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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

February 25, 1986

MEETING SUMMARY

(Approved and placed on file
March 4, 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 9:35 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
Lynn Randall	Acting Law Librarian
Bent Schlosser	Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Helen Ginder	Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
David Silsby	Revisor of Statutes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the meeting of the Council's meetings on February 10 and 18, 1986, were approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Item #1: Approved Step Increases:

Andrea Colnes, Research Assistant, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, from Step A to Step B, effective February 26, 1986.

Ms. Diamond also noted that John Selser, Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis has completed another year of legislative service, but is already at the top of the salary scale for this position.

Item #2: Search for State Law Librarian

Ms. Diamond reported that _____ had declined the position and recommended that the search be reopened.

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee: Discussion of Compensation Study for Non-Partisan Staff Positions

Rep. Martin, Committee Chair recommended that the Committee be authorized to enter into negotiations with the National Conference of State Legislatures on behalf of the Council to design and carry out a study of compensation for all non-partisan staff positions. The final proposal, which would detail scope of the study, schedule and cost, would be brought to the Council for approval (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Legislature's Request for Supplemental Funds for FY 86

Rep. Murphy asked for clarification regarding a statement in the minutes of the Appropriations Committee that the Legislature's supplemental request had been unanimously approved by the Council. Ms. Diamond noted that the Council had not formally voted on the request, but that no objections had been raised.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Submission of Report on The Dram Shop Act and Liquor Liability Law in Maine by the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

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

Item #2: After Deadline Requests

The Council's action on after deadline requests is summarized on the attached list.

Item #3: State Compensation Commission: Draft Interim Report

Rep. Diamond noted that the recommendations to increase legislators' salaries changed the distribution of the total salary over the two year biennium from 60/40 to 50/50. He agreed to attend the Commission's work session to suggest that a 60/40 allocation more accurately reflects the relative length of the two regular sessions.

No formal action taken.

Item #4: Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste

Sen. Clark noted that there appears to be a need for further clarification of the Legislature's commitment to provide support to the Commission. The discussion produced consensus that it was important to assure that the issue of locating the high level radioactive waste sites had high public visibility, and equally important to assure that the efforts of the Commission and the Governor's Task Force were closely coordinated.

Item #4 Continued

Council members agreed that all requests from the Commission for support from the Legislature should be channeled through the presiding officers and that a letter be sent to Sen. Kany to this effect.

No formal action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).