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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
August 27, 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 10:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the minutes of July 16, 1982 be accepted with one correction, under the title "Secretary's Report" the motion should have read "Sen. Conley moved that the minutes of July 1, 1982 be accepted."

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, informed the Council that he received a funding request from the Appropriations Committee for meetings held regarding transfers.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the funding request be approved at \$650 per diem.

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

William Garside, requested that December 7, 1982 be set for the pre-legislative conference.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved and that a subcommittee be set up to take care of the details for that conference.

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

Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, submitted a memo to the Council stating that she had been elected to the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures and would like the Council's authority to attend the quarterly meetings.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the request be approved.

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

David Silsby, Legislative Research Director, submitted a letter to the Council for approval of two personnel changes. Kathryn Dostie will vacate her full-time position as a Legislative Research Technician I and return to work on a part-time basis on January 3, 1983 as a Specialist I with a starting salary of \$207.75. Diane Dailey will fill the vacant Legislative Research Technician I position at a starting salary of \$221.81.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the requests be approved.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A letter from the Committee on Education requesting funding for additional meetings was discussed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that \$650 for two additional meetings be approved with no further meetings approved and that

the chairmen be invited to attend the next council meeting.

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

A letter from the Committee on Labor requesting funding for some number of legislators and staff to attend the Third Annual New England Workers' Compensation Conference, November 3-5, 1982, at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine.

MOTION

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Payment of dues to the caucus of New England State Legislators at the amount of \$5,000 for the year 1982 was discussed at this time.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the dues be paid.

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

A letter from Daktronics, Inc. was brought up for discussion.

MOTION

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

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

A letter from America's Freedom Ride Assoc. was brought up for discussion.

MOTION

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

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A letter from Rep. Jalbert was brought up for discussion.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the letter be placed on file.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter from Malcolm J. Leary, President of the Statehouse News Association, was brought up for discussion.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be tabled to await a recommendation from Leighton Cooney, Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements.

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

A letter from Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, was submitted to the Council requesting that she be considered for the position of Legislative Administrative Director.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the letter be placed on file.

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

Helen Ginder also submitted a memo to the Council requesting that she be considered to assume the duties of the Legislative Administrative Director during the interim.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that a subcommittee be set-up to begin the process of advertising and hiring a replacement for the Legislative Administrative Director's position.

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

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the memo be tabled.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

RECONVENE

The Council meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m. in the Council chambers.

Legislative office space in the State House was discussed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to implement a concept, to reorganize office space in the State House and to add several new hearing rooms, that will be reported back to the Council at the next meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.