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M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Legislative Council Chamber

November 20, 1974

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the chairman.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Berry, Brennan, Danton, MacLeod and Sewall

Representatives: Birt, Hewes, Martin and Simpson

Staff: Mr. David S. Silsby, Director, Legislative Research
Mrs. Suzanne Havens, Chief of Legislative Staff
Miss Edith L. Hary, Law Librarian
Mr. Ronald H. Lord, Assistant Legislative Finance Officer

Guests: Sen. Minnette H. Cummings
Rep. Lawrence P. Greenlaw, Jr.
Rep. William J. Garsoe along with Mr. Lanning Mosher,
State Employee Labor Relations Office
Mr. Richard G. Bachelder, Director, Bureau of Public
Improvement
Mr. Harry N. Starbranch, Secretary of the Senate, along
with Mr. Linwood Ross, State Purchasing Agent and 2
representatives of Transco, Inc.
Mr. Jerome Plante, Administrative Assistant to Congress-
man Peter N. Kyros

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Birt: That the secretary's report be accepted as
mailed.

Seconded: Sen. MacLeod

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence from Rep. Lawrence P. Greenlaw, Jr., concern-
ing an investigative crime unit.
2. Correspondence from Rep. Thomas R. LaPointe, concerning
television coverage of legislative debates.
3. Correspondence from Sen. Cyril M. Joly, Jr., concerning
State Housing Code.

COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

4. Correspondence from Miss Candace Shrum concerning legislative employment.
5. Copy of correspondence addressed to Governor Kenneth M. Curtis from Mr. John Leet, Executive Director, Maine Law Enforcement Planning & Assistance Agency concerning that agency's high priority items.
6. Copy of correspondence directed to Mrs. Doris Worster, ballot clerk, Kingman, from Mr. Peter M. Damborg, Deputy Secretary of State, concerning payment for election clerks in Town of Kingman.
7. Correspondence from Stanley R. Sumner, Director, Program Review and Evaluation, Department of Audit, concerning status of the AFDC evaluation program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Legislative Administrative Director -

MOTION

Rep. Birt: That the Legislative Finance Officer be authorized to make a public hearing room available for Pine Tree Legal Assistance Incorporated for a 1-day legislative workshop during the week of December 9; and that a staff member or tour guide member be made available to them for visitation to each legislative chamber.

Seconded: Rep. Martin

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That we purchase recording equipment for the House and Senate from the Atwell Company at a cost of \$3,533 as follows: 2 recording systems, 2 transcribers for the House and 1 transcriber for the Senate; and the Company is to provide us with a suitable contract for services.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

MOTION

Sen. Berry: That we transfer to Surplus the following equipment: 2 straight back chairs; 5 manual typewriters and 1 A.B. Dick Mimeograph machine.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. Berry: That 6 new typewriters be purchased; 3 for the House and 3 for the Senate, with the provision that 3 old House typewriters are traded in and 3 old Senate typewriters go to the committee clerks.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Hewes: That we purchase 210 - 19"x20" binders to be made available to any legislators who want them for filing the Daily Record as their copy of the permanent Legislative Record.

Seconded: Rep. Martin

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Legislative Staff - Report attached. Also attached is a report from Mrs. Havens relative to her attendance at the New England Legislative Research Staff Agency Conference at Hartford, Conn., October 31 and November 1.
3. Legislative Reorganization - Oral report.
4. Collective Bargaining - No report.
5. State Employees Collective Bargaining Designee -

Rep. William J. Garsoe appeared before the Council and introduced Mr. Lanning Mosher of the State Employees Labor Relations Office. Mr. Mosher reported progress in setting up a Collective Bargaining process for State Employees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

6. Disaster Planning - No report.
7. Excise Tax Study - No report.
8. Appropriations & Financial Affairs - Final reports submitted on: Legislative Printing; State Finances; Design-Build Concept. (attached)
9. Business Legislation - No report.
10. Education - No report.
11. Health & Institutional Services - Report and correspondence attached. Request for Rep. Dyar to attend a National Workshop on Working with the HMO Assistance Act in Columbia, Maryland, December 9 - 11, was denied.
12. Human Resources - No report.
13. Judiciary - No report
14. Labor - No report
15. Legal Affairs - Final report on Rural Crime submitted.(attached)
16. Liquor Control - No report
17. Natural Resources - No report.
18. Public Lands - No report
19. Public Utilities - No report
20. State Government - No report
21. Taxation - No report
22. Transportation - No report

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That the request from the Transportation Committee to hold a subcommittee meeting in Aroostook County during December relative to their Mass Transit Study be approved.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

23. Veterans and Retirement - No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

MOTION

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

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Richard G. Bachelder, Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements, reported on the status of various building projects etc., including the state parking garage. (attached)

The chair appointed Sen. Danton and Rep. Martin to represent the Legislature should an advisory committee be formed to study the possibility of a fee schedule for parking at the State garage and State House area.

The subcommittee appointed to look into a design for a legislative seal reported their recommendations.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall: That we accept the subcommittee's recommendation concerning the legislative seal and authorize them to proceed with the recommendation.

Seconded: Sen. Danton

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

Sen. Berry: That we offer to return the Maine Management and Cost Survey files to Governor-Elect James B. Longley.

Seconded: Sen. Brennan

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Hewes: That travel expenses be authorized to allow Mrs. Havens travel expenses to Minneapolis, Minnesota for a National Legislative Conference on December 13, 1974.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

MOTION

Sen. MacLeod: That the following equipment be authorized per request of the Secretary of the Senate: 3 4-drawer file cabinets for the State Government Committee; 2 wooden executive desks and 2 side chairs and 1 settee for the Senate Democratic Office; carpeting for Rooms 134 and 135; 20 chairs for the committee chairmen's office and refurbishing of the settees on the first floor museum lobby.

Seconded: Rep. Martin

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That the following recommendations of the Director of Legislative Research be approved: Mrs. Charlotte Carrie, Legislative Information Officer III, full-time position, weekly salary \$169.70, effective November 25, 1974; Mrs. Dorothy L. Rollins, Legislative Information Officer II, full-time position, weekly salary \$162.40, effective November 25, 1974; Mrs. Louise Tripp, Legislative Information Officer I, part-time position beginning December 16, 1974 at salary of \$136.40 weekly; Ellen Mary McMonagle, to fill the new position of Legislative Indexer, full-time position beginning December 2, 1974 at a salary of \$169.70 with a 1-step increase after 6 months.

Seconded: Rep. Martin

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Council recessed for lunch at 1:05 p.m and reconvened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Discussion following the recess concerned final details concerning the Pre-Legislative Conference and the legislative policy manual.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMARKS

The Council's next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 1974.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Ralph E. Fenton
Graphic Arts and
Printing Manager

November 18, 1974

Mr. William Garside
Legislative Finance Officer
State House
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mr. Garside:

In reply to your request, the daily "PROOF" of House and Senate Record known as the "Horse Blanket" can be printed with an additional one-half inch left edge to allow punching.

The "Horse Blanket" is 15" x 23". Newspaper binders come 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 25". These binders are made of heavy-weight plastic with plastic coated metal wire retainers and plastic locks. The paper can be punched on the left side in the additional area provided, the holes will be 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ " on centers. All copies would be punched. We pay \$10.10 a piece for these binders.

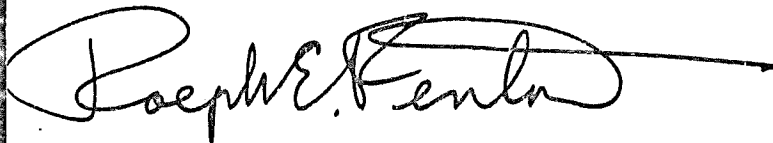
The punching will add production time depending upon the number of pages in each issue.

It is important to point out in the present system the composition is not charged to the "Horse Blanket" as it is in effect a proof copy for the Record, thus all composition is charged to the Record (Bound Volumes.) If we go to the new system, then there will be a composition charge to the "Horse Blanket."

If this system is found acceptable, it will result in savings to the State, and we are glad to cooperate in any way we can.

It would be of value if we are allowed to review at no charge to the State, the overall paper processing and printing system for the Legislature with your office during a legislative period to determine if any additional savings can be suggested.

Sincerely,



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MEMORANDUM

October 16, 1974

TO: Miss Edith L. Hary
Law and Legislative Reference Library

FROM: Larry E. Simpson,
Chairman, Legislative Council

We have scheduled you to appear before our Pre-legislative Conference on Wednesday, December 4 at 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. in the House of Representatives. We are allotting you 1/2 hour to orient the incoming legislators on the functions of your office. If possible, please allow some time for questions and answers.

We would like to have your entire staff present during your presentation and ask that you introduce them.

We would like to have your entire staff wearing name tags during the entire Conference to assist the new legislators in becoming more familiar with our personnel.