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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 13, 1981

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327, and called to order by Chairman Elizabeth Mitchell at 2:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Collins, Sen. Conley, Sen. Pierce, Sen. Pray

Representatives: Rep. Higgins, Rep. Martin, Rep. Mitchell,
Rep. Tarbell

Legislative Officers

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to accept the minutes of June 18, 1981 and June 19, 1981.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS cont.

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, presented a letter to the Council recommending merit increases for the following persons:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Barbara Gottschalk	\$377.50	\$396.82	June 27, 1981
Helen Ginder	\$585.53	\$614.19	July 1, 1981

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommended merit increases be approved.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and discussion followed. The motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mr. Garside also presented a letter from Rep. Georgette Berube

recommending a merit increase for Mr. Donat B. Boisvert from \$302.48 to \$317.60, step C, effective July 16, 1981.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved to approve the merit increase.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, submitted a memo to authorize the filling of two positions pursuant to Public Law 1981, c. 524.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the authorization be granted.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, presented to the Council, a letter from Ronald Lord, Legislative Finance Officer, recommending that Kevin Madigan, Program Analyst in the Legislative Finance Office, be transferred to fill the position for an additional Budget Analyst as authorized by 1981 Public Law, Chapter 316 which became effective July 1, 1981 and to refill Mr. Madigan's position.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommendation be accepted with the understanding that the Budget Analyst also work with the Transportation Committee on the Highway Budgets.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be tabled.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A letter from Ronald Lord, Legislative Finance Officer, concerning approval for one member of his office to attend the annual meeting of the Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments in Massachusetts, August 16-20, 1981 at a cost of about \$400, was submitted for the Council's approval.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the request be approved.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lord also requested approval for three members to attend the Eastern States Legislative Fiscal Officers Association in Pennsylvania, September 16-18, 1981 at a cost of about \$500 per person.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that 1 person be authorized to attend.

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

Mr. Lord also submitted to the Council a letter to request the Council's consideration of adding two steps to the salary ranges established for Legislative staff.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be denied.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Edith Hary, Law Librarian, submitted a letter to the Council with 5 different items that need separate actions. The first was to extend an educational leave for Lynn Randall from July 27, 1981 to May 31, 1982.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the request be granted.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The second request is to authorize Monique Caron's Law Library Assistant I position to be a permanent one.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Miss Hary's third and fourth requests are merit increases for the following:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Simone Antworth	\$218.00	\$226.40	June 12, 1981
David L. Rabasca	\$378.00	\$396.00	July 17, 1981

MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved that the requests be approved.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Miss Hary's fifth request is to grant permanent status to Paul D'Alessandro with a salary advancement from Step A - \$328.00 to Step B - \$343.60 effective August 3, 1981.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the request be approved.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

David Silsby, Legislative Research Director, requested merit increases for the following employees:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kathleen Kaloustian	\$209.60	\$218.00	August 3, 1981
Brian K. Blaisdell	\$457.71	\$498.90	September 19, 1981
Erland B. Hardy	\$358.17	\$377.50	September 26, 1981

and a promotion for Judy LeClair from Legislative Research Technician I in Range 12, last step, \$245.20, to a Legislative Research Technician II in Range 16, Step E, \$259.20, effective September 18, 1981.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the merit increases and promotion be approved.

Sen. Collins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Silsby reported to the Council that two vacancies have occurred in his office during the month of July. He requested permission to hire a former Legislative Technician I, Candace Pepin to begin work August 24, 1981 and to finalize interviews to fill the other vacancy.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved the accept the request.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Georgette Berube concerning a request to adjust the salaries of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission staff to the level of compensation payed to other state employees was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be returned to the Commission and be dealt with at a later time.

Sen. Collins seconded the motion and it was carried with one opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A memo from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs concerning the Council's request on whether or not the committee would be interested in studying Mental Health Centers stated that the committee had no interest to study this matter.

MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved that the memo be placed on file.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Helen Ginder submitted a memo to the Council for approval to appropriate funding for a study of the Maine Publicity Bureau to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the funding be approved.

Rep. Tarbell seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A letter from the Committee on Audit and Program Review requests authorization from the Council for interim meetings for Sunset work and outlines the process in doing this.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter and procedures be approved. Discussion followed.

Sen. Pierce seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A letter from the Committee on Education requests the Council to approve three hearings at different locations throughout the State to gather outside opinions on Joint Order, H.P. 1677 concerning a study of Maine's education system.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved and they be allocated \$650.

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

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and Public Utilities Committee request approval from the Council to study the State Energy Policy.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be tabled.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Pierce. Discussion followed. Motion was withdrawn by Rep. Martin.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

Rep. Tarbell seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services requests authorization from the Council to hold a hearing on Block Grants on September 3, 1981.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved. Discussion followed.

Sen. Collins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A memo from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services requests reduction of the representation from the Department of Human Services to one representative on the committee as results of a study order.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be accepted.

Rep. Tarbell seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Also the Committee on Health and Institutional Services requested that 3 public members be reimbursed expenses for participating in the study session.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be granted.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.