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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JANUARY 30, 1979

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the Council Chamber and called to order by Sen. Richard H. Pierce, Chairman, at 2:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Staff: William Garside - Legislative Administrator Director
Edith L. Hary - State Law Librarian
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator

Guests: Lt. Ron Randall - State Police
Detective Tupper - State Police
Lanning Mosher - Director, State Employee Relations
Rep. Walter A. Birt - Committee on Education

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved that the secretary's report of the minutes of the last meeting, January 17th, be accepted.

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

STAFF REPORTS

1. Legislative Administrative Director William Garside requested a merit increase for Geraldine Dubord from Range #16 to Range #18.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved that a one-step merit increase effective January 29 be approved for Geraldine Dubord.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and it was carried.

2. Legislative Assistants Coordinator

Discussed under Committee Reports

4. Law Librarian

No report

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Education - VTI Subcommittee Report

Rep. Birt advised that initial draft of the Subcommittee's Report on the Vocational Technical Institutes will be sent to the printer and enough copies for the Council will be available. Mr. Birt said he had a meeting with the Governor scheduled for the next day.

Sen. Pierce suggested this be Tabled until next meeting.

10. Health and Institutional Services - Study of the County Jail System (H.P. 2168)

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved that the Study of the County Jail System be referred to the Joint Select Committee on Correctional Institutions; motion was seconded by Rep. Garsoe.

Sen. Sewall subsequently withdrew his motion, and the second was withdrawn as well. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the report be accepted and placed on file since "it is very clear there is a complete meeting of the minds that this legislation should be within the province of the Joint Select Committee on Correctional Institutions."

Motion was seconded by Sen. Pray and carried unanimously.

20. Review of the Sunset Law Report

Sen. Katz asked "Would it be helpful if we had an opportunity to circulate this report among Senate and House Chairmen to get a consensus as to how the chairmen would like to handle it?"

Sen. Pierce suggested that this report be placed on the Agenda next time.

Helen Ginder agreed to circulate the report with cover memo. from Chairman Pierce on behalf of the Council.

Item #1 of New Business taken out of order:

1. Mailing by State Agencies

MOTION

Rep. Garsoe moved that recommendations of the Coordinator of Legislative Assistants that reports be brief as possible, Summary reports be distributed (no professional binding) be accepted.

Motion was seconded by Sen. Conley and unanimously carried.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that a subcommittee of two be appointed to review some alternative courses of action and report back to us.

Motion was seconded by Sen. Conley and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. TABLED AND SPECIALLY ASSIGNED ITEMS

a. Report of Bill Drafting Committee

Sen. Katz discussed at this time the bill drafting situation in the Legislative Research Office.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that all bills be introduced by 1:00 p.m. of the seventh Friday after cloture and that the Rule be left exactly as it is.

Sen. Conley: Amend the Motion: Give them ample time of at least one weekend to garner all information.

Discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved to adhere to the existing Joint Rules, and that it be made clear to our constituent Bodies that those bills with inadequate information are going to be drafted last, and they will be in jeopardy that their bills will not be drafted in time to get into the session.

Motion was seconded by Rep. Garsoe and carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that Legislative Research Office be asked to give to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, on a daily basis, the names of sponsors of bills in the basket, and the number.

Seconded by Rep. Garsoe and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mailing by State Agencies

Taken out of order; see end of Committee Reports section.

2. Documents

Tabled until next meeting.

3. Model Legislature

The YMCA has requested to have it in the Legislative Chambers and both Houses must agree. Sen. Pierce asked that both the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House notify the YMCA of the decision, this week, as to whether or not each Body agrees to the YMCA's request.

4. Rep. Garsoe - Resignation as Liaison between the Legislative Council and the Governor.

Rep. Garsoe submitted his resignation as Liaison between the Legislative Council and the Governor on collective bargaining cost items. The only action necessary is to inform the Governor. Place on Agenda for next meeting.

5. Approval of Joint Resolution "Memorializing Congress to Call A Constitutional Convention to Limit the Annual Federal Budget."

MOTION

Rep. Garsoe moved that it be accepted for introduction.

Motion was seconded by Rep. Tierney.

Sen. Sewall suggested the single phrase, "Constitutional Convention" ...would the Sponsor take that single phrase out?

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that this matter be Tabled to the next meeting.

Motion was seconded by Sen. Conley, and carried 5 to 3.

6. After Deadline Request.

None.

7. Emergency Advertising of Committee Hearings (Detective Tupper, Senate Security)

Lt. Ron Randall and Det. Tupper were present at the Emergency Advertising Committee Hearing. Lt. Randall spoke: Re. emergency relays of your legal advertisements. These go to seven newspapers: Bangor Daily News, Waterville Sentinel, Biddeford Saco Journal, Lewiston Sun, Portland Press Herald, Kennebec Journal. At present these are handled by relays by State Police Officers. Oftentimes we are running a close deadline on getting them to the press.

I have a solution, subject to your approval, where we could utilize the State Police teletype network. When an advertisement is received by Trooper Tupper, his first stop, and with the cooperation of Mr. Warner Rice, the first advertisement would go to the Bangor Daily News out of the State House. He has a machine at the State House and would put it right through at no charge. From there Trooper Tupper could take the content to State Police Headquarters and from there a teletype would be sent to Brunswick Police, Lewiston Police and State Police at Scarborough Barracks.

Chief Vermette of the Brunswick Police has agreed to deliver the teletype to the Brunswick Times; Chief Walton of Lewiston has agreed to take his to the Lewiston Sun; Lt. Trask would see that it is taken to Biddeford-Saco Journal and Portland Press Herald; Trooper Tupper to Waterville Sentinel and Kennebec Journal, and we could probably have them to the typesetter, with no unforeseen problems, within the hour.

(Bill Garside stated that this would be for emergency services only, and will not be needed later on. Time to advertise is now short. This will save time, money and work.)

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved that the new system as suggested be accepted.

Motion was seconded by Rep. Mitchell and carried unanimously.

8. Labor Negotiations

MOTION

Rep. Garsoe moved that the Legislative Council go into executive session for the specific and exclusive purpose to hear Lanning Mosher brief this Council on the cost items at issue in state employee collective bargaining.

Motion was seconded by Sen. Conley, and carried.

The Council went into executive session at 3:35.