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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AUGUST 21, 1987

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 1987

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chairman, Senator Pray, at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: 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	Information Systems Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the Council's July 20, 1987, meeting was approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Staffing Changes

- Resignation: Charlotte Carrie

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, reported that Charlotte Carrie, Legislative Information Officer, had resigned and that Dorothy Rollins would act as Information Officer on an interim basis to allow a reassessment of the Office before the position was filled permanently.

Motion: That a letter of appreciation be sent to Charlotte Carrie (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

- Transfer of Kathryn Van Note from OPLA to OFPR

Ms. Diamond also reported that Kathryn Van Note would be transferring from the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis to the Office of Fiscal and Program Review to fill the Legislative Analyst position previously transferred from OPLA to OFPR.

Item #2: Approved Step Increases

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

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.

Item #3: Printing Contracts: Laws of Maine

Ms. Diamond reported that the apparent low bidder was J. S. McCarthy and that final contract award would be based on the company's successful demonstration that it could produce copy to the Legislature's specifications from electronically-transmitted material.

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee

Rep. Martin, Chair, reported that the Committee had met and was at this time presenting the following recommendations to the Council:

That step increases be awarded to Peter Siegel, Law Librarian and Lynn Randall, Deputy Law Librarian, based on the Personnel Committee's interviews with each (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

That the position of Business Manager in the Executive Director's Office be upgraded to the job class of Director (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

That the Personnel Policies and Guidelines for Non-Partisan Staff be adopted with the understanding that staff will have 15 days to make comments and suggestions and that these be reviewed by the Executive Director and the Personnel Committee prior to final adoption (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #2: Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

Sen. Pray, Committee Chair, presented a progress report on provision of handicapped access to the House Gallery, which will be completed before the 2nd Regular Session. He also recommended that the Council authorize him to notify those members of the Press Corp currently occupying offices on the 4th floor of relocation plans (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

Item #3: Committee on Legislative Automation

Rep. Diamond, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee will be meeting sometime in the next two weeks.

Motion: That the report be accepted and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Clark).

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

The Committee Chairs sent a letter requesting authorization to hire a temporary research assistant to work under the direction of their Legislative Analyst to assist the subcommittee, within the funds appropriated to the Committee for this study.

Motion: That the request be approved (Motion by Sen. Webster; second by Rep. Diamond; unanimous).

- Jt. Select Committee on Corrections

The Chairs of the Committee requested authorization to hire a consultant on a temporary basis for research and report writing for the subcommittees.

Motion: That the request be approved (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

- Commission to Implement Computerization of Criminal History Record Information

Sen. Brannigan, Commission Chair, requested that the Council authorize the Commission to reallocate the remaining funds in the Commission's budget to hire a consultant to assist in the final phase of the Commission's work.

Motion: That the Commission's request be approved (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

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

David Silsby, Revisor of Statutes, submitted a proposed schedule for submission of legislation for the Second Regular Session.

Motion: That the schedule be accepted and placed on file with recommended changes (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. (Motion by Rep. Murphy; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).