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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 27, 1985

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chairman John N. Diamond at 10:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee

Rep. Martin, Committee Chair, made the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee: a) That the position of Appropriations Committee Clerk be converted to a permanent, full-time secretarial position in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review; and b) that a 6.5% salary increase for legislative employees be authorized effective December 30, 1985. This increase is consistent with action taken by the Governor for confidential employees.

The report was approved and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous)

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Adjustment in Salaries for Constitutional Officers to conform with Governor's Action Regarding Salaries of Confidential Employees

Motion: That a 1.5% increase be approved for each of the four Constitutional Officers, effective December 30, 1985 (Attorney General, State Auditor, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer). This adjustment should be applied to both the salary step in effect for each of the Constitutional Officers on December 30 and the step which will take effect on their anniversary date pursuant to the Council's action at its December 6, 1985 meeting. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous)

Motion: That the salaries of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the House be adjusted, effective December 30, 1985, to reflect the salary of the range and step to which are assigned. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Violette).

Item #2: Step Increase for Attorney General (tabled at December 6 Council meeting).

Motion: That the salary increase for the Attorney General be retabled pending the development of a process by the Attorney General for handling requests from legislators for advisory opinions. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous)

Item #3: Legislative Organization and Management: Report from Subcommittee Regarding Implementation of Recommendations.

Motion: That the report from the Subcommittee be approved and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous)

NOTE: A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

Item #4: Request from Rep. Vose for reconsideration of Council's approval of LR 4781, AN ACT to Preserve Affordable Traditional Flat Rate Local Telephone Service (Sponsor Rep. Reeves) for introduction.

Following discussion, members agreed that the request was not properly before the Council and that Rep. Vose should be advised that the concern he raised could be expressed from the floor to either presiding officer.

Item #5: Request from Sen. Kany to revise title of LR 5312, previously approved by the Council for introduction.

Motion: That Sen. Kany's request be approved. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Smoking in the Workplace Act: Implementation In the State House and Legislative Offices in the State Office Building.

Motion: That the proposed policy be adopted. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

NOTE: A copy of the policy adopted by the Council is attached.

Item #2: Request from Senator Kany for Staffing Assistance for the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste.

Motion: That Sen. Kany's request for secretarial assistance for the Commission be approved for a period not to exceed 90 days and that the salary for this position be set at a level consistent with an entry-level secretarial position in the non-partisan offices. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).

Item #3: Requests for extension of studies

- Committee on Local and County Government: Study of the Revision of Title 30 (extension until end of Second Regular Session)
- Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans: Recodification of the Maine State Retirement System (extension until January 31)

Motion: That the extensions of studies be approved.
(Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous)

Item #4: Request from Committee on State Government to comment on LD 697 ("RESOLUTION Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Reapportionment Procedures to Reflect Changes in Legislative Procedures and to Specify how The Reapportionment Commission should operate") and proposed Committee Amendment.

No Council action necessary.

Item #5: Request from Sen. Matthews to authorize a meeting of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Monday, January 6, for a briefing on the state of the deer population.

Motion: That the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife be authorized to meet on Tuesday, January 7. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous)

Item #6: 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.
(Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Attachments: