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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**MAY 22, 1985**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

(Approved and placed on  
file June 7, 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 2:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**Legislative Officers:**

Sally Diamond	Legislative Administrative Director
Catherine Atchley	Law Librarian
Bent Schlosser	Legislative Finance Officer
Haven Whiteside	Assistant Director of Legislative Assistants
David Silsby	Legislative Research Director

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Council on May 13 and May 14, 1985, were approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report submitted by Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director, included the following:

Approved Out-of-State Travel

- Martha Freeman, Office of Legislative Assistants, to attend a seminar on mediation in Boston, Massachusetts; and
- Julie Jones, Office of Legislative Assistants, to attend the 1985 Institute on State and Local Taxation, in Washington, D.C.

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Study Request from Committee on Utilities

The Chairmen of the Utilities Committee, Rep. Vose and Sen. Baldacci, appeared before the Council to request an interim study, which would allow 3 members of the Utilities Committee to attend public hearings on the effects of local measured service which are being sponsored by the Public Utilities Commission. The members of the subcommittee would attend only those hearings which are within their districts, along with one staff member and report their findings to the full committee. In addition the Committee requested authorization to have two full committee meetings in the fall.

Motion: That the subcommittee be approved and formed with 3 members, with the only stipulation that one member and no legislative staff attend each hearing and that approval be given for two full committee meetings in the fall. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Violette; rejected 1 to 8)

Motion: That the prior motion be approved with the stipulation that the Committee be authorized to hold only one full committee meeting in the fall. (Motion by Sen. Violette; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous)

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Motion: That the study request be approved on the basis that from the full committee 3 members would attend the hearings in their geographical area. No legislative staff would be authorized to attend. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Submission of Study Report from the Select Committee on Forest Practices

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

Item #2: Requests to Carry Over Bills

Requests from committees to carry over bills to the Second Regular Session were considered. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

Item #3: Report from the Commission to Implement Educational Reform

The Council had received and accepted the Majority Report of the Commission at its April 24, 1985 meeting. Two Minority Reports were issued, and subsequently and the Commission requested clarification regarding whether acceptance of these was implicit in the Council's earlier action..

Motion: That the minority reports be included in the Council's action April 24, 1985 to accept the Commission's report. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray; motion approved 7 to 1)

Item #4: After Deadline Requests

After deadline requests were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

Item #5: Letter from the State Compensation Commission

The Council received a letter from Donald E. Nicoll, Chairman of the State Compensation Commission pursuant to the Council's request that the Commission review L.D. 1013, "An Act Relating to Retirement Options for Legislators", and make any recommendations to the Council. The letter reported the

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Commission's recommendation that the bill be carried over to the next session to allow further study by both the Committee and the Maine State Retirement System .

Motion: That the letter be accepted and placed on file.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.  
(Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous).