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M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Legislative Council Chamber

January 22, 1975

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Senator Jerrold B. Speers.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Conley, Cummings, Danton, Sewall, Speers

Representatives: Martin, McKernan, Najarian, Palmer, Rolde

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

Guests: Mr. Richard G. Bachelder, Director of Public Improvements
Mr. Otto W. Siebert, State Budget Officer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from State Budget Officer Siebert stating he has restored the full amount requested in his office's budget recommendations.
2. Annual Report of South Carolina Legislative Council dated December 15, 1974.
3. Report for fiscal year 1974 of Federal Outlays in Maine as compiled by the Office of Economic Opportunity for the Executive Office of the President.

MOTION

That the communications #2 and #3 be placed with the Law Library.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Standing Committee on Liquor Control on their study SP 698 of 106th Session
2. Joint Standing Committee on State Government on SP 687 and SP 918 of the 106th Session - Also final report on their study of HP. 1638 and 1535.

3. Appropriations and Financial Affairs, final report on H.P. 2091, Augusta and Bangor Mental Health Institutes.
4. Appropriations and Financial Affairs, re. District State Office Buildings.

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That all studies and reports presented to the Council to date be adopted and that they be distributed to members of the Legislature; in addition, that 110 copies be provided for the Law Librarian.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That the Chairman be authorized to sign a letter requesting an Opinion from the Attorney General reviewing the original decision from the Attorney General, as to the legality of paying funds to Prof. Delogu; also asking what action the Legislative Council itself can take.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That meeting day be the second Monday of the month during the legislative session, at 3:00 p.m.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMARKS

A discussion took place regarding the awarding of a bid for the heating system for the new office building. Dick Bachelder of BPI was willing to explain the entire bid procedure followed in this instance, but the Council concluded that the firm complaining about the award should follow the statutory administrative procedures before the Council should take part in a discussion of the award. It was felt that if the laws were not followed, the Attorney General should be notified and that the Legislature should become involved only if additional legislation or a change in the current statutes were needed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.