

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MAY 17, 1979

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the Office of the President of the Senate and was called to order by Sen. Richard H. Pierce, Chairman, at 3:00 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

STAFF REPORTS

William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director presented to the Council for consideration a legislative employee salary plan which would give legislative employees treatment equitable to state employees who are under a collective bargaining unit.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the legislative employee pay plan be approved as submitted.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Pray and carried unanimously.

The following legislative pay plan was approved, contingent upon passage of state employee pay bill currently before the legislature.

The proposal covers three different classes of employees, namely, full-time, part-time or temporary and Statute salary employees, with the recommendation for each as follows:

Full Time: Legislative Administrative Director
Legislative Finance Office
Legislative Research Office
Legislative Assistants Office
Law Library

\$15.00 per week retroactive 7/1/78 to 4/1/79, lump sum payment. \$16.00 per week or 6% whichever is greater increase in present salary scales, effective 4/1/79.

Increase salary scale by \$15.00 per week or 6%, whichever is greater, effective 7/1/79.

Temporary: House employees
Senate employees
Committee clerks
Partisan aides
Other Legislative offices

No retroactive. \$20.00 per week increase in present pay, effective 4/1/79.

Statute Salary Positions: Clerk of the House
Assistant Clerk
Secretary of Senate
Assistant Secretary

Change Statutes effective January 3, 1979. Raise salary of Clerk and Secretary from \$400.00 per week to \$450.00 during sessions and \$250.00 to \$300.00 at other times. Change Assistants from \$250.00 to \$300.00 during sessions.

Funds to implement the salary plan will be allocated from the Legislative Account through June 30, 1979.

Also submitted at this time was the recommendation that the salary structure of the position of Coordinator of Legislative Assistants be adjusted to the same salary scale as the other Directors in the offices of Legislative Finance, Legislative Research and Law Library, salary to be in Step A, effective July 1, 1979.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the salary scale of Helen Ginder, Coordinator be accepted.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Council considered a request for merit increase for Deputy Librarian, Mary Lou Debenham.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that a one-step merit increase be authorized for Mary Lou Debenham, bringing her weekly salary to \$323.07, effective May 15, 1979.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

A work-study program, for a University of Maine Law School student, to work with the legislative staff assistants was discussed, the State's contribution to be \$352.00, which is 20% of the \$1,760 cost for the eleven, 40-hour weeks.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the work study program of the University of Maine be approved, at a total cost of \$352.00 for the eleven weeks.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Legislative Council adjourned at 3:30 p.m.