

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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APPROVED AND PLACED ON  
FILE JUNE 21, 1984

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 31, 1984

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 10:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director  
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director  
Bent Schlosser - Legislative Finance Officer  
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Director  
Haven Whiteside - Assistant Director of Legislative  
Assistants  
David Rabasca - Law Library, Coordinator of Public  
Services

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of May 4, 1984 be approved and placed on file.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Legislative Administrative Director, Sally Diamond, submitted her report to the Council. It outlined approved

staff travel for Cathy Freehling and Lynn Randall of the Law Library to attend the American Association of Law Libraries, in San Diego, California, on June 30 to July 4, 1984. It also listed merit increases for eligible Legislative employees in the Legislative Assistants' Office, Legislative Finance Office, and the Law Library.

#### MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Director's report be accepted and placed on file.

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

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Committee on Personnel

The Committee made several recommendations to the Council which are listed below:

1. The Committee noted that the Law Library has been reorganized to have two divisions: Technical Services headed by Lynn Randall, Deputy Law Librarian, and Public Services, headed by David Rabasca;
2. The vacant position created by Bill Saufley in the Legislative Assistants Office be advertised and filled with a starting date of September 15;
3. The Legislative Research Office hire Germaine Longley as a Legislative Specialist I to replace the vacancy created by the resignation of Joan Matus;
4. Two part-time (session only) positions occupied by Laurette Knox, secretary in the Office of Legislative Assistants, and Anna Wood-Cox, Coordinator of Committee Clerks, Office of Administrative Director, be converted to permanent full-time positions. Anna Wood-Cox, will assume the additional role of coordinator of word processing training and support;
5. A review of John Bailey's salary to ensure consist-

ency between his responsibilities as administrator of the Legislative Computer System and comparable positions;

6. Approval be granted to Christine Holden, Legislative Assistant, to take a one-year leave of absence; and authorization to fill the position during the period of the leave of absence;

7. The two vacant Budget Analysis positions authorized in the appropriations bill, Public Law 1983, Chapter 824, in the Legislative Finance Office be advertised but that the decision to fill both positions be the subject of further review by the Personnel Committee;

8. The practice of awarding a six-month merit increase following the date of hire or promotion be discontinued, with the exception that anyone hired before June 1, 1984, who has not yet passed the six-month point be granted the merit increase;

9. A summer work-study student be hired for 12 weeks at an estimated cost of \$1000 to assist in COBOL programming tasks related to conversion of the Bill Status System;

10. All requests for assistance from Legislative staff on Special and Select Committees, Boards and Commissions, etc. be channeled through the Legislative Council and Legislative Administrative Director for review and assignment of staff;

11. The hiring of a secretary at Step D for the Maine Canadian Legislative Advisory Office be approved.

#### MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the committee's recommendations be approved.

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

## COMMITTEE STUDY REQUESTS

The Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife submitted a request to the Council for approval of a study on "Reciprocity in Fish and Wildlife Laws and Regulations Between Maine and Other States and Provinces."

### MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the study request be approved with 1 full committee meeting and 3 subcommittee meetings at \$855.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Carpenter and carried unanimously.

The Committee on Public Utilities submitted a request to the Council for approval of a study on Electrical Utilities.

### MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Diamond, voted upon and rejected by a vote of 5 to 3.

## NEW BUSINESS

A request was presented to the Council from the Legislative Steering Committee for the 1985 Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference Annual Conference that Julie Goulette be hired to assist in the clerical aspects of the committee with a salary of \$260 weekly.

### MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the request be approved.

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

The State Compensation Commission requested from the Council approval to study gubernatorial compensation and compensation of both partisan and nonpartisan legislative

staff to be reported upon in the Commission's final report in November.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the request be approved.

Sen. Carpenter seconded the motion and it was carried with 1 abstention.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Gill moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

Augusta, Maine 04333

DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
May 31, 1984

STEP INCREASES RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED

Legislative Assistants

- Sarah Hooke, Legislative Assistant  
from \$397.69 to \$420.31 per week
- W. Timothy Glidden, Legislative Assistant  
from \$420.39 to \$443.07 per week

Legislative Finance

- Lars Loren, Program Analyst  
from \$420.39 to \$443.07 per week
- Bent Schlosser, Legislative Finance Officer  
from \$654.50 to \$686.55

Law Library

- Simone Antworth, Library Business Assistant,  
has completed her sixth year of service with  
the Law Library, but has reached the top of  
the salary scale for her position.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Law Library

- Cathy Fielding and Lynn Randall  
Annual Meeting of American Association of  
Law Libraries, San Diego, California,  
June 30-July 4, 1984

Note: Lynn Randall is paying for her  
own airfare, the major part of the cost,  
in order to attend this conference. I  
recommend that we pick up her registration  
fee, and meals and lodging costs.

SENATE

JOHN E. BALDACCI, PENOBSCOT, CHAIR  
JUDY E. KANY, KENNEBEC  
JEROME A. EMERSON, PENOBSCOT

DEN WHITESIDE, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT  
LIE S. JONES, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT  
THOMAS A. DUFFY, Committee Clerk



HOUSE

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EUGENE J. PARADIS, OLD TOWN  
HARRIET B. LEWIS, AUBURN  
ROGER N. RODERICK, OXFORD

STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES


May 25, 1984


Senator Charles Pray, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
State House, Station #3  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Pray:

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Utilities submits the attached request for an Electric Utilities study for your consideration. If approved, we would plan an organizational meeting during the special session, one interim full committee meeting, and a meeting to take final action in the fall. Because of the broad impact of the issues in question, it is most appropriate for all committee members to be able to participate if they wish.

Sincerely,

  
John E. Baldacci  
Senate Chair

  
Harry L. Vose  
House Chair

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1. Committee or legislator.

Joint Standing Committee on Public Utilities

2. Subject of Study

Electric Utilities Study

3. Priority number (for committee use)

#1

4. Completion date (next or subsequent session of the legislature)  
1st Regular Session, 112th Legislature

5. Analysis of the problem

In recent years, the Legislature has passed major legislation affecting the electric utilities, including legislation on: conservation financing; energy forecasts; and canceled plants. This study will follow up that legislation to see how it is working.

6. Reason for study

The study is timely now because, after some criticism, the electric utilities are implementing an improved residential conservation program, and formulating a program for other users. And, the proposed cancellation of the Seabrook II nuclear power plant and refinancing of Seabrook I are very active issues.

7. Members of Subcommittee (for committee use)

Support is requested for 2 full committee meetings: one in the summer and one in the fall.