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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AUGUST 21, 1987

10:00 a.m.

REVISED AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Summary of July 20, 1987, Council Meeting

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Staffing Changes

- Resignation: Charlotte Carrie
- Transfer of Kathryn Van Note from OPLA to OFPR

Item #2: Approved Step Increases

Item #3: Printing Contracts: Laws of Maine

V. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee

Item #2: Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

Item #3: Committee on Legislative Automation

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Legislative Study Commissions: Staffing Requests

- Jt. Standing Committee on Banking & Insurance (Resolves, c. 65): Relationship between Nonprofit Service Agencies and Professional Liability and Other Hard-to-Obtain Lines of Liability Insurance

- Jt. Select Committee on Corrections
- Commission to Implement Computerization of Criminal History Record Information

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Schedule for Submission of Legislation for the Second Regular Session

SEN. CHARLES P. PRAY
CHAIRMAN

REP. JOHN L. MARTIN
VICE-CHAIRMAN



STATE OF MAINE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STATE HOUSE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

SEN. NANCY RANDALL CLARK
SEN. DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE
SEN. THOMAS R. PERKINS
SEN. CHARLES M. WEBSTER
REP. JOHN N. DIAMOND
REP. DAN A. GWADOSKY
REP. THOMAS W. MURPHY, JR.
REP. EUGENE J. PARADIS

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).

SARAH C. DIAMOND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



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Thursday, August 20, 1987

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Approved Step Increases

Robert Dunn, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis, from Step A to
Step B (Salary Range 7), effective August 26, 1987

Joan Gagne, Office of Revisor of Statutes, from Step F to Step G
(Salary Range 5), effective August 6, 1987

Kevin Madigan, Office of Fiscal & Program Review, from Step E to
Step F (Salary Range 10), effective August 29, 1987

LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSIONS

STAFFING REQUESTS

1. Committee on Banking & Insurance: subcommittee to study Relationship between Non-Profit Service Agencies and Professional Liability and other Hard-to-Obtain Lines of Liability Insurance (Resolves 1987, ch. 65)

Estimated cost: \$3,000

Total \$ available: \$7,900

2. Commission to Implement Computerization of Criminal History Record Information (P&S 1987, ch. 135)

Estimated cost: \$2,000

Total \$ available: \$2,500

3. Jt. Select Committee on Corrections: Approved Interim Study to develop a Long-Range Plan for the Corrections System in Maine

SENATE

RAYNOLD THERIAULT, DISTRICT 1, CHAIR
BEVERLY MINER BUSTIN, DISTRICT 19
DONALD F. COLLINS, DISTRICT 2

JERI GAUTSCHI, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
SANDRA CHESLEY, COMMITTEE CLERK



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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

August 18, 1987

Senator Charles P. Pray, Chair
Legislative Council
State House, Station 115
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Chairman Pray,

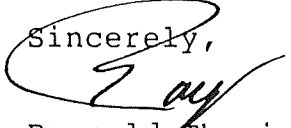
We request that the Legislative Council hire a temporary research assistant to work under the direction of our Legislative Analyst to assist the subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance in the Study of Relationship Between Non-profit Service Agencies and Professional Liability and Other Hard-to-Obtain Lines of Liability Insurance (LD 1752).

The Subcommittee has begun working, and a large amount of data must be collected and analyzed and an extensive literature search conducted. Data should be gathered from insurance companies, agencies, and nonprofit organizations in Maine and other states. The study plan includes a survey of insurance companies regarding reinsurance, a survey of nonprofit agencies or businesses that have considered self-insurance or have a program in place, and a survey of states that have tried either experienced based rating or interstate compacts. Research assistance will enable the Committee to complete the data collection within the time frame allotted.


If an effective study is to be conducted in the way it has been planned, this special assistance will be necessary. The Committee had planned to hire a temporary research assistant for the equivalent of 8 weeks full time to work until early December on the study at a total cost of \$3,000. Funding for this position was approved when the Resolve was passed. We plan to contact the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine for names of graduate students to fill this position if this request is granted. Considering the number of studies that have been assigned to the Office of Policy & Legal Analysis and the short amount of time available, we will not be able to do the work as planned without research assistance.

The purpose of the study is to determine whether statutory changes or regulation changes are necessary in order to assure the availability and affordability of liability insurance for nonprofit and other organizations. The Committee will need to conduct its analysis and assessment based on complete data in order to make these recommendations. Therefore, we would urge a favorable response to our request. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Raynold Theriault
Senate Chair



Charlene Rydell
House Chair

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COMMISSION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

August 21, 1987

Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chairman
Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Pray and Members of the Legislative Council:

The Commission for the Implementation of Computerized Criminal History Records was created by Private and Special Law, Chapter 135, passed by the 112th Legislature during its Second Regular Session. The Commission's charge is to investigate and prepare recommendations to automate and computerize the State's criminal history record information system and to report these to the Legislature by next January 15. This is a major undertaking: it involves several agencies of state government and the type of information system envisioned by the legislation will require new levels of cooperation among them to share information which is highly sensitive and confidential.

To this point, the Commission has used staff from the various participating agencies. In addition, I as Chair had a Committee Clerk available through Sally Diamond's office to help me organize the Commission's work. We are now at the point, however, where we need to organize and write our final report, a task which requires expertise not currently available to us. I am requesting the Council's authorization, therefore, to hire a consultant to assist the Commission in completing its work by the January deadline. This will involve the following:

- Assisting me to coordinate both the activities of the Commission's own subcommittees and the activities of the Commission and those of relevant state agencies and interest groups

Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chairman

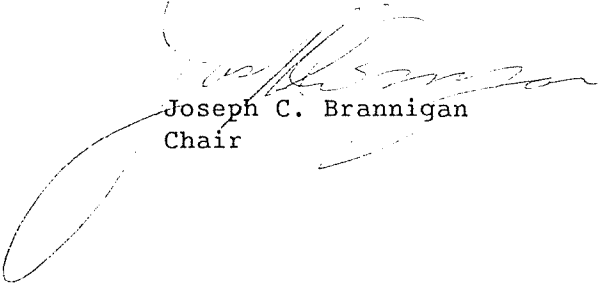
August 21, 1987

- Assisting the Commission to analyze proposals submitted to it in accordance with the law regarding the design of the information system
- Writing the final report

The Commission has spent virtually none of its original appropriation of \$2800; and we would simply like to reallocate the remaining funds to hire a consultant.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Brannigan
Chair