

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 4, 1984

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the State Government Committee Chambers and called to order by Chairman Charles P. Pray at 1:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director
Catherine Atchley - Law Librarian
Bent Schlosser - Assistant Legislative Finance Officer
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Director
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director

NEW BUSINESS

The Maine State Compensation Commission issued its final report to the Council. Donald E. Nicholl, Chairman of the Commission, outlined the final recommendations of the Commission.

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MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the Council recess at 1:30 p.m.

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

RECONVENE

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the State Government Committee Chambers and called to order by Chairman Charles P. Pray at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director, requested approval of out-of-state travel and merit increases for Legislative employees for the month of December.

MOTION

Sen. Carpenter moved that the Administrative Director's report be accepted.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Utilization of State House Space

It was recommended that the request from the Maine Public Broadcasting Network for storage space of television equipment within the State House be determined by the 112th Legislative Council.

It was recommended that the Legislative Finance Officer and the Legislative Administrative Director consult on extra

space needs in the Finance Office and submit a report with their recommendations to the 112th Legislative Council.

It was also recommended that Room 334 become the Legislative Council Chambers.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the recommendations be accepted.

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

Committee on Personnel

A recommendation was made that one of the session only positions in the the Legislative Information Office be transferred to the Law Library to assist in the Public Services Division.

Also, a recommendation was made to authorize filling two positions in the Legislative Assistants Office that were approved in the appropriation's bill last session. One position is designated to be an attorney and the other position is designated to be a research assistant.

Also recommended was the hiring of Gerald Thibeau as the Legislative Computer Analyst in the Legislative Administrative Office at a weekly salary of \$323.66.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommendations be approved.

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

Committee on Computers

A recommendation was made that 8 additional work stations be purchased.

A recommendation was made that a Laser printer be obtained on a rental basis to augment Legislative printing capacity.

MOTION

Sen. Carpenter moved that the recommendations be approved.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it was carried with 1 opposed.

Committee on Joint Standing Committees

A recommendation was made that 2 new joint standing committees be named, Committee on Banking and Insurance and the Committee on Business and Commerce. It was also recommended that the Committee on Election Laws be abolished and that 2 committees' names be changed: Committee on Health and Institutional Services to Committee on Human Resources; and the Committee on Public Utilities to the Committee on Utilities.

MOTION

Sen. Gill moved that the recommendations be forwarded to the 112th Legislative Council.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The bids for printing the Legislative Record were presented to the Council and discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Carpenter moved that the matter be tabled.

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

Extension of study deadlines for Joint Standing Committees were submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the matter be referred to the 112th Legislative Council.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The final report from the Maine Sentencing and Guidelines Commission was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the report be accepted and placed on file.

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

The status report of the Joint Select Committee to Investigate Public Utilities was submitted to the Council and a request for an extension of the study until February 28, 1985 was requested.

MOTION

Rep. Diamond moved that the request for extension be approved.

Rep. Mitchell seconded the motion and discussion followed.

Rep. Diamond withdrew his motion.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that it be recommended to the 112th Legislative Council that the committee be extended to February 28, 1985; that the Council review the expenditures accrued to date and that payment of outstanding bills be held until completion of that review; and that a budget be established for the completion of the study.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion failed 4 to 5.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Gill and carried unani-
mously.



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Augusta, Maine 04333

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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APPROVED STEP INCREASES

Legislative Finance Office

Cheryl Ring, Program Analyst

Office of Legislative Research

Carol Weeks, Legislative Technician I

Margaret Matheson, Legislative Attorney

Office of Legislative Assistants

Martha Freeman, Legislative Assistant

Julie Jones, Legislative Assistant

Lars Rydell, Legislative Assistant

APPROVED OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Office of Legislative Assistants

Tim Glidden to attend a Seminar on Ground Water &
Water Supply in Durham, N.H.

COMMITTEES REQUESTING STUDY EXTENSIONS

November 1984

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>STUDY</u>
Marine Resources	Lobsters*
Aging, Retirement & Veterans	Disability Retirement
Education	Me. Secondary School Principles' Assoc.
Agriculture	Food Policy Study
Transportation	Auctions* Dealers* License Plates*
Fish & Wildlife	Reciprocity Non-Game Activities
State Government	Economic Development Agencies* Protection of State Employees*

* Extension already requested by letter.