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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 10, 1986

MEETING SUMMARY

(Approved and placed on file
January 16, 1986)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chairman John N. Diamond at 9:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond	Executive Director, Leg. Council
Lynn Randall	Acting Law Librarian
Bent Schlosser	Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Helen Ginder	Director, Office of Policy and Analysis
David Silsby	Director, Office of Revisor of Statutes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Council on December 27, 1985, were approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Davis; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report submitted by Sally Diamond, Executive Director, Legislative Council included approval of step increases for the following employees:

Jacqueline Calcagni, Secretary, Office of the Executive Director, from Step A to Step B
Marilyn Canavan, Law Library Assistant, from Step F to Step G
Margaret Reinsch, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, from Step A to Step B
Gerald Thibault, Programmer Analyst, Office of the Executive Director, from Step A to Step B

The report also included the following approved Out-of State Travel:

Sally Diamond to New York City for CSG-ERC '86 planning meeting.

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on Data and Word Processing

Rep. Hayden, Committee Chair, reported that, based on its review of the current access to and use of the laser printers, the Committee recommended the acquisition of a third laser printer on a lease basis, to be located in a place accessible to both leadership and non-partisan staff.

Motion: That the Committee's recommendation be approved (Motion by Rep. Hayden; second by Rep. Davis; unanimous)

Item #2: Personnel Committee

Rep. Martin, Committee Chair, announced that the Committee would meet on Monday, January 13, for the purpose of considering the reappointments of those Directors whose terms have expired (Davis S. Silsby, Revisor of Statutes and Helen Ginder, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis) or will expire in January (Sally Diamond, Executive Director).

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Step Increase for Attorney General (Retabled at December 27 Council Meeting)

Sen. Clark moved that the item be removed from the table. Sen. Pray reported that he, Speaker Martin, and the Attorney General had agreed to meet for the purpose of working out a procedure for assuring timely responses to Legislators' requests for advisory opinions from the Attorney General's Office.

Motion: That the Attorney General be awarded a Step Increase from Step E to Step F, to be effective on his anniversary date in this position and further, that his salary in both Step E and Step F be adjusted retroactively to reflect adjustment in Range 90 on July 1, 1985 and December 30, 1985. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray; approved 9-1)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: After Deadline Requests

After Deadline Requests were considered and the Council's action is included in the attached list.

Item #2: Request from Committee on Utilities to Extend Deadline for Submission of Report of Local Telephone Service Study (letter from Sen. Baldacci and Rep. Vose).

The Committee requested a 2-week extension of the date for final action on the Local Telephone Service Study and a 1-week extension of the deadline for filing the report and accompanying legislation in order to have time to review a report just submitted by the Public Utilities Commission. The motion to approve the extension was tabled temporarily for the purpose of clarifying the request.

Motion: That the Committee's request be approved, with the understanding that the final action on the study would be taken no later than January 23, 1986, and that the final report and accompanying legislation would be submitted to the Legislature no later than January 29, 1986. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous).

- Item #3: Request from Sen. Kany to delay introduction of two bills relating to Radioactive Waste (letter from Sen. Kany)

Sen. Kany requested authorization to delay introduction of two bills relating to low-level radioactive waste until a newly-passed federal law is available for review in order to ensure that State legislation is consistent with Federal law.

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

- Item #4: Request from State Compensation Commission to Extend Deadline for Submission of Interim Report (letter from Stephen Crockett, Chair).

Mr. Crockett requested a one-week extension for submitting the Commission's Interim Report to the Council so that the comments from the public hearing on the report could be incorporated:

Motion: That the requested extension be approved and that Mr. Silsby be directed to draft the appropriate amendment to authorize the extension. (Motion by Rep. Davis; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous)

- Item #5: Proposed Changes in The Joint Rules to Reflect Changes in Staff Office Names and Titles.

Rep. Diamond shared drafts of those sections of the Joint Rules which need to be amended to reflect the new office names and titles.

No Council action necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).