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STATE OF MAINE

114th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1989
MEETING SUMMARY**

APPROVED DECEMBER 20, 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 meeting was called to order by the Chair, Speaker Martin, at 1:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond

David Kennedy

David Silsby

Julie Jones

Executive Director,

Legislative Council

Revisor of Statutes

Director, State House and

Capitol Park Commission

Principal Analyst, Office

of Policy and Legal Analysis

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: That the Legislative Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the disposition of certain properties. (Motion by Rep. Marsano; second by Rep. Webster; unanimous).

The Council went into Executive Session at 1:46 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened on the motion of the Chair at 1:55 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Note: This item on the agenda was taken out of order.

Item #1: Negotiations Regarding Acquisition of City-Owned Portion of Capitol Park: Status Report.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the Division of Motor Vehicles' plans for proceeding with negotiations with the City of Augusta for the parcel of land adjacent to Capitol Park. (Motion by Rep. Mayo; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the October 29 Council meeting was accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Marsano; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Diamond reported that she had approved step increases for the following legislative employees, based on the favorable recommendations of their respective supervisors:

Judith A. Armstrong, Senior Legal Proofreader, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 4), from Step 7 to Step 8, effective November 6, 1989.

Judith Pines Blaisdell, Legal Proofreader, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 3), from Step 2 to Step 3, effective November 20, 1989.

John L. Kiermaier, Legislative Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 10), from Step 5 to Step 6, effective November 6, 1989.

Evelyn J. Knopf, Legislative Attorney, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 10), from Step 1 to Step 2, effective October 30, 1989.

Judy A. O'Brien, Senior Secretary, State House and Capitol Park Commission, (Salary Range 4), from Step 8 to Step 9, effective November 20, 1989.

Grant T. Pennoyer, Legislative Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 10), from Step 5 to Step 6, effective November 13, 1989.

Deanne Ricker, Administrative Secretary, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 6), from Step 5 to Step 6, effective November 27, 1989.

Donna Sullivan, Senior Legislative Technician, Office of Information Systems, (Salary Range 5), from Step 5 to Step 6, effective November 20, 1989.

Priscilla H. Whitmore, Legislative Indexer, Office of Information Systems, (Salary Range 8), from Step 2 to Step 3, effective November 20, 1989.

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of Legislators' Appeals of the Council's Initial Action on Bill Requests for the Second Regular Session.

This item, which appeared as Item #5 on the printed agenda, was taken up out of order. Lists summarizing the Council's action on each appealed request are available through legislative staff offices.

Item #2: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance for an Additional Meeting for the Study of the Feasibility of Creating a State Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund.

The letter requested an additional meeting for the study subcommittee and authorization to invite members of the former "Menario Commission" to this subcommittee meeting to discuss their findings and conclusions and reimburse them for their expenses.

Motion: That the request be approved. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

Item #3: Request from the Blue Ribbon Task Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the Public School Systems for an Extension of the Statutory Reporting Date.

The letter, requesting an extension, required no further action, since the Council had already unanimously approved introduction of legislation to extend the date.

- Item #4: Request from the Special Commission to Study the Organization of the State's Cultural Agencies for an Extension of the Statutory Reporting Date.

The letter from Richard N. Berry, Commission Chair, required no further action since the Council had already unanimously approved introduction of legislation to extend the reporting date.

- Item #5: Request from the Joint Select Committee on Corrections to Make a Site Visit to the Maine State Prison.

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

- Item #6: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs for an Extension of the Reporting Deadline for its Study of the Public Advocate.

The letter from Rep. Carter, Study Subcommittee Chair, requested an extension of the reporting deadline from December 1 to December 29.

Motion: That the request be approved. (Motion by Sen. Cahill; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

- Item #7: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation for an Extension of the Reporting Deadline for its Study of the Taxpayers Bill of Rights.

The letter from Sen. Andrews and Rep. Cashman requested an extension of the reporting deadline from December 1 to January 31, 1990. Council members expressed concern about the length of the extension; and Sen. Pray recommended that the extension be approved, but only until December 29.

Motion: That the extension of the reporting date be approved until December 29, 1989. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

- Item #8: Letter from Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources regarding its Study of State Mental Health Services.

The letter from the Committee Chairs, Sen. Gauvreau and Rep. Manning, informed Council members that the committee would complete its report by December 1, but had reserved one of its approved meetings to meet after December 1.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Speaker Martin expressed the unanimous appreciation of the Council for the outstanding work performed by David Kennedy and his staff in preparation for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on the motion of the Chair.