

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JANUARY 9, 1979

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Rep. John L. Martin, Chairman, at 2:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Conley, Sen. Katz, Sen. Pierce, Sen. Pray
Sen. Sewall

Representatives: Rep. Garsoe, Rep. Martin, Rep. Mitchell,
Rep. Tarbell, Rep. Tierney

Staff: William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Edith Hary - Law Librarian
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator

Guests: Steve Lakis - Legislative Leaders Foundation

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the minutes of the meeting of November 13th be accepted as presented.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

The Chairman advised the Council that the first item of business was to select the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council. Rep. Martin informed the Council that the Chairman would change from a House member to a Senate member and the Vice-Chairman would change from a Senate member to a House member. Rep. Martin advised that nominations were open for chairman. Sen. Conley nominated Sen. Richard Pierce for Chairman of the 109th Legislative Council. The nomination was seconded and nominations ceased. The Council submitted a unanimous vote for Sen. Richard Pierce to be Chairman of the Council. At this time Sen. Pierce presided as Chairman of the Legislative Council and opened nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Rep. Martin nominated Rep. James Tierney as Vice-Chairman of the 109th Legislative Council. The nomination was seconded and nominations ceased. The Council submitted a unanimous vote for Rep. Tierney to be Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Legislative Administrative Director - William Garside asked the Council's direction on preparation of the Legislative Record. He informed the Council that \$99,494 is invested in printing the present record (receiving proof pages from the Kennebec Journal for correction and having the corrected copy printed and bound). Mr Garside advised that the Kennebec Journal has increased the charge for this to \$48.20 per page. He added that an alternative would be to spend more time on proofreading the proof pages and accepting the corrected copy as the official record at a charge of \$37.03 per page (\$11.00 less than present method), which would save between \$25,000 and \$35,000. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the Council accept the recommendations of the Legislative Administrative Director to change the procedure whereby a slightly upgraded first draft of the Legislative Record is accepted as the final record to be published.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Sewall, but did not carry on a 5 to 5 vote.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that 300 copies of the Legislative Record be printed in final form as opposed to the 325 that are now printed.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Martin and carried by a vote of 9 to 1.

Further discussion followed in which Mr. Garside explained the format of the Legislative Record, stating that 800 copies are printed, 475 are in the form of loose pages, and 325 are kept at the Kennebec Journal for final correction and binding. Sen. Katz suggested that all legislators' copies be excluded from binding and left in looseleaf form.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved to authorize the binding of the final copies of those volumes that are intended for non-legislative distribution.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Tarbell, but did not carry on a 5 to 5 vote.

Mr. Garside informed the Council that he received a memo from Richard Bachelder, Bureau of Public Improvements, pertaining to the relocation of the State House Snack Bar. He added that the move would be across the hall to the present janitors' room, increasing the working facilities for Mr. Steve Hoad.

MOTION

Rep. Garsoe moved that the location for the State House Snack Bar be moved across the hall.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Conley, which carried unanimously.

William Garside recommended the Council's approval for merit increases for 6 staff members:

	Present	Proposed	Effective Date
John Bailey	\$ 265.76	\$297.92	12/12/78
Christine Holden	281.84	297.92	12/19/78
Rosa Prime	190.70	198.80	12/20/78
Peter Schwindt	297.92	314.00	1/ 5/79
Robert Flewelling	281.84	297.92	1/ 9/79
John Selser	281.84	297.92	2/ 7/79

Mr. Garside further advised that he received a letter from the Director of Legislative Research requesting authorization for merit increases for 2 staff members, effective 1/15/79.

	Present	Proposed
Brian Blaisdell, Legislative Attorney	\$281.84	\$297.92
Ellen McMonagle, Legislative Indexer	242.15	253.76

MOTION

Rep. Martin, moved that the request for the recommended merit increases be approved.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Rep. Martin asked at this time to discuss salaries for the partisan administrative staff.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the salary scale for the partisan administrative staff be the same as that of the last legislature.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously

Further discussion followed for the salaries of the House and Senate staff. Sen. Pierce suggested that this matter be tabled until the next Council meeting.

Legislative Assistants Coordinator - Helen Ginder submitted 2 memos, one on Maine's participation in a computer conferencing experiment, and the other on the State Science, Engineering, and Technology Program of the Conference on State Legislatures, which are self explanatory. Mrs. Ginder also submitted a copy of a House amendment pertaining to Study Order 2351, which corrected the reporting date on this study.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that these communications be placed on file.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Law Librarian - Edith Hary advised that the copies of the Revised Statutes are now available. She stated that 50 copies would be for sale, 40 copies for loans, and 10 additional sets could be borrowed on an individual volume basis.

Legislative Research Director - David Silsby advised the Council of Charles Priest's resignation, effective in March, 1979 as Assistant Director of Legislative Research. He also asked the Council for permission to appoint Brian Blaisdell, Legislative Attorney, to succeed Charles Priest at that time. Mr. Silsby requested the Council's approval to hire a replacement for Mr. Blaisdell, stressing the importance of training during the session. The Legislative Research Director advised that there were no funds available in the office budget at this time, and requested a transfer of funds from the Legislative Account.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council approve the recommendations of the Legislative Research Director.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, stated that funds could be transferred from the Legislative Finance Office to the Office of Legislative Research for this purpose.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that funds be transferred from Legislative Finance to Legislative Research for the purpose of hiring

a Legislative Attorney.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Tarbell and carried unanimously.

Rep. Tierney suggested that William Garside be directed to write a letter of congratulations to Charlie Priest.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were received from the Committees on Business Legislation and Health and Institutional Services.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that all committee reports be placed on file.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 - Request for access to on-line computer system. Alfred W. Perkins of the Department of Business Regulation, requested access to the on-line system at the State House Annex in Hallowell. Rep. Martin explained to the members that this was merely permission to grant to the Department of Business Regulation or any other department permission to go on-line through our computer to have a computer annex in their office. He also stated that funds for a computer annex do not come from the Legislative account but from the department's own budget.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council grant authorization to the Department of Business Regulation for access to the on-line system.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Mitchell and carried unanimously.

Item #2 - Office name changes - Steve Lakis, of the Legislative Leader's Foundation, advised that legislation pertaining to Legislative office name changes was being drafted. He advised that this would be delivered to the leaders' desks. Edith Hary requested that copies of this be made available to the staff agencies.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

It was moved that the Council meeting be adjourned (4 p.m.)

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

STATE OF MAINE

Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date December 7, 1978

To Representative John Martin
From Alfred W. Perkins, Commissioner
Subject Legislative On-Line System

Dept. Legislative Council
Dept. Business Regulation

The Department of Business Regulation has a terminal in the Central Licensing Division which is on line with the Honeywell Computer at the State Office Building. We are requesting permission to access read privileges for the legislative on-line system into our offices at the State House Annex in Hallowell.

AWP/jc

cc: David Silsby, Director
Legislative Research

William H. Garside
Legislative Administrative Director



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

Augusta, Maine 04333

January 9, 1979

Hon. John L. Martin, Chairman
Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear John:

Merit increases are due for the following staff members:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
John Bailey	\$ 265.76	\$ 297.92	12/12/78
Christine Holden	281.84	297.92	12/19/78
Rosa Prime	190.70	198.80	12/20/78
Peter Schwindt	297.92	314.00	1/ 5/79
Robert Flewelling	281.84	297.92	1/ 9/79
John Selser	281.84	297.92	2/ 7/79

These increases are in accordance with the pay plan adopted in October, 1976 and it is my recommendation that these be granted by the Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

WILLIAM H. GARSIDE
Legislative Administrative Director

WHG/rp



STATE OF MAINE
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

December 21, 1978

Honorable John L. Martin, Chairman
Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear John:

Merit increases are due for the following staff members to become effective on Monday, January 15, 1979.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Brian Blaisdell, Legislative Attorney	\$281.84	\$297.92
Ellen McMonagle, Legislative Indexer	\$242.15	\$253.76

Funds have been budgeted for these one-step increases in accordance with the pay plan and it is my recommendation to the Legislative Council that these adjustments be granted.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'David'.

DAVID S. SILSBY,
Director

DSS:ea
CC: William H. Garside,
Legislative Administrative Director