

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
January 21, 1982

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 11:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator
Edith Hary - Law Librarian

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

A letter from Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, recommending a merit increase for Legislative Assistant, John Selser, from his present salary of \$396.82 per week to \$416.17 per week, effective February 7, 1982.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the merit increase be approved.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A study report from the Committee on Business Legislation, concerning the Billboard Law, was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the report be placed on file.

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

A study report from the Committee on Labor, concerning occupational disease, was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the study report be placed on file.

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

Two study reports from the Committee on Legal Affairs, one concerning the equalization of the price of liquor throughout the State and the second concerning the regulation of precious metals, jewelry, precious and semi-precious gems for resale and scrap, were submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that they both be placed on file.

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

A study report from the Committee on Taxation, concerning the Maine Forestry District Tax, was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the report be placed on file.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A study report from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, concerning the review of the State Energy Policy, was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the report be placed on file.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A study report from the Committee on Public Utilities, concerning electrical energy, was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the report be placed on file.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services requested an extension on their study order until February 15, 1982.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the request be granted.

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

TABLED AND ASSIGNED ITEMS

A report from the subcommittee assigned to investigate the scheduling problems of the Aging, Retirement and Veterans Committee was brought up for consideration.

MOTION

Rep. Diamond moved that the report be tabled until the next meeting.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The question whether merit increases should be decided by the Legislative Administrative Director instead of coming before the Council was discussed at this time. It was decided that the merit increases will still come before the Council.

A salary schedule for partisan secretaries and partisan assistants was brought up for consideration.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the item be tabled until the end of the Council meeting.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS

After Deadline Requests were discussed and voted upon, see attached list.

A Joint Resolution Memorializing the Congress of the United States to Restore Funding for Employment Service and Unemployment Insurance Grants to States, authorized by Title IX of the Social Security Act and Title III of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act to Fiscal Year 1981 Levels, was submitted to the Council by Rep. Kany for approval.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be tabled.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the Council go into executive session for the purpose of personnel matters at 12:15 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Martin carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that the Council reconvene from the Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Martin and carried unanimously. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elizabeth Mitchell at 12:45 p.m.

The salary schedules for partisan secretaries and partisan assistants was brought up for consideration.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the partisan secretarial salary schedule be accepted as presented. (See attached schedule.)

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

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the partisan assistants salary schedule be approved as amended by changing in the 4th category the words "4 years" to "3 years" and in the 5th category the words "6 years" to "5 years". (See attached corrected schedule.)

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made that the Council meeting be adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PROPOSED SALARY SCALE
PARTISAN SECRETARIES

Entry Level	1st Session	\$220.80
Six Month Adjustment	1st Session	230.00
Adjustment at Commencement of	2nd Session	239.20
	3rd Session	249.20
	4th Session	259.20
	5th Session	270.00

PROPOSED SALARY SCALE
PARTISAN ASSISTANTS
Beginning Jan. 4, 1982

	<u>Per Week</u>
Entry	- up to \$308.00
After six months (Discretionary w/supervisory)	- up to \$329.52
After one year in which employee has been on this payroll at least 41 weeks	- up to \$342.81
After two years in which employee has been on this payroll at least 80 weeks	- up to \$359.95
After 3 years in which employee has been on this payroll at least 160 weeks	- up to \$381.55
After 5 years in which employee has been on this payroll at least 240 weeks	- up to \$402.84