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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JULY 20, 1987

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED AUGUST 21, 1987

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chairman, Senator Pray, at 3:45 p.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
John Bailey	Director, Information Services

Peter M. Siegel
Legislative Council Information

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summaries of the Council's June 18, 19, and 30, 1987, meetings were approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Approved Step Increases

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, reported that she had approved a step increase for Anne M. Woodward, Legislative Technician, from Step A to Step B, effective July 27, 1987.

Ms. Diamond also noted that Peter Siegel, State Law Librarian and Lynn Randall, Deputy Law Librarian were eligible for step increases in August 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. Clark; second by Sen. Pray).

Item #2: Approved Out-of-State Travel

Ms. Diamond reported that she had approved travel for the following:

NCSL Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, July 26-30

John Bailey
Charlotte Carrie
Jim Clair
Sally Diamond
David Elliott
Meg Matheson
Bob Michaud
Peggy Reinsch
Cheryl Ring
Dick Sawyer
Peter Siegel

PACE Users Group, Lowell, Massachusetts, July 27-28

Steve Lane
Gerry Thibault

CSG/ERC Annual Meeting, Wilmington, DE, August 9-13

Sally Diamond
Bent Schlosser
David Silsby
OPLA (2, to be named)

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on Effective Utilization of Legislative Space

Senator Pray, Committee Chair, reported on the progress of several pending projects.

- Sen. Pray met with members of the State House Press to discuss the Council's intentions to find alternate space for them. He noted that architects would be evaluating potential space. Rep. Diamond noted that members of the press had expressed concern to him about the schedule for relocation and suggested that it would be helpful to put together a more detailed timetable.
- Moore/Weinrich & Woodward, the architectural firm engaged by the Council, has prepared a preliminary design for providing handicapped access to the House Gallery, which is in the process of being reviewed by the Speaker and by BPI, the State Fire Marshall, and the City of Augusta for conformance with various code requirements. The estimated cost is \$26,900.
- The architects have completed a preliminary review of the feasibility of extending the 2nd floor "mezzanine" level and have concluded that this is not feasible due to fire regulations.

No Council action necessary.

Item #2: Committee on Legislative Automation

Rep. Diamond, Committee Chair, reported on the status of the conversion of bill drafting from the ALTER system to WANG. He noted that some members of the subcommittee had concerns about security once the conversion was made. Members were assured that the issue would be no greater than it is with the present system, but that steps could be taken to make the present system more secure.

No Council action necessary.

Item #3: Personnel Committee

Rep. Martin, Committee Chair, reported that the subcommittee had met with Sally Diamond, Richard Sawyer and Helen Ginder prior to the award of step increases. He noted that Helen Ginder has reached the top of her salary scale.

Motion: That step increases be approved for Sally Diamond and Richard Sawyer and, further, that the Council reinforce its unanimous support of the structure we have developed over the past five years. This structure relies on an Executive Director who is responsible for the overall administration of the non-partisan staff offices. The Directors of these offices are accountable to the Executive Director for planning and implementing policies of the Legislative Council (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Staffing in the Bureau of Elections

Sally Diamond reported that, following the June Council meeting, she and David Silsby had met with Secretary of State Quinn and members of his staff regarding the implementation of the Council's agreement to provide staff to assist the Bureau of Elections. Sen. Pray pointed out that this was a temporary arrangement designed to provide assistance only through the November elections.

No Council action necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Webster; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).