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M I N U T E S
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Legislative Council Chamber

September 18, 1974

CALL TO ORDER

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Berry, Danton, MacLeod, Sewall

Representatives: Birt, Hewes, Simpson

Staff: Mr. William H. Garside, Legislative Finance Officer
Mrs. Suzanne Havens, Chief of Legislative Staff
Mr. David S. Silsby, Assistant Director, Legislative
Research and Mr. Charles R. Priest, Assistant Director,
Legislative Research

Miss Edith L. Hary, Law Librarian

Mrs. Ann Clark, Secretary, James McKenna, Jonathan Hull
and Edward Potter, Legislative Staff Assistants

Guests: Mr. Richard G. Bachelder, Director, Bureau of Public
Improvements
Chancellor Donald McNeil, University of Maine with
Dr. Robert Coon and Dr. Alan Elkins
Mr. T.T. Trott, Jr., Project Director, CDS Program, LEAA
Mr. Leslie J. Hann, Deputy State Auditor with Stanley
Sumner, Program Review and Evaluation Division of
Department of Audit

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That the secretary's report be accepted
as mailed.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence and Executive Order #31 FY 75 from Hon.
Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, concern-
ing State credit rating. (attached)
2. Correspondence from Edward W. Brown accepting position as
Legislative Staff Assistant. (attached)
3. Correspondence from Legislative Staff Assistant Mrs. Helen
Ginder explaining reasons she did not attend conference

COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

- on mass transportation study in California. (attached)
4. Correspondence from T.T. Trott, Jr., Deputy Director, LEAA, concerning a comprehensive crime data system. (attached)
 5. Correspondence from Hon. Patrick T. Jackson, Jr., reporting on his attendance at a conference in Long Island, N.Y. relative to Management of the Sea's Living Resources Along the Northeast Coast. (attached)
 6. Audit Report of Department of Commerce & Industry. (attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Legislative Administrative Director -

MOTION

Sen. Sewall: That the Legislative Budget as presented by the Legislative Finance Officer be accepted.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Legislative Staff - New Legislative Staff Assistants, Jonathan Hull, James McKenna and Edward Potter and Secretary, Ann Clark were introduced to the Council.

Legislative Staff Reports are attached.
3. Legislative Reorganization - The Legislative operations and procedures manual is nearly completed and should be ready for review by the legislative agencies and interested persons on October 15 prior to the October 16th approval.
4. Collective Bargaining - No report.
5. State Employees Collective Bargaining Designee - No report.
6. Disaster Planning - No report.
7. Excise Tax Study - No report.
8. Appropriations & Financial Affairs -

MOTION

Sen. Berry: That H.P. 2085, directing the study of current means and trends in state finance for the financing of state government in the next biennium, be undertaken jointly by the Committee on Taxation

COMMITTEE REPORTS - (Continued)

8. Appropriations & Financial Affairs -
MOTION continued.

and the Appropriations & Financial Affairs Committee.

Seconded: Sen. Sewall

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Business Legislation - No report.
10. Education - Report attached.
11. Health & Institutional Services - Report attached.
12. Human Resources - Report attached.
13. Judiciary - No report.
14. Labor - No report.
15. Legal Affairs - No report.
16. Liquor Control - No report.
17. Natural Resources - Report attached.
18. Public Lands - No report.
19. Public Utilities - No report.
20. State Government - No report.
21. Transportation - No report.
22. Veterans & Retirement - No report.

MOTION

Rep. Hewes: That the Committee Reports be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That in light of the Attorney General's opinion received by this Council concerning the building proposal of Rep. Brooks Brown, no further action be taken in this matter. (Copy of opinion is attached)

Seconded: Sen. Berry

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. T.T. Trott, Jr., Project Director, CDS Program, LEAA, addressed the Council concerning their project. He was advised that the Council remains firm in its decision not to concern itself with this matter, and suggested that the request could be taken care of by Executive Order or legislation.

Chancellor Donald McNeil, Dr. Robert Coon and Dr. Alan Elkins then addressed the Council to express their views towards the establishment of a degree-granting program for medical students pursuing the M.D. degree, within the University of Maine. Senator Bennett Katz posed several questions to the three men relative to the funding of the proposal. The chairman advised everyone that the Council cannot act or react on the proposal. (U of M report attached)

MOTION

Rep. Hewes: That the Legislative Council rules be amended as follows: Insert into Rule 1, after the first sentence, a new sentence to read "The chairmanship shall be alternated in succeeding sessions between members from the Senate and members from the House", also to add a new Rule, 1-A to read: "The President of the Senate shall call the biennial organizational meeting of the Legislative Council into session and preside until the election of the chairman".

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Richard G. Bachelder, Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements, presented a report of progress on State Office space and the subcommittee studying the allocation of State office space reported their recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

MOTION

Sen. Berry: That the report and recommendations of the Subcommittee on State House Space Allocations for the News Media, be accepted and that the 7 guidelines and recommendations contained therein be established as directives for the use of the State House space covered by the report. (attached)

Seconded: Rep. Hewes

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Birt: That we approve the concept of pre-drafting of bills providing guidelines are established and sent to all candidates. (Guidelines attached)

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The council adjourned for recess at 12:20 and returned at 2:20 p.m.

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That we not print the Legislative Record in the future; that the Daily Record be proofread before printing; that the Daily record be indexed; and that the Daily Record be printed in a new format, thus becoming the permanent Legislative Record.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion. (\$150,000 will be realized in savings with this move)

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

MOTION

Rep. Birt: That we recommend to the 107th Appropriations Committee that a new Clerk Typist I be authorized for the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Birt: That the position of Librarian V for the Law and Legislative Reference Library not be recommended and a new position of Assistant Law Librarian be established as an unclassified position.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That all unnecessary legislative telephones be disconnected, at the discretion of the Legislative Finance Officer, until the convening of the next legislative session.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That we authorize the installation of a computer scanner for the 3rd floor rotunda of the State Capitol for use only when the Legislature is in session.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That the Court Reporters in the House and the Senate be replaced by two high quality tape recording machines in each body.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That we request a Legislative Security Officer for the 107th Maine Legislature from Col. Donald Nichols, Chief, Maine State Police, to be available to both legislative branches and public hearings at the direction of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. Danton: That we authorize the placement of quality marquee boards outside each legislative chamber listing each member's name and another marquee board for placement in the rotunda for committee announcements.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That we authorize the hiring of an Indexer assigned to the Legislative Research Office.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That this Council establish a Subcommittee to work with the Director of Legislative Research in preparing a procedure for better handling of Joint Resolutions and Memorials and to consider a Legislative Seal.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The chairman appointed Sen. MacLeod (Chairman), Sen. Danton and Rep. Birt.

Deputy State Auditor Leslie Hann and Stanley Sumner, Director of Program Review and Evaluation Division of the Department of Audit advised the Council they had set up this Division which was created in the special session of the 107th Legislature and were ready to proceed in compliance with section 3 of chapter 792 of the public laws of 1973. The Council was asked for suggestions on where to begin the evaluation and review.

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That the Council recommend to the Division of Program Review and Evaluation that they undertake a comprehensive program evaluation and review of the AFDC Program within the Department of Health & Welfare.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMARKS

The next meeting of the Legislative Council will be held October 16, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. The Subcommittee Workshop will meet October 15 at 1:00 p.m. Legislative agencies are invited to attend the October 15th meeting to discuss the new Legislative Operations and Procedures Manual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.