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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

APRIL 3, 1985

MEETING SUMMARY

(Approved and placed on
file April 24, 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 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the Legislative Council meeting on March 20 and March 29, 1985, were approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #3: After Deadline Requests

(The item was taken up out of order by consensus.)
After Deadline Requests were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report submitted by Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director, included notification of the following approved out-of-state travel:

- Locke Keirmaier and Lars Rydell to attend the annual meeting of the American Educational Finance Association.
- Helen Ginder to attend the NCSL Executive Committee Meeting, April 18-19.

The report was accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee

Rep. Diamond, in the absence of Rep. Martin, Committee Chair, recommended that in observance of Good Friday, all Legislative staff offices shall close at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 1985 with the provision that phone coverage be maintained.

Motion: That the recommendation be approved. (Motion by Rep. Davis; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #2: Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

Sen. Violette moved that the issue of Legislative parking be reconsidered and that the recommendation that presiding officers take prompt action to address the parking problem be approved.

Motion: That this recommendation be accepted (Motion by Sen. Violette; second by Sen. Clark; discussion followed).

Motion: An amendment to the previous motion was offered that the presiding officers be authorized to assign parking spaces to legislators only, not staff. (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Gill; discussion followed; motion was voted upon; 2 yes; 6 no; motion failed).

Motion: That the original recommendation be accepted. (Motion by Sen. Violette; second by Sen. Clark; motion carried unanimously).

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Submission of Reports from Joint Standing Committees

1. Committee on Marine Resources on "Lobster Trap Limits".

2. Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Adequate Health Insurance".

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

Item #2: Committee on Audit & Program Review: Proposed Work Program

A letter from the Committee Chairs described the proposed work program for their review of Child Care Protective Services. The Committee requested that a member of the Council be appointed to that subcommittee.

Motion: That Sen. Gill be appointed to the Audit and Program Review Committee's Subcommittee on Child Care Protective Services (Motion by Rep. Davis; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #4: Fiscal Notes

A letter from the Chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources expressed the committee's concern that fiscal notes reflected only an executive agency's estimate of fiscal impact.

Motion: That the concerns of the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources be forwarded to the Personnel Committee of the Legislative Council for consideration and recommendations (Motion by Rep. Davis; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. (Motion by Rep. Murphy; second by Rep. Davis; unanimous).

SENATE

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ZACHARY E. MATTHEWS, DISTRICT 13
MARY-ELLEN MAYBURY, DISTRICT 11

JANET E. WALDRON, SENIOR PROGRAM ANALYST
CHERYL E. RING, PROGRAM ANALYST
LOCK KIERMAIER, PROGRAM ANALYST



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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND PROGRAM REVIEW

April 1, 1985

Honorable John Diamond, Chair
Members of Legislative Council

Dear John and Council Members,

The Audit Committee, while working to close out the areas under review, is simultaneously beginning to organize for the new review areas which include the Department of Business Regulation, Child Protective Services, Emergency Medical Services and parts of the Department of Education.

To date, in line with our regular process, we have broken the full committee down into three subcommittees to accomplish these new reviews. In addition, as usual, we plan to include selected members from the other Joint Standing Committees concerned with the areas under review. As you know, incorporating this procedure has worked extremely well in ensuring cooperation and coordination between the Audit Committee and other Joint Standing Committees.

In light of the importance and focus on the area of Child Abuse and Protection, we thought that the Legislative Council might want to appoint a Council member for inclusion on the subcommittee. Senator Gill has expressed her interest in this area and has extensive experience in the field of human services. We would be delighted to have her official participation, if you so choose.

We would appreciate knowing your decision as soon as possible given the fact that we expect this subcommittee to begin meeting soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

G. William Diamond
Senate Chair

Neil Rolde
House Chair