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JUNE 8, 1989

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED JUNE 16, 1989

SEN. CHARLES P. PRAY
SEN. NANCY RANDALL CLARK
SEN. CHARLES M. WEBSTER
SEN. PAMELA L. CAHILL
REP. DAN A. GWADOSKY
REP. JOSEPH W. MAYO
REP. MARY CLARK WEBSTER
REP. FRANCIS C. MARSANO

SARAH C. DIAMOND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council was called to order by the Chair, Speaker Martin, at 4:14 p.m., in the Legislative Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: Rep. Mayo, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Martin, Rep. Marsano

Absent: Rep. Webster

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond	Executive Director, Legislative Council
Lynn Randall	State Law Librarian
John Wakefield	Deputy Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Martha Freeman	Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
David Kennedy	Revisor of Statutes
John H. Bailey	Information Systems Director
David Silsby	Director, State Capitol Commission
Joy O'Brien	Secretary of the Senate

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Summary of the May 24, 1989, Council meeting was accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Policy Regarding Statute "Prints" for Executive Department Agencies.

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, referred Council members to the memo prepared by David Kennedy and asked Mr. Kennedy to summarize it. The purpose of the memo was to propose that the Council adopt a series of policies to govern the preparation of printouts of the statute data base maintained by the Legislature for use by executive departments and agencies. The proposed policies include:

1. That the Council ratify the provision of this service to departments and agencies, with the understanding that it should, in no case, impede the Revisor's support of the Legislature.
2. That the tradition of customizing the format of the printout to individual agency specifications be replaced by adoption of a single format, and that agencies be provided a computer disk as well as a "hard copy" of the printout so that they can edit the text as they wish.
3. That the Council institute a fee policy for statute printouts as follows: \$50.00 per request and \$1.00 per printed page of text.

Mr. Kennedy noted that imposition of a fee structure was consistent with Council policy already adopted with regard to the Public Bill Status system and that the fees were designed to recover only the estimated marginal costs of providing this service.

Motion: That the Revisor's recommendations be adopted. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

Item #2: Personnel Actions

Ms. Diamond had two items to report.

- Simone Antworth, Administrative Secretary in the Law Library, had completed her 11th year of legislative service. She is at the top of her salary range and is, thus, not eligible for a step increases.
- The Personnel Committee had previously reviewed and unanimously endorsed her recommendation to promote Janet Grard, Office Support Coordinator, Information Systems, from Salary Range 5 to Salary Range 7. Ms. Diamond noted that the position, which Ms. Grard has occupied since last October, was classified in the higher salary range but that a 6-month probationary period had been established in order to provide Ms. Grard with the opportunity to acquire training and technical skills which were central to the position.

Motion: That Ms. Grard's promotion be approved as recommended. (Motion by Rep. Gwadosky; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: LD 1626, RESOLVE Concerning the Development of a New Master Plan for the Capitol Area: Status Report

Speaker Martin noted that this was one of two pieces of legislation that had emerged from the early work of the State Capitol Commission and had subsequently received the Council's unanimous endorsement. He noted that the State and Local Government Committee was considering substantial

changes in the original bill and suggested that Council members who were interested in pursuing the Council's interest in this bill meet with David Silsby, Director, State Capitol Commission, and the State Government Committee Chairs who will assemble in the President's Office on Friday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m. Those who expressed an interest in participating included Sen. Pray, Sen. Clark, Sen. Cahill, Sen. Webster, and Rep. Gwadosky. Sen. Cahill requested that the Commissioner of Administration, Chip Morrison, also be invited to this meeting, and the Executive Director was asked to contact him. Finally, Sen. Webster stressed that he felt it was essential that the Council maintain its active, bi-partisan role in the development of this legislation.

No motion required.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request to relocate handicapped parking spaces.

Council members briefly discussed the problem raised by the letter addressed to Sen. Pray from Mr. Raymond L. Emond. Suggestions that emerged from the discussion included the following:

- Working with the Joint Standing Committees to try and anticipate which hearings deal with issues of particular concern to handicapped persons so that we could arrange with Capitol Security to have additional handicapped parking slots designated on those days. (Speaker Martin)
- Improving our efforts to publicize the best access routes for handicapped persons to both the State House and the State Office Building. (Rep. Marsano)

Motion: That Mr. Emond's letter be accepted and placed on file and that a letter of acknowledgement be sent to him. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

- Item #2: Request to Review Policy Regarding Location of Large Legislative Hearings.

A letter from Ms. Bettina Dobbs, President of the Guardians of Education of Maine, addressed to Ms. Diamond, recommended that the Legislature have a "standing" reservation at the Augusta Civic Center so that public hearings that exceeded the capacity of the assigned legislative hearing room could be moved. Council discussion focussed on

1) the cost of such an arrangement, and 2) the problems with having hearings outside of the Capitol Complex.

Motion: That Ms. Dobbs' letter be accepted and placed on file and that a letter of acknowledgement be sent. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

- Item #3: Advisory Committee on Legislative Structure and Operations: Appointment of Chairs.

Motion: That Sen. Nancy Randall Clark and Mr. Kenneth MacLeod be appointed as Chairs of the Advisory Committee on Legislative Structure and Operations, pursuant to Chapter 15 of the Resolves of Maine of 1989. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Mayo; 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: Requests to Carry Bills Over to the Second Regular Session

A list of the requests considered by the Council with the Council's action noted is attached.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

The Chair introduced Alan Sokolow, Director of the Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m., on the motion of the Chair.