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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 18, 1987

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 2:45 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 H. Bailey	Information Systems Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the Council's October 30, 1987, meeting was approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Gwadosky; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, recommended step increases for the following:

Rita Bouchard, Associate Law Librarian, Law & Legislative Reference Library, (Salary Range 12), from Step A to Step B, effective November 7.

Elizabeth H. Gosselin, Programmer, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 8), from Step F to Step G, effective December 1.

Dorothy Rollins, Information Officer, Office of Legislative Information, (Salary Range 5) from Step Q to Step X, effective October 18.

John Knox, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, (Salary Range 10), from Step E to Step F, effective October 29.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

Sen. Pray, Chair, reported that the Committee had met earlier today with representatives from the architectural firm of Moore/Weintrich & Woodward. The Committee will present some recommendations regarding reassignment of offices for the Second Regular Session at the December Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request to Convene Education Committee for one day in December to meet with Chancellor Woodbury

Sen. Estes and Rep. Bost, Committee Chairs, sent a letter requesting authorization to convene the full Committee for one day to meet with Chancellor Woodbury to discuss several topics which will be of significance during the Second Regular Session.

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

Item #2: Requests to Extend Reporting Deadlines

Several Commissions and Committees requested extensions of reporting deadlines. These requests and the Council's action are summarized below:

- Commission to Review Overcrowding at Augusta and Bangor Mental Health Institutes (letter from Sen. Bustin)

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

- Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development Committee: Regional Economies in Maine (letter from Sen. Andrews and Rep. Crowley)

Motion: That the request be approved (Motion by Rep. Paradis; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).

- Joint Standing Committee on State & Local Government: Study of Conflict of Interest in State Government (letter from Sen. Tuttle & Rep. Carroll)

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

- Commission to Study Integration of Maine State Retirement System with Social Security System (letter from Sen. Clark)

Motion: Noting that this extension requires legislation, the Council voted unanimously to approve the request (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Diamond; unanimous).

- Judiciary Committee:

- Surrogate Parenting

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

- Driving Under the Influence of Illegal Drugs (letters from Sen. Brannigan and Rep. Paradis)

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

- Joint Select Committee on Corrections (letter from Sen. Bustin)

Motion: That the request and the contract extension be approved (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous). Sally Diamond noted that it would be necessary to extend the contract with Annika Lane, who was hired to provide staff assistance to the Committee through February.

Item #3: Request from the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Regulation of Health Care Expenditures to apply for technical and financial assistance from NCSL

Sen. Gauvreau, Commission Chair, sent a letter to the Council requesting authorization to apply for technical and financial assistance from NCSL through a special Health Care Cost Containment Project.

Motion: That the request be tabled and that the Executive Director contact Sen. Gauvreau to obtain more information and report to the Council (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #4: Legislators' Appeals on Requests to Introduce Legislation to the Second Regular Session

Appeals on Requests to Introduce Legislation to the Second Regular Session were considered by the Legislative Council. A record of the Council's action is on file in the Executive Director's Office.

Item #5: After Deadline Requests

After Deadline Requests were considered by the Council. A record of the Council's action is on file in the Executive Director's Office.

Item #6: Carry Over Request

The Joint Standing Committee on Labor requested permission to carry over L.D. 1919, "An Act to Encourage Prompt and Peaceful Settlements of Labor Disputes" to the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

The Council approved the request (6-1).

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.
(Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).