

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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VICE-CHAIRMAN



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REP. JOHN L. MARTIN  
REP. THOMAS W. MURPHY, JR.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**MARCH 20, 1985**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

(Approved and placed on  
file April 3, 1985.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chairman John N. Diamond at 11:40 a.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 - Legislative Finance Officer  
Helen Ginder - Director of Legislative Assistants

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes of the Legislative Council meeting of March 6, 1985, were approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Hayden; unanimous).

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

Senator Pray, Chair of the Committee reported that the Committee had discussed several issues related to parking in the Legislative Parking areas. The Committee consulted with the Commissioner of Public Safety, Arthur Stilphen on two of these issues: unauthorized parking in both designated handicapped areas and in "no parking areas." Recommendations were that the Commissioner of Public Safety file proposed revisions of the Department's rules to the Secretary of State as follows:

## 1. Increase parking fines

- Parking in designated handicapped areas \$5
- Parking in designated Legislative areas \$4
- Parking in travel lanes \$4
- All other parking violations \$3

2. Any fine not paid within 72 hours (3 working days) will automatically go to \$5.

3. Commissioner Stilphen has also agreed that if the parking problems continue after the increased fines take effect, towing signs will be erected.

4. The Committee had two further recommendations:  
 1. Work with Bureau of Public Improvements to redraw lines in Legislative parking areas for the purpose of increasing the number of spaces available. 2. That the presiding officers be authorized to poll their respective memberships regarding parking..

Motion: That all the recommendations, except #4, be accepted (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Violette;). After discussion concerning whether the recommendations would solve all the parking problems a vote was taken: (6 yes; 2 no; 2 abstentions; Motion carried).

Discussion concerning solutions to recommendation #4 continued.

Motion: That Legislative parking slots be assigned by district number (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; motion failed).

Motion: That Legislative parking slots be assigned by Legislative seniority (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; motion failed).

Motion: That the Senate Majority Leader be assigned to develop a parking plan for the Legislature and submit it to the next meeting of the Council (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Diamond; motion withdrawn).

Motion: That recommendation #4 be resubmitted for further study to the Committee on the Allocation of Legislative Space (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Violette; motion carried 6-4 vote).

## Item #2

Committee on Personnel

- Representative Martin, Committee Chair, presented the following recommendation from the Committee: Recommendation that a letter be written to Dick Sawyer expressing the Council's deep appreciation for the outstanding job he did as acting Legislative Finance Officer during Bent Schlosser's absence due to illness.
- Representative Martin further reported that the Committee is continuing its review of the request for reclassifying the position of the Director of the Maine-Canadian Advisory Office. The Committee will meet with Sen. Berube, Chair of the Commission.

Motion: That the recommendations be approved (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).

## Item #3

Committee on Data and Word Processing

No report.

## NEW BUSINESS

## Item #1

Submission of Study Report on Non-Game Fish and Wildlife Activities of the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife from the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife

Motion: That the report be accepted and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

## Item #2

Recommendation to recompile Volumes 15, 15-A, and 16-A of Maine Revised Statutes.

David S. Silsby, Legislative Research Director, submitted a recommendation to the Council that Maine Revised Statutes, Volumes 15, 15-A and 16-A be recompiled.

Motion: That the recompilation of the 3 volumes be approved (Motion by Rep. Murphy; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #3            After Deadline Requests

After Deadline Requests were considered and voted on by the Legislative Council (see attached list for results).

Item #4            Legislative Budget

Rep. Murphy noted that it had been necessary to transfer funds within the Legislative Appropriation from Personal Services to All Other. He asked for additional information about this action. Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director, responded that postage, printing and telephone expenditures had far exceeded the budgeted amounts and that the transfer was required in order to permit the issuance of Legislators weekly expense checks for the balance of the month of March. After some further discussion, it was agreed that the Legislative Council's Budget Committee should consider this issue in the course of its review.

Item #5            Legislative Parking (See Committee Reports above)

Motion: That the presiding officers be authorized to conduct an informal poll of House and Senate members to determine parking preference by District number or seniority (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).



STATE OF MAINE  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

March 8, 1985

Rep. John N. Diamond, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
State House, Room 334  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear John,

It is my duty to report to the Legislature biennially recommending legislation that will keep the statutes continuously revised. In that report filed in the Senate on January 2, 1985, I recommended in order to keep the law as complete and correct as possible for public use that the republication program of revised statutes continue by funding the republication of 3 additional volumes over the next biennium. To that end, as in the past, I have obtained firm price quotations from West Publishing Company to recompile the following volumes and revised the work schedules to the time periods indicated:

Volume 15, 2 books	\$70.00 per set	Total \$84,000
Planned replacement October, 1985		
Volume 16-A, 2 books	\$70.00 per set	Total \$84,000
Planned replacement December, 1985		
Volume 15-A, 2 books	\$70.00 per set	Total \$84,000
Planned replacement February, 1986		

These quotations are based on 1,200 copies of each volume shipped prepaid in accordance with their subscription list.

This request to budget \$252,000 for my agency for republication of these volumes is important for, as you know, the law-making branch of State Government has been extremely active in recent years, causing over half of the material in each of the above volumes to become obsolete.

Thank you for your kind consideration and if I can supply you with any further information, please advise.

Sincerely,



David S. Silsby  
Director

cc: Sen. Pearson Senate Chairman  
Appropriations Committee  
Rep. Carter House Chairman  
Appropriations Committee  
Sarah Diamond ✓  
Legislative Administrative Director

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