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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MARCH 8, 1988

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED MARCH 15, 1988

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 10:37 a.m..

ROLL CALL

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

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report submitted by Sally Diamond, Executive Director of the Legislative Council, included the following:

Item #1: Approved Step Increases

Ms. Diamond reported that she had approved Step increases for the following, based on the recommendations of their office directors:

Elizabeth Bartlett, Administrative Secretary (Salary Range 6), Office of Fiscal and Program Review, from Step F to Step G, effective March 23, 1988.

Elaine Choate, Senior Secretary (Salary Range 4), Office of Fiscal and Program Review, from Step E to Step F, effective March 7, 1988.

Robert Michaud, Associate Librarian (Salary Range 10), Law and Legislative Reference Library, from Step D to Step E, effective March 5, 1988.

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

Item #2: Action to Fill Library Associate Position

Ms. Diamond reported that, after completion of interviews and evaluation of resumes, she had approved Peter Siegel's recommendation to award the vacant position to Jennifer Locke, who is currently employed in the Library.

Motion: That the Executive Director's recommendation be accepted. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Rep. Martin, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee had met to clarify procedures for the review of applications from partisan staff for the Income Protection Plan. These procedures have now been communicated in writing to all leadership offices.

No Council action required.

Item #2: Request from the State Compensation Commission to meet with the Council.

Rep. Martin noted that the members of the Personnel Committee to whom this item had been referred previously were in unanimous agreement that this meeting should be deferred until after adjournment sine die. The Committee has directed Sally Diamond to so inform the Commission.

No Council action required.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Submission of Annual Report by the Maine High Risk Insurance Organization

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

Item #2: Application for Legislative Review of Administrative Rules pursuant to 20 M.R.S.A. § 11112. (Letter from Sen. Estes and Rep. Bost, Chairs, Joint Standing Committee on Education).

Ms. Diamond reported that a petition had been received requesting legislative review of rules promulgated by the Department of Education regarding access to collections and papers in the custody of the Maine State Museum. She had referred the request to the Joint Standing Committee on Education, and the Committee has decided to proceed with organizing a public hearing for this purpose, pending certification that the signators on the petition are all registered voters as required by law. Ms. Diamond noted that she had sent copies of the petition to all of the Town Clerks at the recommendation of the Secretary of State's Office in order to verify that the signators are registered.

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

Sen. Clark further recommended that the Committee on State and Local Government be asked to review the statute governing legislative review of agency rules with the objective of amending it to clarify who is responsible for certifying that signators to a petition are registered voters. Ms. Diamond and Helen Ginder reported that the Committee had already agreed to consider this issue and that a proposed amendment was being prepared.

Item #3: Request from Maine Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority to meet with Legislative Council. (Letter from Matthew Scott, Executive Director).

Motion: That the meeting be arranged following adjournment sine die. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins, unanimous).

Item #4: After Deadline Requests

After deadline requests were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

Item #5: Space Assigned to the Press

Motion: That the Council Chair be authorized to deal with the issue of location of the press, with the understanding that the alternatives for relocation be limited to the State House Complex. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; 7-0-1, with Rep. Gwadosky abstaining).

Sen. Pray noted that the Committee on the Effective Utilization of Legislative Space would consider this issue at its next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. (Motion by Rep. Martin;; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).