

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 6, 1988**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**APPROVED FEBRUARY 2, 1988**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chamber by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 2:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**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	Director, Information Systems

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

None.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Items #1: Approved Step Increases

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, reported that she had approved step increases for the following employees:

John Bailey, Information Systems Director, (Salary Range 14), Office of Executive Director, from Step C to Step D, effective January 1.

Etta Begin, Secretary (Salary Range 4), Office of Executive Director, from Step C to Step D, effective January 7.

Jacqueline Calcagni, Administrative Secretary (Salary Range 6), Office of the Executive Director, from Step C to Step D, effective January 14.

Edythe J. Hampson, Legal Proofreader-Engrossing (Salary Range 3), Office of the Revisor, from Step A to Step B, effective January 12.

Kathy Crowley-Pendleton, Office Assistant II, (Salary Range 2), Office of Fiscal and Program Review, from Step F to Step G, effective January 20, 1988.

### Item #2: Approved Out-Of-State Travel

Ms. Diamond reported that she had approved a request from Helen Ginder that Gro Flatebo be authorized to attend an NCSL Seminar on Labor Issues in New Orleans, January 14 - 16. She noted that Ms. Flatebo has recently been assigned as the Analyst for the Labor Committee.

### Item #3: Resignation Of Marilyn Canavan

Ms. Diamond reported that she had received notification that Marilyn Canavan, Library Assistant, had submitted her resignation effective January 13, to take a position in the Secretary of State's Office.

Motion: That the Executive Director's report be accepted and placed on file and that the Director write a letter to Ms. Canavan expressing appreciation for her legislative service. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous.)

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Submission of Study Reports

Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation:  
Study of Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

Motion: That the report be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous.)

Item #2: Proposed Blue Cross/Blue Shield Rate Increase (at request of Speaker Martin)

Rep. Martin informed Council members that Blue Cross-Blue Shield had filed a request with the Bureau of Insurance to increase subscription rates by 26-28% and recommended that the Council become an intervenor in the case on behalf of the Legislature. He noted that while the current finding deals only with non-group subscribers, it is important to identify the issues before the request to adjust rates for group subscribers is filed.

Motion: That the Legislative Council file as an intervenor on behalf of the Legislature in Blue Cross-Blue Shield's request to increase rates for non-group subscribers. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Webster.)

Motion: That Rep. Martin's motion be tabled until January 7, at 9:00 a.m., pending further information. (Motion by Rep. Murphy; second by Sen. Perkins; approved 7-2.)

Item #3: Letter from Richard L. Trafton, Chair, Commission to Examine Problems of Tort Litigation and Liability Insurance in Maine

Mr. Trafton reported that the Commission had completed its work and expressed his appreciation to the Council for working with the Commission.

Motion: That the letter be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous.)

Item #4: After Deadline Requests

The Legislative Council considered After Deadline Requests. A summary of the Council's action is attached.

Item #5: Council Meeting Schedule for Second Regular Session

Sen. Pray recommended that the Council establish a standard meeting time for the remainder of the Second Regular Session. After discussion, it was agreed that, effective January 19, the Council would meet every other Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. (No action necessary.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).