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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

March 23, 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 1:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: Rep. Davis, Rep. Diamond, 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
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of March 9 and 10, 1983 be approved.

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

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Ronald Lord, Legislative Finance Officer, submitted a letter to the Council requesting approval to hire Cheryl Ring for the Program Analyst position in his office at a starting salary of \$362.38 per week, Step A.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

Mr. Lord also submitted a letter to the Council requesting approval for Kevin Madigan, Budget Analyst, to participate in the N.C.S.L.'s Assembly on the Legislature in Boston on March 25th and 26th.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

The Committee on Labor submitted a letter to the Council requesting approval for Sarah Hooke, Legislative Assistant, to attend a conference on "Employment in the 1980's: Jobs for a Changing Economy," sponsored by the Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments in Boston on May 6 and 7, 1983.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director, recommended that the Council establish guidelines for approval of out-of-state travel by staff.

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that the recommendation be approved.

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

Ms. Diamond requested that, since both the House and Senate Offices will be closed, all Legislative Staff Offices be closed at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 1, 1983, except for minimal phone coverage. Although House and Senate Offices will also be closed the following Monday, Legislative Staff Offices will be open.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Sen. Pearson submitted a "JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING the 97th Congress of the United States to take Action to Address the Problems Posed by Acid Precipitation" to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that a vote be taken.

Rep. Mitchell seconded the motion and a vote was taken with all present voting yea to approve the Memorial.

The Council discussed Joint Rule 22 which requires that all bills be reported out from committees by March 31st, unless the Legislative Council sets a different date.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that a firm date of April 29, 1983 be approved for all committees to report out bills.

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

The Committee on Education submitted a letter to the Council requesting that a grant proposal to the National Institute of Education, to study the new Federal Job Training Partnership Act, be submitted as proposed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved and that the grant go to the Council rather than the Committee.

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.

RONALD H. LORD
LEGISLATIVE FINANCE OFFICER

BENT SCHLOSSER
ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE FINANCE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

March 21, 1983

Hon. Charles P. Pray, Chairman
Members of the Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Pray and Members:

This is to request your approval of my selection to fill the position of Program Analyst in this office.

The individual selected is Cheryl Ring of Portland. I have attached her resume for your information. I would recommend a starting salary of \$362.38 per week, or \$18,844 per year, which is the starting step.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronnie".

Ronald H. Lord
Legislative Finance Officer

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RONALD H. LORD
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STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE FINANCE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

March 21, 1983

Hon. Charles P. Pray, Chairman
Members of the Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Pray and Members:

This is to request your approval for Kevin Madigan, Budget Analyst in this office, to participate in Friday's portion of N.C.S.L.'s Assembly on the Legislature being held in Boston on March 25th and 26th.

Kevin has worked with Representative Lorraine Chonko developing information for her presentation at this assembly on state contracting for services. Therefore, he would be interested in attending this session and his presence could be helpful to her.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. Lord'.

Ronald H. Lord
Legislative Finance Officer

RHL/efb



STATE OF MAINE
 DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

MEMORIAL REQUEST

Date March 21, 1983

Submitted by: Sen. Pearson of Penobscot

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE 97TH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS POSED BY ACID PRECIPITATION.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Sen. Michael Carpenter	Yes	No	Abs.
Sen. Samuel Collins	Yes	No	Abs.
Sen. Gerard Conley	Yes	No	Abs.
Rep. Leland Davis	Yes	No	Abs.
Rep. John Diamond	Yes	No	Abs.
Sen. Barbara Gill	Yes	No	Abs.
Rep. Linwood Higgins	Yes	No	Abs.
Rep. John Martin	Yes	No	Abs.
Rep. Elizabeth Mitchell	Yes	No	Abs.
Sen. Charles Pray	Yes	No	Abs.
TOTAL	_____	_____	_____

ACCEPTED

REJECTED

Date:

By:

Referred to:

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE
97TH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
TO TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE
PROBLEMS POSED BY ACID PRECIPITATION.

WE, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the First Regular Session of the One Hundred and Eleventh Legislature, now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the members of the 97th Congress of the United States of America, as follows:

WHEREAS, hundreds of lakes in the northeastern United States and eastern Canada are devoid of animal and plant life due to the effects of acidic precipitation, so-called acid rain; and

WHEREAS, the same acid rain continues to pose a similar threat to the lakes and rivers and animal and plant life of this region; and

WHEREAS, in Maine the acidity of our lakes has increased eightfold in the last 40 years producing Maine's first body of water without fish, Chairback Pond, and resulting in the discontinuation of the reproduction cycle of native brook trout in Maine's high altitude lakes; and

WHEREAS, acid rain poses an enormous economic burden on those regions it affects producing an estimated cost of \$250 million in damages annually to lakes and rivers east of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the effects of acid rain are not limited to aquatic resources, but also seriously affect local flora; and

WHEREAS, 90% of Maine is forested and 30% of all of its manufacturing jobs are in forest related industries which produce more than \$2.5 billion worth of products, or 43% of the value of all products produced in this State; and

WHEREAS, the potential loss to Maine's economy posed by the effects of acid rain is enormous; and

WHEREAS, in a more general and yet more important regard the United States and Canada share a common stewardship of the resources, flora and fauna of one of the richest land masses in the world for the benefit of future generations which is being continually endangered by the effects of acid rain to the detriment of these future generations and in derogation of our stewardship responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the American response to this problem has succeeded only in causing a serious strain on our relationship with our Canadian neighbors; and

WHEREAS, more responsible and responsive actions on the part of the American Government are required now to eliminate this problem before the damage done is totally irreversible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the 97th United States Congress take prompt action to make significant reductions in sulfur dioxide emissions in the 31-state region east of or bordering on the Mississippi River; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a duly authenticated copy of this memorial be immediately submitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of the Congress of the United States and to each member of Congress from this State.