a draft of Procedures for Solicitation and Selection of Contractors. She noted that the Legislative Task Force on Railroads had been authorized to contract for services up to \$50,000 in the recently enacted Emergency Appropriations Act, and that the Task Force had no guidelines for how to proceed. The proposed procedures would expand procedures previously adopted by the Council concerning budgeting and expenditure reporting by legislative committees and commissions.

Motion: That the proposed Procedures be adopted (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).

Item #2: Transmittal of Rules and Regulations concerning the provision of Housing and Food to State Employees

The Council received the annual report from the State Budget Officer, William Buker, pursuant to statute.

Motion: That the letter be accepted and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Gwadosky; second by Rep. Diamond; unanimous).

Item #3: After Deadline Requests

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

Item #4: Proposal to NCSL to Study Maine's Elementary and Secondary Education Finance Formula.

The Council received a letter from Sen. Estes, Senate Chair of the Education Committee, indicating that the Committee had agreed to re-review the proposal following NCSL's announcement of grant awards.

Motion: That the letter be placed on file (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Diamond; unanimous).

Item #5: Carry-Over Requests

Rep. Martin recommended that the Chair establish procedures for requests from Committees to carry bills over to the Second Regular Session.

Motion: That the Council Chair send a letter to Committee Chairs informing them of the schedule and procedures for handling Carry-Over Requests (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).