

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
July 1, 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 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of May 13, 1982 be accepted.

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

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

A letter from William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, recommending merit increases for the following employees was submitted to the Council.

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Proposed</u> | <u>Eff. Date</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Helen Ginder | 644.90 | 676.52 | 7/01/82 |
| Elizabeth Bartlett | 225.07 | 232.05 | 7/25/82 |

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the merit increases be accepted.

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

Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, submitted a memo to the Council concerning the NCSL grant to the Maine Legislature to study the education finance.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to accept the grant to study education finance in Maine.

Motion was seconded by Sen. Collins and it was carried unanimously.

Ronnie Lord, Legislative Finance Officer, submitted a letter requesting consideration for the staff to attend conferences and workshops.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the proposal be accepted.

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

Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, submitted a memo to the Council outlining budgets for committee studies during the interim.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that item #1 concerning the budget be approved.

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

Helen Ginder recommending employment of Edward W. Potter as Legislative Assistant beginning October 1, 1982 at \$493.83 per week.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommendation be accepted.

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

Helen Ginder also requested leave of absence for John Bailey to attend computer programming courses provided by the U.S. Coast Guard.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved acceptance of the approval.

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

Helen Ginder requested that Earl Knox be reclassified to Clerk III as of July 12, 1982 at a salary of \$303.99.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to accept.

Diamond seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Helen Ginder requesting approval for attendance of Lars Rydell and Bob Deis to attend the NCSL meeting in Chicago. Discussion. Also, Rep. Mitchell requested a synopsis describing Bob Deis' position. Expenses for Lars Rydell to be paid by NCSL grant, and expenses for Bob Deis to be paid by the NSF grant.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that motion be accepted.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and it was carried with one opposed.

Edith Hary, Law Librarian, submitted a letter requesting a merit increase for Simone P. Antworth from Step E to Step F effective June 14, 1982.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved to accept. Sen. Pierce seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

David Silsby, Legislative Research Director, submitted a letter concerning a merit increase for Robert Burgess, Legislative Attorney, from Step A at \$335.55 to Step B at \$355.78.

MOTION

Rep. Martin made a motion to approve the merit increase.

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

Mr. Silsby brought to the Council's attention the distribution of law pamphlets.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to authorize 10 pamphlets per legislator. Also, Rep. Martin noted series of pamphlets were mailed out from Senate and requested that they be hand delivered because of costs. Higgins seconded the motion and it was voted on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tabled-study request from Committee on Education funding, administration and operation.

MOTION

Rep. Martin made a motion that the study be done with the grant.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Rep. Martin moved that item #1 concerning relocation and remodeling of legislative space, be removed from the table. Discussion was held.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins motioned for the Council to authorize renovation of the fourth floor to be used as committee hearing rooms.

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

Tabled-Item #2-amount paid to the Caucus of New England State Legislatures.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter submitted by Georgette Berube, Chairperson, Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office requesting merit increases for Donat B. Boisvert and Guylaine T. Cote.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to accept.

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

Edith Hary, Law Librarian, submitted notice of resignation. Discussion was held to appoint successor as law librarian.

MOTION

Rep. Martin made a motion to accept the resignation.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and carried unanimously. Discussion.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman authorize a committee to accept applications for the law librarian position and recommend three applicants to be reviewed by the Council.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was voted and accepted.

Discussion on letter from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services to Rep. Mitchell concerning additional meetings by Health Facilities Review Board.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that two additional full committee meetings be approved.

Collins seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m. to go into Executive Session.

Meeting reconvened from Executive Session and called to order by Chairman Elizabeth Mitchell at 11:35.

A motion was made that the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the Senate and their assistants be granted a 5% retroactive pay increase effective July 1, 1981.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins made a motion that this be tabled.

A vote was taken and 3 were opposed. Motion failed.

Motion made again to grant 5% increase.

Motion failed with 5 votes and 2 opposed.

A motion was made to place the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate in step C and their assistants in step D effective this pay period.

MOTION

Diamond moved, Rep. Martin seconded. Rep. Higgins made a motion that it be tabled. Sen. Collins seconded the motion and 3 were opposed.

Sen. Pray made a motion to recess until 12:30 p.m.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion. 5 were opposed. Motion did not prevail.

Motion was made to place the Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate in step C and the 2 assistants in Step D.

5 were in favor and 2 were opposed. Motion did not carry.

ADJOURNMENT

Rep. Martin moved to recess.

The motion was seconded. Meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:10 p.m. and called to order by Chairman Elizabeth Mitchell.

Sen. Collins made a motion to place the Clerk, Secretary, and 2 assistants in Step A as of effective date of statute, May 4, 1982.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion and 2 were opposed.

Rep. Diamond made a motion to place the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House in step C and the 2 assistants in step D as a temporary basis.

MOTION

Pray seconded the motion. 4 were in favor with 2 opposed.

Sen. Pray moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



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June 2, 1982

Rep. Elizabeth Mitchell, Chairman
Legislative Council

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

The following merited salary adjustment requires
approval by the Council:

Simone P. Antworth
Business Assistant - Effective June 14, 1982 grant a
merit increase from Step E - \$237.60
to Step F - \$247.20.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Edith L. Hary'.

Edith L. Hary
State Law Librarian

cc: W. H. Garside



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

June 24, 1982

TO: Rep. Elizabeth Mitchell, Chairperson
Sen. Samuel Collins, Chairman
Legislative Council

FROM: Helen T. Ginder, Legislative Assistants

. Two studies need funding approval by the Legislative Council

1. Public Laws 1981, c. 711 required the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation to study certain provisions of The Maine Constitution including Art. IV, pt. 3rd §23 and Art. IX §8. No appropriation was included in the law to pay committee per diems. The customary budget assigned to each study is \$650.

2. Public Laws 1981, c. 705 establishing the Maine Forest Fire Control Study Commission included an appropriation of \$5000 for necessary expenses of the Commission. This language does not include payment of per diems for legislature members. If you want per diems to be paid legislators, the Council needs to approve such payment from that account.

. The Legislative Council authorized me to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Flewelling. I recommend employment of Edward W. Potter as Legislative Assistant, beginning October 1, 1982, at \$493.83 per week under the salary schedule effective July 1, 1982. This salary represents the step on the salary schedule which reflects his years of service with the legislature. This does not include any additional compensation for his 2 years work experience in the private sector. Ted worked for 2 years in his family's manufacturing business and completed the work they asked him to undertake. He and his family are anxious to return to Maine and his work with the Legislature. We feel fortunate to have a person with his qualifications, experience and fine reputation, return.

. John Bailey has an opportunity to take a course on computer programming provided by the U.S. Coast Guard of which he is a reserve member. Approval is requested for a two month leave of absence for him from July 5 through August 27. He would not receive his legislative salary during that time.

. Earl Knox is recommended for reclassification from Clerk II to Clerk III, commencing July 12, 1982, at \$303.99 per week. This represents a change in hourly rate from \$7.23 to \$7.60

. Approval is requested for Lars Rydell to attend an NCSL meeting in Chicago of staff persons and Legislators who are conducting studies of Education Finance Formulas in other states. Expenses for the trip will be approximately \$750 which are provided by the NCSL grant to the Maine Legislature for that study.

. Approval is requested for Bob Deis to attend the NCSL Conference in Chicago in July. He has been asked to give a slide-tape presentation on the Maine Legislature at four concurrent sessions. His expenses will be approximately \$750 which are provided by the N.S.F. grant to the Maine Legislature for the Maine Science, Engineering Project.

HTG/cj