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STATE OF MAINE

115th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SEN. NANCY RANDALL CLARK
SEN. DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE
SEN. CHARLES M. WEBSTER
SEN. PAMELA L. CAHILL
REP. JOHN L. MARTIN
REP. JOSEPH W. MAYO
REP. WALTER E. WHITCOMB
REP. FRANCIS C. MARSANO

SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY

September 30, 1992

Approved October 6, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 5:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	Sen. Pray, Sen. Clark, Sen. Webster, Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Cahill
Representatives:	Rep. Marsano Absent: Rep. Martin, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Whitcomb, Rep. Mayo
Legislative Officers:	Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Martha Freeman, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis David Kennedy, Revisor of Statutes

The Chair declared that a quorum was present and proceeded with the agenda.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Summary of the August 26, 1992, meeting was approved and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Webster; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, presented the following items for Council consideration:

Item #1: Personnel Actions

Ms. Tubbesing notified the Council of the following personnel transactions that had occurred since the August Council meeting:

- Carrie C. McFadden and John G. Kelly have been hired to fill two vacant Research Assistant positions in the Office of Policy & Legal Analysis.
- Micki Hoddinott has been hired to fill a vacant half-time position as Paralegal Assistant in the Revisor's Office.
- Jayne Deneen, Legislative Proofreader, and Linda Gero, Legislative Technician, have both submitted their resignations.

Both of these positions are in the Revisor's Office.

The Chair, Sen. Pray, observed that one of the legislative candidates had stated that the Council should not be filling any new positions at this point in the legislative cycle. Senator Pray then stated for the record that these were not new positions and, further, that the Legislature, upon recommendation of this Legislative Council, had eliminated 11 positions, left 15 additional positions unfunded, and downgraded 6 other positions in the current biennium.

Motion: That the Director's Report be accepted and that the Executive Director and Office Directors be authorized to fill these positions as soon as they become vacant. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Item #2: Printing Contracts for the 116th Legislature

Ms. Tubbesing reported that the Secretary of the Senate, Clerk of the House and she had worked with the Director of the State Purchasing Division to develop bid specifications for the various printing contracts that are awarded in advance of each legislative biennium. These contracts include printing LD's and amendments, Senate and House Calendars, Legislative Record, Senate and House Registers and Rosters. She noted that these contracts needed to be finally awarded no later than mid-October to give the successful bidders time to prepare for the beginning of the legislative session.

Motion: That the Executive Director be authorized to accept the appropriate bids and execute contracts with the successful bidders for these printing contracts. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on the Legislative Budget

Senator Pray, who chairs this Committee, reported that the Committee had continued to meet but had not yet completed its recommendations for the Council.

No further Council action was necessary.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Request for Staff Assistance for the Legislative Members of the Task Force to Provide Recommendations Regarding School Funding Issues. (Tabled at July 22, Council meeting)

Motion: That this item be tabled. (Motion by Sen. Webster; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Submission of Study Reports

- a. Environmental Crimes (Staff study authorized by the Council at the request of the Joint Standing Committees on Energy & Natural Resources and Judiciary).

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

Item #2: Report from the Committee to Develop a Total Quality Management Plan for the Legislature.

Motion: That this item be table until the Council's October meeting. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #3: Requests to Introduce Legislation to the Third Special Session.

The Council took no action on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m., on the motion of Sen. Webster (second by Sen. Clark) without objection.