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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 16, 1984

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 9:40 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, Legislative Council
Bent Schlosser	Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Haven Whiteside	Asst. Director, Office of Policy and Analysis
David Silsby	Director, Office of Revisor of Statutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: That the Council adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

RECONVENE

Motion: That the Council reconvene at 10:18 a.m. (Motion by Sen Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- The minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Council on January 8, 1986, were approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Item #1: Approved step increases for the following legislative employees:

- Sharon Linton, Legislative Specialist II, from Step F to Step G
- Germaine C. Longley, Legislative Technician I, from Step A to Step B
- Margaret Matheson, Legislative Attorney, From Step C. to Step D

Josephine Gildden, Legislative Technician III, has completed another year of service but is at the top her range.

Item #2: Legislative Record: Renegotiation of Contract

Ms. Diamond reported that the contract with Gannett Graphics for production of the Legislative Record has been re-negotiated pursuant to the Legislative Council's action during the First Regular Session. She noted that re-negotiation of the contract was possible because the acquisition of laser printers as part of the Legislature's computer system allowed the production of camera-ready copy. Renegotiation of the contract has resulted in a 43.2% reduction in the per page price for the Second Regular Session and will make even greater cost reductions possible in future years.

No Council action required.

Item #3: Law Library Materials at Nash School

Ms. Diamond reported to the Council that she had recently learned the bid requests for the renovation of the Nash School were had been issued by the Bureau of Public Improvements. Part of the Law Library's collection is currently housed at Nash, and BPI's apparent plans to move these items to other temporary storage have also been made without consultation with the Library staff. The issue of storage for the Law Library, the State Library, and the State Museum is being addressed by the Committee on Audit and Program Review, and the purpose of Ms. Diamond's report was to simply alert the Council to a pending issue.

No Council action required.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**Item #1: Personnel Committee**

Rep. Martin, Committee Chair, reported the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

- a) Reappointment of David Silsby as Revisor of Statutes for a three-year term.

Motion: That David Silsby be reappointed as Revisor of Statutes (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

- b) Reappointment of Helen Ginder as Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis for a three year term.

Motion: That Helen Ginder be reappointed for a three-year term as Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Diamond; unanimous).

- c) Reappointment of Sally Diamond as for a three-year term as Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

Motion: That Sally Diamond be reappointed for a three-year term as Executive Director for a three-year term. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

d) Adoption of separate salary scale for Senior Analyst

Rep. Martin noted that this recommendation emerged during the Council's review of Legislative Organization and Management. The new salary scale would apply to the following positions: Senior Program Analysis and Senior Budget Analyst in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and Senior Attorney in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis.

Motion: That those named to these positions be assigned to the step in the new scale that is closest to, but no lower than their current salary. (Motion by: Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous)

Rep. Martin noted that several issues had come up in the course of the Council's review and in the recent discussions with the Directors regarding the need to clarify the Legislature's policy. These include:

- Statements of Fact

Joint Rule 31 stipulates that "All bills and resolves shall, upon introduction and later amendment thereof, be accompanied by a written statement of fact indicating intent."

Motion: That statements of fact be drafted in accordance with the Joint Rule, with their scope limited to fact and not editorial comment, and that the Revisor of Statutes be authorized to determine the appropriateness of statements of fact in this regard. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

- New Drafts and Committee Amendments

Motion: That the Revisor of Statutes have the sole authority to decide whether a Committee's revisions shall be printed in the form of a New Draft or an Amendment. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request from Judiciary Committee for Extensions of Reporting Deadlines for Insanity Defense and Related Procedures Study and Impeachment and Address Study (Letters from Sen. Carpenter and Rep. Kane)

Motion: That the request be approved. (Motion by: Sen. Gill; second Sen. Clark; unanimous)

Item #2: After Deadline Requests

After Deadline Requests were considered. The Council's action is summarized on the attached list.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous).