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SEN. NANCY RANDALL CLARK
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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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 1988

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED NOVEMBER 28, 1988

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 3:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers:

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| Sally Diamond | Executive Director, |
| | Legislative Council |
| Martha Freeman | Director, Office of Policy |
| | and Legal Analysis |
| David Kennedy | Revisor of Statutes |
| Bent Schlosser | Director, Office of Fiscal |
| | and Program Review |
| Lynn Randall | State Law Librarian |
| John H. Bailey | Information Systems |
| | Director |
| David Silsby | Director, State Capitol |
| | Commission |

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Item #1: Approved Step Increases**

Judith A. Armstrong, Senior Legal Proofreader, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 4), from Step F to G, effective November 7, 1988.

Locke Kiermaier, Legislative Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 10), from Step D to Step E, effective November 5, 1988.

Grant Pennoyer, Legislative Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 10), from Step D to E, effective November 13, 1988.

Priscilla Whitmore, Legislative Indexer, Office of Information Systems, (Salary Range 8), from Step A to B, effective November 23, 1988.

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

Item #2: Consideration of Step Increase for John Wakefield, Deputy Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review

Motion: That this item be referred to the Personnel Committee in accordance with Council policy, for review and recommendation to the full Council. (Motion by Sen. Perkins; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #3: Approved Out-of-State Travel

Ms. Diamond reported to Council members that four members of the staff had attended the meeting of the Assembly of the Legislature in Annapolis, Maryland, the previous week with her approval: Julie Jones, Kevin Madigan, John Bailey, and herself. The Council Chair and Vice-Chair were notified of this travel in advance since no Council meeting was scheduled.

No action required.

Item #4: Other Personnel Actions

Ms. Diamond reported that several vacancies, for which the Council had previously authorized recruitment, had now been filled. These include:

Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

- Todd R. Burrowes of New Gloucester, Maine, to the position of Legislative Analyst, effective November 28, 1988.
- Deborah C. Friedman of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, to the position of Legislative Analyst, effective December 5, 1988.

Office of the Executive Director/Information Systems

- Transfer Edythe Hampson from the position of Proofreader, Engrossing, to the position of Information Assistant in the Legislative Information Office, effective December 5, 1988.
- Transfer Donna Sullivan from the position of Accounting Technician to the position of Office Support Technician (effective date to be negotiated).

Motion: That these recommendations be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #5: Legislative Printing Contracts

Ms. Diamond reported that, pursuant to the Council's authorization to proceed with negotiation of printing contracts for the 114th legislative biennium, she, Joy O'Brien, and Ed Pert, with the assistance of John Bailey, had worked with the Bureau of Purchases to develop bid requests. She reported the low bidders for each of the contracts:

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| LD's | : | J.S. McCarthy Augusta, Maine |
| House & Senate Calendars: | | J.S. McCarthy Augusta, Maine |
| Acts & Resolves | : | Quality Copy Hallowell, Maine |
| Legislative Record | : | Quality Copy Hallowell, Maine |

Ms. Diamond requested final Council approval to award each of these contracts.

Discussion focussed on Council members' concern about the price increases in each of the bids and the further steps that could be taken to reduce the overall cost. Ms. Diamond responded that, with the Council's support over recent years, major cost reductions had already been achieved through the use of computer technology and the provision of "camera-ready copy" to the printer. The single remaining exceptions with regard to camera-ready copy are the House and Senate Calendars, where the tight turnaround requirement and other factors have offset some of the advantages of camera-ready copy.

Council members also asked whether it would be possible to reduce the total number of copies of the Legislative Record that are provided by the contract. Ms. Diamond agreed to explore this further and to assess the impact of a reduction in the total price of the contract.

Motion: That the Executive Director be authorized to sign the contracts with the provision that the contract for the Legislative Record may be amended at a later date. (Motion by Sen. Webster; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee

No report.

Item #2: Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

No report.

Item #3: Committee on Legislative Automation

Ms. Diamond reported that John Bailey had sent a letter to Rep. Diamond, Committee Chair, which provided further information about issues raised previously by the Council regarding the Governor's request for access to the Legislative information systems. The Automation Committee had not yet met to review this information and formulate a recommendation to the Council. The Council Chair reported that he would contact Rep. Diamond to discuss how to proceed with resolving the pending request.

No action required at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS**Item #1: Pre-Legislative Conference: Progress Report**

Sally Diamond reported that plans were underway for both the orientation session and the banquet, which traditionally concludes the Conference, on Tuesday, December 6. No major departures from recent years are planned.

Sen. Pray informed Council members that all Senators would be required to attend a seminar on ethics, which would be scheduled at some point during the orientation period.

No action required.

Item #2: Request for Extension of Deadline for Commission on Marine Research (letter from Rep. Coles, Commission Chair)

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

Item #3: Submission of Final Study Reports

Motion: That the following study reports be accepted and placed on file:

- Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development: Study of International Trade
- Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary: Study of the Financial Feasibility of a Public Defender Program
- Joint Standing Committee on Utilities: Study of Utility Easements Over Existing Rights-of-Way

Motion: That these reports be accepted and placed on file.

(Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

Item #4: 4th Special Session: Bill Requests

Requests for introduction of legislation to the Fourth Special Session were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sen. Pray suggested that the Council meet on Monday, November 28, at 9:00 a.m., prior to the convening of the Fourth Special Session. All present concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).