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

October 16, 1974

CALL TO ORDER

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Berry, MacLeod, Sewall

Representatives: Birt, Hewes, Simpson

Staff Present: Mrs. Suzanne Havens, Chief of Legislative Staff
Mr. William H. Garside, Legislative Finance Officer
Mr. David S. Silsby, Director of Legislative Research
Mr. Charles R. Priest, Assistant Director of
Legislative Research
Miss Edith L. Hary, Law Librarian

Guests: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That the secretary's report be accepted as mailed with the exception that the motion concerning legislative telephones (page 6) be corrected to reflect that the motion carried unanimously.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence from Commerce Clearing House, Inc., concerning legislative reporting. (attached)
2. Correspondence from David Smith, Central Computer Services.
3. Correspondence from Department of Audit concerning audit of AFDC Program, Department of Health & Welfare.
4. Correspondence from Col. Allen Weeks, State Police, reference Security Officer for 107th Maine Legislature.
5. Resolution in Memoriam - Hon. Clifford McIntyre.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Legislative Administrative Director - Oral report.
2. Legislative Staff - Report attached.
3. Legislative Reorganization

MOTION

Rep. Hewes: That the Legislative Management Manual be accepted as presented, effective December 1, 1974.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

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 - No report.
9. Business Legislation - No report.
10. Education - No report.
11. Health & Institutional Services - Correspondence attached.

MOTION

Rep. Hewes: That the request of the Committee on Health & Institutional Services to visit a limited number of boarding homes by subcommittees be granted provided all the boarding homes with State patients are notified that the committee might be visiting them.

Seconded: Sen. Berry

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Human Resources - No report.
13. Judiciary - No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

14. Labor - Correspondence attached.

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That the request from the Chairman of the Labor Committee to withdraw the study of the Workmen's Compensation Fund be granted.

Seconded: Sen. Berry

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Legal Affairs - Report attached.
16. Liquor Control - No report.
17. Natural Resources - No report.
18. Public Lands - Report attached.
19. Public Utilities - No report.
20. State Government - No report.
21. Transportation - Report attached.
22. Veterans and Retirement - No report.

MOTION

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

Seconded: Sen. MacLeod

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION

Sen. Berry: That the Council recommend that Joint Rule 11 be repealed and the following enacted in its place: Memorials, Orders and Resolutions are in order for introduction when a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills determines that they are of sufficient importance or interest for presentation to the Legislature.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

MOTION

Sen. Berry: That the Council authorize the Legislative Research Director to prepare standard Memorials and Resolutions for use by the 107th Maine Legislature.

Seconded: Rep. Hewes

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

Rep. Hewes: That the Legislative Research Assistant Director, Charles Priest; the Legislative Staff Director, Suzanne Havens; and Docket Clerk, Charlotte Carrie, be authorized expenses to attend the Council of State Governments' Legislative Staff Conference in Hartford, Connecticut, October 31 and November 1, 1974.

Seconded: Sen. Berry

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Birt: That we establish the Legislative Research Director's Salary at \$403.84 weekly.

Seconded: Rep. Hewes

Motion carried unanimously.

Prior to adjournment the Council and staff discussed and finalized the proposed schedule for the Pre-legislative Conference to be held December 2 - 5, 1974.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMARKS

The next meeting of the Legislative Council will be held November 20, 1974 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

September 25, 1974

TO: All Candidates, 107th Maine Legislature

FROM: Larry E. Simpson, Chairman, Legislative Council

The Pre-legislative Conference, a workshop for new and returning legislators sponsored by the Legislative Council, will take place this year on December 2 - 5. The Council urges that you set aside these dates now, and make every effort to attend. We are planning an excellent program, with hardworking session capped by a few special social events.

More information on the Conference will be sent following the election, but new legislators will be invited to sessions commencing at noon on December 2. Returning legislators will attend beginning at noon on December 3. Adjournment is expected at noon on Thursday, December 5.

The Legislative Council, in an effort to shorten the length of the upcoming session, has approved the pre-drafting of legislation, commencing at once.

Anyone interested in having legislation predrafted should contact, in person, Mrs. Suzanne Havens, Chief of Legislative Assistants, Room 427, State House, Augusta, in order to provide her with all the necessary information concerning your proposed legislation. It is essential that you know exactly what the proposed legislation is to accomplish, since it will be impossible for the staff to do research in connection with the drafting.

Pre-drafting is being done this year as an experiment, which hopefully, will result in having more legislation available early in the session. In order to accomplish this task, our staff will devote a limited amount of time to pre-drafting. Legislation involving a minimal amount of drafting will have priority.

If you request pre-drafting of legislation, the contents of this proposed legislation is confidential between you and whoever is doing the drafting. For this reason we request that you not publicly mention that legislation is being prepared for you. The staff cannot give out information concerning legislation, and should not be placed in the awkward position of denying your statements.

Proposed legislation will remain in the custody of our staff and/or the Legislative Research Office until after the election and will not be released to the proposed sponsor until after that time.

Pre-drafting of legislation should not be confused with pre-filing. You will receive more information on pre-filing of bills after the election.

MEMORANDUM

September 19, 1974

TO: All Legislative Council Members

FROM: Larry E. Simpson, Chairman, Legislative Council

Pursuant to our agreement, the enclosed letter should be reviewed by you before mailing to the candidates. If you have comments or suggestions on changes, please contact Mrs. Louise Giroux at Room 33, State House. (Tel. 289-2101)

If we do not hear anything to the contrary by September 25th, this letter will be forwarded to all candidates.

MEMORANDUM

September 25, 1974

TO: All Candidates, 107th Maine Legislature

FROM: Larry E. Simpson, Chairman, Legislative Council

December 2 to December 5 has been established by the Legislative Council for the Pre-Legislative Conference. We urge that you set aside these dates to make every effort to attend. We are planning an excellent program which will be a hard-working session capped with a few special social events.

More information will be sent following the election, but new legislators will be invited to the session commencing at noon on December 2. Veteran legislators will attend beginning at noon December 3. Adjournment is expected at noon on Thursday.

The Legislative Council has approved, subject to limited controls, the pre-drafting of legislation commencing at once. This does not mean pre-filing, so please take note.

Anyone interested in pre-drafting legislation should contact, in person, Mrs. Suzanne Havens, Chief of Legislative Staff, providing her with all the necessary information concerning your proposed legislation. She will not accept concepts and no research will be undertaken as part of the drafting. Please do your own homework.

Our staff is very busy, but has a limited amount of time for this work. Legislation involving a minimal amount of drafting will have priority. The proposed legislation will remain in the custody of our staff and/or the Legislative Research Office until after the election and no draft will be released to anyone, including the proposed sponsor, until that time.

We request that you not publicly mention that our staff is preparing legislation for you. If this is done, our staff will be put in an awkward position and will have to deny it and not complete the work. We cannot have the Press and others interrupting our staff by requesting specific information as it is confidential between you and them.

Please cooperate and help us make this plan work. It could shorten the session, or at least give us more legislation early in the session.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact Mrs. Havens or any Council member.

MEMORANDUM

September 23, 1974

TO: All Members, Legislative Council
William H. Garside, Legislative Finance Officer
Ronald H. Lord, Assistant Legislative Finance Officer
David S. Silsby, Assistant Director, Legislative Research Office
Charles R. Priest, " " " " "
Edith L. Hary, Law Librarian
Suzanne Havens, Chief of Legislative Staff
Charlotte E. Carrie, Legislative Information Officer

FROM: Larry E. Simpson, Chairman, Legislative Council

The Legislative Operations and Procedures Policy Manual is nearly complete and will be forwarded to you shortly for review and comment. Should you have any objections to any portion or would like to discuss any part of the manual with us, we invite you to attend our October 15th meeting at 1:00 p.m. at which time final decisions will be made prior to proposing this manual to the full Council October 16th.