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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JUNE 30, 1987

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED JULY 20, 1987

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 10:12 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 summaries of the Council's June 9, 12, 15 and 17, 1987, meetings were approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Item #1: Approved Step Increases**

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, reported that she had approved a step increase for J. Timothy Leet, Analyst, from Step D to Step E, effective July 4, 1987

Motion: That the Executive Director's report be accepted and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Diamond; unanimous).

Ms. Diamond also noted that Helen Ginder, Richard Sawyer and herself were eligible for step increases in July and recommended that these be referred to the Personnel Committee for review.

Motion: That the above item be referred to the Personnel Committee (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).

Item #2: Approved Out of State Travel

Ms. Diamond reported that she had approved travel to the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, July 5-8, Chicago, Illinois, for Lynn Randall and Jane Edwards.

Item #3: Retirement of Gerry Dubord

Ms. Diamond informed the Council that Gerry Dubord, would be retiring from the Executive Director's Office on October 9, 1987. With her accumulated leave, she will be leaving August 14.

Motion: That a letter of appreciation be sent to Ms. Dubord (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Diamond).

Item #4: Staffing of Legislative Studies and Commissions

Ms. Diamond noted that she would be meeting with Helen Ginder to discuss staffing for the Studies and Commissions.

Motion: That Sally report back to the Council at its next meeting with staffing recommendations (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Diamond).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee

Rep. Martin, Chair, noted that the Committee would be meeting later in the day and would report back to the Council when they reconvened.

Item #2: Committee on Legislative Automation

Rep. Diamond, Chair, reported that the Committee would also be meeting later today and report back to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Request for Clarification of Council Action on Study Request

The Council had received a letter from Sen. Theriault and Rep. Rydell suggesting that the request to the Council for a study of the Relationship between Nonprofit Service Agencies and professional Liability and Other Hard to Obtain Lines of Liability Insurance be withdrawn since the legislation authorizing this study had passed (LD 1752).

Motion: That the Banking and Insurance Committee's request to study the Relationship between Nonprofit Service Agencies and Professional Liability and Other Hard-to-Obtain Lines of Liability Insurance be removed from the list of Council-approved studies.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: After Deadline Requests

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

Item #2: Staffing in the Bureau of Elections

Rodney S. Quinn, Secretary of State, requested staffing assistance from the Legislature for the Elections Bureau. He noted that the transfer of the Engrossing Department to the Legislature left only one employee in the ballot room.

Motion: That Sally Diamond, David Silsby and Secretary Quinn meet to discuss the loan of Legislative employees to the Elections Bureau and report back to the Council later in the day with recommendations (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

RECESS

Motion: That the Council recess at 9:25 a.m. until later in the day (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 10:45 p.m. The following were present when the Council reconvened in the Legislative Council Chambers:

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

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

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond	Executive Director, Legislative Council
Peter Siegel	Law Librarian
John Bailey	Director, Information Systems
Joy O'Brien	Secretary of the Senate

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Reassignment of Salary Ranges of Secretary of the Senate, Clerk of the House, and their Assistants

This item was before the Legislative Council as the result of language incorporated in P.L. 1987, c. 349 (the "Part II Budget"), which enacted the recommendation of the State Compensation Commission to assign the Secretary of the Senate, Clerk of the House, and their Assistants to salary ranges previously established by the Legislative Council. The new law specifies the salary range, but charges the Legislative Council with the responsibility of assigning the four officers to specific steps within those ranges.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the Compensation Commission's recommendation to assign Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate and Ed Pert, Clerk of the House to Step C of Salary Range 14 and Deborah B. Wood, Assistant Clerk of the House and Pamela Lovley, Assistant Secretary of the Senate to Step E of Salary Range 9; and, further, that these salary changes to effective July 1, 1987. (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Diamond informed the Council that her original report of additional step increases due should be amended to include the following:

Janet Belanger, Secretary (Salary Range 3), from Step B to Step C, effective July 6, 1987.

Carolyn Chick, Paralegal Assistant (Salary Range 7), from Step A to Step B, effective July 21, 1987

(No Council action required.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sen. Pray noted that the Council would convene its July meeting on Monday, July 20, at 3:30 p.m., and requested that both the Personnel Committee and the Committee on Legislative Automation schedule meetings in advance of the Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m. (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).