

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
January 13, 1983

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327 and called to order by Chairman Charles P. Pray at 1:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Carpenter, Sen. Conley, Sen. Gill,
Sen. Pray

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Director
Martha Palmer - Law Librarian
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of December 21, 1982 be accepted.

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

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

William Garside, Acting Legislative Administrative Director, recommended that the Document Fees for the 111th Legislature for Commerce Clearing House remain the same as they were for the 110th Legislature, \$6500.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

Mr. Garside also informed the Council of a problem of misuse with the Watts Line in the Information Office.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council's original intent be reaffirmed concerning the use of the Watts Line.

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

Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, submitted a letter to the Council requesting merit increases for the following employees:

	<u>Weekly Increase</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Haven Whiteside	\$21.89	1/2/83
William Saufley	21.93	1/12/83
John Selser	21.89	2/7/83

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the merit increases be approved.

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

A memo from Helen Ginder concerning Public Law 1983, c. 2, which provides legislation outlining the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Legislative Assistants and provides for the appointment of a Director of Legislative Assistants, was submitted to the Council with her request to be appointed to that position as the law provided no transition clause from Coordinator to Director.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Legislative Assistants Coordinator, Helen Ginder, be appointed to the Legislative Assistants Director position.

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

A memo from Ms. Ginder suggesting that the Council adopt

the Joint Standing and Select Committee Operating Procedures booklet was submitted.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the suggestion be accepted.

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

Ms. Ginder suggested to the Council that the slide tape presentation of the State House be shown on a regular basis during the sessions to those interested.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that this suggestion be approved.

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

Ms. Ginder also suggested to the Council that the slide tape presentation of the State House be made available to schools and civic organizations.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Deputy State Librarian be authorized to look into this possibility and report back to the Council.

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

Production costs of this film estimated at \$215.00 per tape were submitted to the Council by Ms. Ginder and discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that this item be tabled.

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

A memo from Ms. Ginder concerning printing of extra copies of the Reference Manual Handbook for legislators was

submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that 2,000 copies be printed and distributed from the document room at \$1.00 per book.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion and discussion followed.

Rep. Martin amended his motion that the copies be printed at the discretion of the Legislative Administrative Director.

The motion was voted upon and carried with 1 opposed.

Ronald Lord, Legislative Finance Officer, requested that the position vacated by Barbara Gottschalk be filled.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that interviews for the position be held with suggestions from the 2 committee chairmen but that the chairmen have no hiring authority.

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

Martha Palmer, Law Librarian, submitted to the Council a merit increase for Lynn Randall from Step A, \$372.00 to Step B, \$389.60 and that the anniversary date for David L. Rabasca be changed from September 17th to August 27th.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the merit increase and the change be approved.

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

A letter from David Silsby, Legislative Research Director, concerning requests from the Department of Attorney General and the Department of Corrections for access to the

Honeywell Legislative Bill Status System, was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Davis moved that the requests be approved.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A letter from the Committee on Education to request funding for the December 15, 1982 meeting on the study of Baxter School was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

A list of committee studies (see attached) was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved reconsideration of the Partisan Aides and Leadership Secretaries pay scales adopted on January 21, 1982 by the Council.

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

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the scale for the leadership

secretaries be repealed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

After deadline bills (see attached list) were presented to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the bills be tabled.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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

AFTER DEADLINE REQUEST

AN ACT to Provide for Alternate Crop Research.
Rep. Lisnik of Presque Isle

AN ACT to Require Campaign Contributions to be
Included in the Lobbyist Disclosure Law and the
Conflict-of-Interest Law.

Sen. Kany of Kennebec

Cosponsors: Rep. Hall; Rep. Diamond; Sen. Baldacci

AN ACT to Establish an Excise Tax on Resource
Severance.

Sen. Hayes of Penobscot

AN ACT to Exempt Producers of Perishable Products
from Shipping on Seasonal Closed Ways.

Rep. Carl B. Smith of Island Falls

AN ACT to Allow the Training of Bear Dogs.

Sen. Usher of Cumberland

AN ACT to Video-tape Legislative Hearings.

Sen. Hayes of Penobscot

AN ACT to Provide State Funding for Literacy Volunteers.

Rep. Locke of Sebec

AN ACT to Establish a Volunteer Time Program for First
Offense when Operating under the Influence.

Rep. Ketover of Portland

STUDIES SUBMITTED

Maine Education Survey
Education Committee

Maine Low-Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission

Food and Farmland Study Commission
Agriculture Committee

Mining Study
Taxation Committee

Study by the Axial Flow Bulb-Type Turbine Subcommittee
Energy and Natural Resources Committee

The Maine Real Estate Commission
Business Legislation Committee