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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 21, 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 3:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director
Haven Whiteside - Assistant Director of Legislative
Assistants

Catherine Freehling - Law Librarian

David Silsby - Legislative Research Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of May 31, 1984 be approved and placed on file with the following amendment: Director's report, page 2, item number 6 :

"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;"

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. Authorization was requested to hire Teen Lerette, at Step A, \$256.43 weekly, as secretary in the Legislative Administrative Director's office filling the vacancy created by Betty Bartlette's return to the Legislative Finance Office and to hire Gilbert Brewer, effective September 10th, in the Office of Legislative Assistants to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Saufley.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the requests be authorized.

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

The Director's report also outlined an approved merit increase for Joan Gagne, Legislative Research Technician II, effective July 2, 1984.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Personnel

A recommendation was made that the Legislature pay the monthly premium for dental insurance for all legislative employees, regardless of their classification as full-time or part-time.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the recommendation be approved.

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

STUDY REQUESTS

A request was received from the Committee on Agriculture to continue its study of "A Food Policy for the State of Maine".

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request for the study and the proposed budget be approved.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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

SENATE

EDGAR E. ERWIN, OXFORD, CHAIR
FRANK P. WOOD, YORK
WALTER W. HICHENS, YORK

CHRISTOS GIANOPOULOS, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
DAN STEVENS, COMMITTEE CLERK



HOUSE

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WESTON R. SHERBURNE, DEXTER
COURTNEY E. STOVER, WEST BATH
FREDERICK J. ANDERSON, STOCKHOLM
PAUL PARENT, BENTON

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

June 13, 1984

Senator Charles Pray, Chairman
Legislative Council
State House, Station 115
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Pray:

The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture prepared a study report entitled "A Food Policy for the State of Maine" in January of this year. Within that report a Food Policy was proposed which has been enacted by a Resolve, HP 1541, LD 2652, and signed by the Governor on March 22. Now that Maine has a Food Policy, a number of fundamental questions concerning effective implementation of the policy face the Agriculture Committee and the Legislature.

As we concluded in our Final Report of January, 1984, further study by this Committee is required to assess the consistency of State programs with respect to the Food Policy. If approved, this study assignment will require submission of a report to the Legislature by January 1, 1985 which addresses the following issues:

(1) The relationship of programs of the Cooperative Extension Service, of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture and the Agricultural Experiment Station, and of the School of Human Development at the University of Maine at Orono to the State Food Policy goals and objectives and the process by which these goals and objectives are or could be considered in program development, implementation and review; concentration upon the School of Human Development will not be primary, but it is essential to do a preliminary investigation to determine the role of nutrition programs in the effective implementation of a Food Policy for Maine;

(2) the nature and extent of coordination of these University programs with other relevant State programs, particularly those efforts initiated by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources since passage of the Agriculture Development Act of 1980;

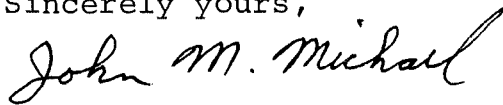
(3) the commitment of resources by the institutions to programs which address specific commodity or consumer groups and the process by which these resources are allocated to these groups; and

(4) the adequacy of existing resources within those institutions designated to effectively implement programs which are established to address directly the objectives of the food policy.

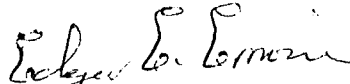
The Agriculture Committee proposes the selection of a 5 person subcommittee which shall meet 3 times. The full Committee shall meet once in the fall to review and approve the report which shall be drafted by the Office of Legislative Assistants. A budget of \$980 to cover per diem costs is requested.

We appreciate your consideration of this study request at your next council meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



John M. Michael
House Chair



Edgar E. Erwin
Senate Chair

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