

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
JUNE 20, 1980

CALL TO ORDER

A scheduled meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327, and called to order by Sen. Richard H. Pierce, Chairman, at 2:30 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 Administrative Director  
David S. Silsby - Legislative Research Director  
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer  
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator  
Mary Lou Debenham- Deputy Law Librarian

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 1980 as presented.

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

STAFF REPORTS

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, recommended the Council's approval for merit increases for the following employees:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Bent Schlosser	\$489.02	\$512.92	5-24-80
Barbara Gottschalk	334.75	352.81	6-27-80
Helen Ginder	521.71	547.23	7-1-80
Laurette Knox	182.80	188.40	7-2-80

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the request for the recommended merit increases be approved.

Rep. Mitchell seconded the motion. Further discussion

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved to reconsider his motion and moved that the increases be tabled until later in the meeting.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, presented to the Council a letter requesting that Lars Rydell's status be changed from temporary to permanent and recommended that he fill a staff vacancy resulting to Ted Potter's resignation. Mrs. Ginder also sought approval for attendance for two days at The Council of State Governments Regional Meeting in New Hampshire July 22nd and 23rd, the cost to be about \$150.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved to approve the staff position change and the attendance at The Council of State Governments Regional meeting.

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

Ronald Lord, Legislative Finance Officer, presented a request for one of his staff members to attend the Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments to be held in New Hampshire July 20th to the 25th, the cost estimated at about \$500, and also for approval of two staff members to attend the Eastern States Legislative Fiscal Officer Association to be held in Connecticut on September 17th through the 19th, the cost estimated at \$350 per person.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the request to attend the meetings be approved.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Edith L. Hary, State Law Librarian presented a letter to the Council for approval of merit increases for the following employees:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Mary Louise B. Debenham	\$363.00	\$381.15	5-15-80
Laura L. Goss	207.60	216.00	5-15-80

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the request for the recommended merit increases be tabled until later in the meeting.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Miss Hary also requested approval for Lynn Randell for educational leave of absence from September 1, 1980 to July 27, 1981 and authority to hire Mrs. Monique Caron as a Law Library Assistant I for the period from September 1, 1980 to July 27, 1981.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the requests be approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ronald Lord, Legislative Finance Officer - Hiring of Program Analyst.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the request be rejected.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Pray. Further discussion.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved to reconsider his motion and moved that the request be tabled until the next Council meeting.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Extension of Study Order SP 580 on Maine Education Laws Codification. Sen. Katz suggested that the Legislative Research Office prepare legislation in final form for consideration at the 110th Legislature and a public hearing will be held by the committee at that time.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the request of the extension of the study order be denied and that Legislative Research prepare a draft for the 110th Legislature.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Rule Change - After some discussion the Council decided to appoint a subcommittee of two, Sen. Conley and Rep. Tarbell to work with David Silsby and the Governors Office to prepare recommendations on the rule changes to be presented at the next Council meeting. The subcommittee was also directed to review the matter of a Pre-Legislative Conference for the 110th Legislature.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee on Audit & Program Review request reconsideration of 5 additional meetings to work on sunset.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved to accept the request not to exceed 10 meetings.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Travel request to Washington for Indian Land Claims.

MOTION

Rep. Garsoe moved that up to 4 members of the Legislature, on specific invitation of the Senate Committee be reimbursed for their travel and one staff member to go to Washington to speak at the hearing.

Rep. Mitchell seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved that Jon Hull, Legislative Assistant be authorized as staff member to attend the hearing in Washington.

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

Rep. Judy Kany presented a request to reconsider the State Government Committees desire to study the Personnel System. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved that the State Government meeting be allowed to meet twice pursuant to the order.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Mitchell, vote was taken, motion failed 4-3 (Sen. Katz, Rep. Garsoe, Rep. Tarbell, Sen. Pierce opposed.)

Retirement Study - Governor Brennan, reply of letter from Sen. Pierce, requested a Cabinet Level Task Force to prepare an "IN-House" analysis of the observations and recommendations of of the report.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the communication be received and placed on file.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Garsoe and carried unanimously. Further discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved that a letter be sent to the Governor requesting that 2 Legislative members be added to the Task Force on the retirement system study.

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

Letter from Jerrold Speers regarding Bond deauthorization.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the communication be received and placed on file.

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

At this time Rep. Garsoe requested under Old Business (meeting of April 16) reconsideration of the study on Nuclear Waste.

MOTION

Rep. Garsoe moved to grant \$1,000 for this study to include a subcommittee of 7.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Tierney and carried on an 8-1 vote. Sen. Pierce opposed.

TABLED ITEMS

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the meeting be adjourned to go into executive session to discuss personnel raises and personnel policies. (adjourned at 3:30 p.m.)

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

Reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

Upon reconvening in open session, William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, recommended approval for merit increases for Bent Schlosser, Barbara Gottschalk, Helen Ginder, Laurette Knox.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the recommended merit increases be approved.

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

Letter from William Garside on Salary Scale. Discussion.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the Chair appoint a subcommittee to report back to the next Council meeting with a plan dealing with the salary scale for the whole professional staff.

Sen. Katz seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Letter from William Garside from Georgette Berube, requesting the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office receive the same salary consideration as other employees of the Legislature exempt from collective bargaining.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that this item be tabled until next meeting and that a subcommittee on salary scale review this matter also.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the Council meeting be adjourned (4:00 p.m.)

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

William H. Garside  
Legislative Administrative Director



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

Augusta, Maine 04333

June 18, 1980

Honorable Richard Pierce, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Dick:

The last session of the legislature enacted legislation for state employee collective bargaining contracts as well as legislation covering managerial and confidential employees of the executive branch.

It is my recommendation that the following package be approved by the Council for all legislative employees:

(1) Adjustment of salary plan. The current salary plans for all legislative employees approved by prior actions of the Council be adjusted by an increase of 7% or \$14 per week, whichever is greater, effective at the start of the pay week closest to July 1, 1980. Legislative employees not covered by salary plans (non-permanent) shall have their salaries adjusted by 7% or \$14 a week also. The above action will cover all legislative salaries with the exception of the Clerk of the House, Assistant Clerk of the House, Secretary of the Senate and Assistant Secretary of the Senate. These four positions will require legislative changes in the statute salaries before adjustments can be made.

(2) Contribution toward dependent health insurance. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 285, subsection 7, effective Jan. 1, 1981, the state shall pay \$8 per month towards the cost of dependent health insurance for legislative employees.

(3) Provision of basic group life insurance. Effective the pay week starting closest to July 1, 1980, the state shall pay the premiums for basic group life insurance on legislative employees as

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available pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1151. This shall not affect the eligibility of any such employee to elect to insure the life of a dependent pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1151, subsection 2-B.

The approval of the above package for legislative employees will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM H. GARSIDE  
Legislative Administrative Director

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