

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JANUARY 2, 1985

### MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED AND PLACED ON  
FILE JANUARY 9, 1985

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the newly-designated Legislative Council Chambers, Room 334 by Chairman John N. Diamond at 4:35 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Violette, Sen. Gill, Sen. Pray,  
Sen. Clark, Sen. Perkins

Representatives: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Murphy, Rep. Martin,  
Rep. Davis, Rep. Hayden

#### Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative  
Director

Catherine Atchley - Law Librarian

Bent Schlosser - Assistant Legislative  
Finance Officer

Haven Whiteside - Assistant Director of  
Legislative Assistants

David Silsby - Legislative Research Director

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the final meeting of the outgoing Legislative Council, on December 4, 1984, were approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Legislative Administrative Director's report included approval of Step increases for the following employees who completed another year of Legislative service in December:

David Elliott, Legislative Assistant, Step D to Step E  
Christos Gianopoulous, Legislative Assistant, Step D to Step E  
Laurette Knox, Secretary, Office of Legislative Assistants,  
Step E to Step F

The report was accepted and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Davis; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

**OLD BUSINESS**

No items were presented

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item #1: Schedule of Legislative Council Meetings for  
First Regular Session.

Rep. Diamond proposed that the Council establish a regular meeting time at 2 p.m. every other Wednesday, beginning Wednesday, January 9, with the understanding that additional meetings would be called as required. Council members expressed agreement: No formal action was required.

Item #2: Chair's Appointments to Council Committees

As an informational item, Rep. Diamond announced his appointments to the Committees of the Council. They are as follows:

Personnel

Rep. John L. Martin, Chair  
Rep. John N. Diamond  
Sen. Paul E. Violette  
Sen. Thomas R. Perkins

Allocation of Legislative Space

Sen. Charles P. Pray, Chair  
Sen. Barbara A. Gill  
Rep. John L. Martin  
Rep. Thomas J. Murphy

Data and Word Processing

Rep. Martin S. Hayden, Chair  
Sen. Nancy Randall Clark  
Sen. Barbara A. Gill  
Rep. Leland C. Davis, Jr.

He asked each Committee Chair to try to schedule a meeting prior to the next Council meeting on Wednesday, January 9.

Item #3: Request for Flags for Audit and Program Review Committee Room

The Council considered a letter from Sen. Diamond and Rep. Rolde, Chairs of the Audit and Program Review Committee, for a set of flags for that Committee's room.

Discussion: Council members recalled that it had been a goal of prior Councils to equip every Legislative hearing room with flags in recognition that official Legislative business is conducted in these rooms.

Motion: That the Administrative Director take a census to determine which Legislative hearing rooms need flags and prepare a bid request to obtain the flags. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item # 4: Request for Authorization to pay round trip travel of March Asch to attend meeting of Joint Select Committee to Investigate Public Utilities scheduled for the week of January 7.

The Council considered a request from Sen. Baldacci, Senate Chair of the Joint Select Committee to Investigate Public Utilities, to authorize payment of round trip air fare and related travel expenses for Marc Asch.

Discussion: major points in the course of discussion included the following:

- Mr. Asch's presence is deemed to be essential both to assist the Committee in completing its work and final report and in the review of Committee expenditures and unpaid bills.
- Economy should be a primary objective in making travel arrangements, including the use of People's Express if possible.
- The Joint Select Committee should make every effort to complete the work Mr. Asch needs to participate in during this trip in order to minimize future travel costs. Specifically, Mr. Asch should arrange to meet with the Committee appointed to review the expenditures and unpaid bills of the Joint Select Committee during the time he is here.

Motion: That Sen. Baldacci's request for payment of round trip air fare and related expenses be granted. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous)

Item #5: Procedures for Oversight of Committee Activity

The Council reviewed draft procedures which had been prepared by the Administrative Director at the Council's request.

Motion: That the draft procedures be approved. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Hayden; unanimous)

Item #6: Request from Senator Kany to construct door to permit direct access from State Government Committee office to corridor

Motion: That the request be referred to the Committee on the Allocation of State House Space for review and a recommendation to the Council. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

**Item #7:** Establishment of pay ranges and steps for Constitutional positions.

The item was before the Council pursuant to 3MRSA §162-A and § 162-B.

Motion: That the Constitutional Officers be assigned to steps in accordance with their years of service in the particular office as follows:

State Auditor: Range 89, Step A  
Secretary of State: Range 87, Step F (6 years)  
Treasurer of State: Range 87, Step D (4 years)  
Attorney General: Range 90, Step E

and, further, that the effective date of these increases be the anniversary of the date each incumbent was initially sworn in.

Motion: That the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the House and Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate each be advanced one step in the pay ranges in which they are placed by Statute. (Motion by Rep. Martin; seconded by Sen Pray; vote 9-1).

**Item #8:** Deadline for submission of information for bill drafting.

Motion: That January 15 be set as the deadline for the submission of material necessary to complete drafting and that Rep. Diamond issue a letter to all members of the Legislature informing them of this action. (Motion by Rep.. Martin; seconded by Sen. Pray; unanimous vote).

Discussion: The purpose of setting this deadline is to give Legislative staff time to complete bill drafting prior to the previously established deadline for the introduction of bills.

**Item #9:** Request for Increase in Appropriation of the Commission to Study the Implementation of Educational Reform.

The Council considered a request from Kenneth Hayes, Chair of the Commission, for funds to allow the Committee to continue its work and to hold previously scheduled meeting in January.

Discussion: The Commission which was created by act of the 111th Legislature during the Third Special Session was originally appropriated \$3000 to carry out its work. There seemed to be general agreement that this budget was insufficient to carry out the scope of work charged to the Commission.

Motion: That the Commission's request be approved (Motion by Sen. Pray; seconded by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

Item #10: After Deadline Requests

The request included on the published agenda was withdrawn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Pray, seconded by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Approved by Legislative Council  
1-9-85