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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MAY 13, 1987

### MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED MAY 19, 1987

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chairman, Senator Pray, at 10:45 a.m..

#### ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Gwardosky, Rep. Martin, Rep. Paradis  
Absent: Rep. Murphy

#### Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond	Executive Director, Legislative Council
Peter Siegel	Law Librarian
Richard Sawyer	Deputy Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Helen Ginder	Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
David Silsby	Revisor of Statutes
John Bailey	Director, Information Services

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the Council's May 5, 1987, meeting was approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Approved Step Increases

Gro Flatebo, Legislative Analyst, (Salary Range 10),  
from Step B to Step C, effective April 28, 1987.

Norma Larrabee, Law Library Assistant (Salary Range 3),  
from Step C to Step D, effective May 7, 1987.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on Effective Utilization of Legislative Space

Sen. Pray, Committee Chair summarized the items the Committee had discussed at its recent meeting, and pointed out the interrelatedness of several of the proposals. They include the following:

1) Handicapped accessibility to the House Gallery

The Council has already authorized this project. Emphasis now is on identifying alternative ways to provide accessibility, the implications of these alternatives for current space assignments (e.g. press occupancy of Rm. 400 and copying machines in Rm. 401), and the costs associated with each. An architect recommended by Earle Shettleworth, Director of the Historic Preservation Commission, is in the process of developing alternatives.

2) Location of all Committee Offices in the State House

Three Committees are still located in the State Office Building, and two committees are currently sharing space. Sen. Pray noted that there are several options available, including reallocation of existing space on the 4th floor and construction of additional offices on the first floor at the south end. Implementation of these would entail options relocating the computer room, and the possible relocation of the Maine-Canadian Office.

3) Press Space

The Committee is continuing to explore the feasibility of constructing a facility for use by the State House press. Pursuit of this project may involve relocation of some of the press corps for the Second Regular Session.

4) Extending the "mezzanine" level over Room 225

This would provide additional office space required by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review. In discussion Council members expressed concern that this extension be limited to Room 223, leaving Room 221, the Taxation Committee hearing room as is.

5) Removing the "inner" stairway between Room 106 and the Library Reading Room

This was approved by the 112th Council, but was deferred until the Library had use of the Liquor Warehouse which is currently being retrofitted as a Central Storage Facility.

No Council Action required.

Item #2: Personnel Committee

The Committee Chair, Rep. Martin, reported that the Committee had voted unanimously to implement a self-funded income protection plan for legislative employees under which eligible employees would receive 2/3 of their salary for up to six months. Application to receive benefits would be made through the Executive Director. All applications would then be reviewed by the Personnel Committee for a final recommendation to the Council. Rep. Martin also noted that Session employees would be eligible during the time of their employment.

Motion: That a self-funded income protection plan be implemented for legislative employees effective as soon as administrative details are in place (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

Item #3: Committee on Legislative Automation

Rep. Diamond, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee would meet later in the day.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #2: 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 11:30 a.m.  
(Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Rep. Diamond; unanimous).