

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

March 9, 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. Collins, Sen. Conley, Sen Pray

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sarah Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistant Director
Martha Palmer - Law Librarian
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that minutes of February 23, 1983 be approved.

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

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Sarah Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director, submitted a letter to the Council concerning joint standing committee hearing notices. Discussion followed.

Martha Palmer, Law Librarian, submitted a letter to the Council requesting authorization to hire a part-time clerical person for the session with the funds previously approved by the Council for this purpose.

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that the request be accepted.

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

Ms. Diamond also submitted to the Council correspondence concerning the purchasing of flags for the Joint Standing Committee on State Government room. Discussion centered on two issues: (1) Whether to grant the specific request; and (2) Whether the Council should establish a policy regarding purchase of flags for other standing committees of the Legislature.

MOTION

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

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. Carpenter moved that the State Government Committee's request be granted and, additionally, that the amount of \$1000 be granted to purchase flags for other committee rooms requesting them.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it was carried with 2 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

In accordance with H.P. 751 regarding the hiring of 2 additional staff persons to assist the Legislative Research Office in the drafting of the reapportionment bill, Anthony Buxton and Peter Burr were suggested to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the 2 persons named be hired.

Rep. Mitchell seconded the motion and discussion followed.

Rep. Higgins amended the motion to establish a maximum on total fees to be paid of \$2000 (in addition to the \$25,000 originally appropriated from the Legislative account).

The motion was voted upon and carried unanimously as amended.

The Chairmen of the Audit and Program Review Committee appeared before the Council to inform Council members that the Committee, in a departure from past practice, planned to report out 2 separate bills. The chairmen requested the Council to acknowledge the Committee's authority to proceed in this manner.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be granted.

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

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services requested that the Legislative Assistants Office be authorized to hire an additional clerical assistant for 2 weeks, to aid in extra work created by the revision of Title 34.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

The Joint Standing Committee on Education submitted a study on Residential Placement to the Council.

MOTION

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made that the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.



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March 3, 1983

Senator Charles P. Pray, Chairman
Legislative Council

Dear Senator Pray:

The Law Library personal services budget line has a surplus due to the personnel changes made during the year. The total amount of this surplus is \$2694.00. I request authorization to utilize these funds through the hiring of a part-time clerical person through the end of the legislative session.

JUSTIFICATION:

Statistics for the past few years indicate that demands for all services offered by the library are increasing. In fact, demands during January and February of 1983 are the highest recorded to date. Though the staff has been coping with the increased workload, the day - to - day operations of the library have suffered, and we have a fairly severe backlog in technical processing as well as in the circulation functions (shelving, filing, etc.) The person hired would be used to "catch-up", and then to maintain services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Palmer
Martha L. Palmer
State Law Librarian

cc. Sally Diamond

RE AGENDA ITEM : D.2.a.

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HOUSE

DAN A. GWADOSKY, FAIRFIELD, CHAIR
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ROBERT G. DILLENBACK, CUMBERLAND
MURIEL D. HOLLOWAY, NORTH EDGECOMB
ROLAND S. SALSURY, BAR HARBOR
CATHARINE K. LEBOWITZ, BANGOR
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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

February 25, 1983

Speaker John L. Martin
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Martin:

As chairmen of the Joint Standing Committee on State Government we respectfully request that our Committee room, room 334, be supplied with a United States flag and a Maine state flag with appropriate flag poles.

In addition to its Legislative use, room 334 is utilized throughout the year by various state agencies and other organizations. We feel that such an addition to the State Government Committee room would greatly enhance its appearance before the public and compliment the recent addition of historical portraits supplied to us by the Maine State Museum.

Respectfully yours,

Dan A. Gwadosky
House Chairman

Paul E. Violette
Senate Chairman

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RE AGENDA ITEM: D-2.-b.



STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKERS' OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

JOHN L. MARTIN
SPEAKER OF
THE HOUSE

March 1, 1983

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Hon. Dan A. Gwadosky, House Chairman
Hon. Paul E. Violette, Senate Chairman

FROM: John L. Martin
Speaker of the House

RE: Flags

This is to acknowledge your request of February 25 for a United States flag and a Maine State flag for the State Government room.

I will refer this matter to Legislative Leadership and get back to you with an answer.

JLM:ps

cc: Sally Diamond
Legislative Administrative Director

D.2.b.

Sarah C. Diamond
Legislative Administrative Director



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

Augusta, Maine 04333

March 7, 1983

The Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chairman
Maine Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator ^{Charlie} Pray:

The Speaker has forwarded a letter from the Chairmen of the Committee on State Government requesting a United States flag and a State of Maine flag for their Committee Room. Before responding to this particular request, I think it would be helpful to have the Council establish a general policy regarding the purchase of flags for Committee room.

The following information may be of assistance to the Council in establishing such a policy:

Committee Rooms Currently Having Flags

Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Taxation

Estimated Cost of flags

- a. Per Flag: U.S. Flag with pole & stand \$64.72 (discounted price)
Maine Flag with pole & stand \$76.92 (discounted price)
- b. Total estimated cost of supplying all committee rooms with flags:
- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| U. S. Flags | \$1100.00 |
| Maine Flags | \$1300.00 |
| Total | \$2410.00 |

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Diamond
Legislative Administrative Director

b.zb.



The Senate of Maine
Augusta, Maine 04333

March 4, 1983

Charles P. Pray, Chairman
Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Attention: Sarah C. Diamond

Dear Charlie:

This will recommend PETER BURR to assist the
Legislative Research Office in the drafting of the
Reapportionment bill. This matter will be on the
Agenda for next Wednesday, March 9th, I believe

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte J. Sewall".

Charlotte Zahn Sewall
Senator

RE AGENDA ITEM: F.1.



STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

March 7, 1983

Sen. Charlie Pray, Chairman
Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear ~~Senator~~^{Charlie} Pray:

Pursuant to the order regarding two additional staff to assist the Research Office in finalizing the reapportionment of the House, Senate and U.S. Congressional Districts, I respectfully ask that the Legislative Council consider hiring, on behalf of the Democratic commission members, Mr. Anthony Buxton for one of those positions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Kelleher".

~~Edward C.~~ Kelleher

RE AGENDA ITEM: F.1.

SENATE

BEVERLY MINER BUSTIN, KENNEBEC, CHAIR
MICHAEL E. CARPENTER, AROOSTOOK
BARBARA A. GILL, CUMBERLAND

CHRISTINE HOLDEN, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
GLORIA TARDIFF-RANSLOW, COMMITTEE CLERK



HOUSE

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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

March 7, 1983

TO: Sen. Charles Pray, Chairman
Rep. Libby Mitchell, Vice-Chairwoman
Legislative Council

FROM: Sen. Beverly Bustin and Rep. Merle Nelson, Chairwomen
Health and Institutional Services Committee

RE: Assistance to prepare materials for the Committee

The Health and Institutional Services Committee must review this session L.D. 832 which provides a complete revision of Title 34, the law governing the Department of Mental Health and Corrections. In addition, the committee must review two amendments to the proposed revision which include 87 sections of substantive changes.

In addition to the revision and the substantive amendments, the committee and staff continue to work on the 60 - 80 bills commonly referred to the committee, which may or may not amend the revision bill. Some of the latter bills are of major importance such as Hospital Cost Containment. While coordinating these documents, we must be sure to be aware of substantive changes to present law proposed in the Audit Committee report.

The committee needs assistance to prepare the materials necessary to review these five sources in a rational efficient way. We request you to authorize the Director of Legislative Assistants to employ an additional clerical assistant for a period of two weeks. This will free an experienced clerical assistant to work with our Legislative Assistant Christine Holden to prepare the materials for our work sessions on these bills.

BB/MN/cj