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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
September 10, 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 1:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: 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
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Edith Hary - Law Librarian

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Edith Hary, Law Librarian, submitted a letter to the Council requesting merit increases for the following employees:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Paul D'Alessandro	\$389.60	\$408.80	8/2/82
Monique Caron	226.00	234.00	9/2/82
David Rabasca	449.20	470.80	9/17/82

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the merit increases be approved.

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

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, informed the Council that an error had been made in setting the pre-legislative conference date and that the correct date should be November 30, 1982.

OLD BUSINESS

Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, submitted a memo to the Council concerning the duties of the Legislative Administrative Director during the interim.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the memo be referred to the Legislative Administrative Director's Search Subcommittee.

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

A letter from the State House News Association was discussed and recommendations given by Leighton Cooney, Director, Bureau of Public Improvements.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to authorize the Bureau of Public Improvements to make renovations on the fifth floor of the State House for fire safety purposes.

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

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the State House News Association make recommendations to the Council for assignment of that space after renovations.

Sen. Pierce seconded the motion and carried it unanimously.

Leighton Cooney also suggested to the Council the use of the old boiler room as office space for the press. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that a report be prepared reflecting the costs and revenues of the renovations before starting and submit them to the Council.

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

A concept adopted at the last meeting concerning Legislative office space and cost of renovations in the State House was discussed at this time and blue prints submitted by Leighton Cooney.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter from May Ross concerning a merit increase for Joy O'Brien from \$342.81 to \$359.95 effective September 22, 1982.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the merit increase be approved.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

RECONVENE

The Council meeting reconvened at 2:10 p.m. in the Council chambers.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to begin the hiring process of a new Legislative Administrator Director and in the meantime William Garside will stay on until a new person can be found.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Rep. Connolly spoke to the Council on the Education Committee's meetings concerning Baxter School. He requested that the Education Committee's request for 2 additional meetings be approved.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the meetings be approved.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.