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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MARCH 22, 1988

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 3:11 p.m..

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond	Executive Director, Legislative Council
Peter Siegel	Law Librarian
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John H. Bailey	Information Systems Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the Council's March 15, 1988, meeting was approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Gwadosky; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Request from WGAN for space in the State House

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, informed the Council that she had received a request from Bill Muldoon, WGAN, in Portland for space to accommodate a telephone and desk for the remainder of the legislative session.

Motion: That the request be referred to the Council's Committee on Effective Utilization of Legislative Space (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

Item #2: Legislative Confidentiality: Proposed Policy Statement

Ms. Diamond reminded Council members that the item had been tabled at the Council's meeting the previous week in order to allow members to review it thoroughly. She noted that in preparing the draft, the Directors had focussed on developing a statement that was consistent with the intent of the Freedom of Access Law and that provided guidelines for staff in handling their drafting and committee staffing responsibilities. Ms. Diamond emphasized that protecting confidentiality is a shared responsibility: once a legislator (or committee) has a draft in his/her possession, the burden of responsibility shifts. Finally, Ms. Diamond raised a point of clarification: does the statement cover all legislative staff, or only non-partisan staff. Council members agreed that it covered non-partisan staff only.

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Rep. Martin, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee would meet Thursday, March 24, immediately after both houses had recessed in the morning.

Note: This meeting was subsequently postponed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: 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 #2: Brian Blaisdell

Sen. Pray noted the death of Brian Blaisdell, Deputy Director, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, on Monday, March 21.

Motion: That a letter be sent to the Blaisdell family from the Council. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. (Motion by Rep. Gwadosky; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).