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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

March 4, 1986

MEETING SUMMARY

(Approved and placed on file
March 11, 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 10:15 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
Lynn Randall	Legislative Council
Bent Schlosser	Acting Law Librarian
Helen Ginder	Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
David Silsby	Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
	Revisor of Statutes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Council on February 25, 1986, were approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Item #1: Approved Step Increases for the following legislative employees:
- Elizabeth Bartlett, Secretary III, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, from Step D to Step E
 - Elaine Choate, Secretary III, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, from Step A to Step B
- Robert Michaud, Associate Law Librarian, from Step D to Step E

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

- Item #2: Letter from the Chairs of the Audit Committee.

The purpose of the letter was to report on the action taken by the Committee on the storage problem of the State Law Library and State Museum.

No Council action necessary.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- Item #1: State Compensation Commission: Submission of Final Interim Report

Copies of the report had been distributed to Council members the previous week.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Invitation from NCSL to Participate in Study of Legislative Relationships with State Board of Education (Letter to Speaker).

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) have received funds from the Danforth Foundation to work with four states that have an interest in coordinating their legislative and state board policies more effectively. Maine is of particular interest to NCSL and NASBE because it has recently enacted an educational reform package.

Motion: That discussions with the Governor and the State Board of Education be initiated and that the invitation be accepted. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous).

Item #2: Submission of Study Reports

The following study reports were submitted to the Council:

- Joint Standing Committee on Business and Commerce: Handling Fees and Recapture of Unclaimed Refunds Under the Returnable Container Law
- Joint Standing Committee on Education: Teacher Recruitment and Retention in Maine

Motion: That the study reports be accepted and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).

Item #3: AN ACT Concerning Property Tax Assessment and Appeals: Proposed Legislation submitted by the Speaker's Select Committee on Property Tax Reform

A letter from Rep. Cashman reported that in addition to legislation, which includes the assessment practice recommendations of the Select Committee, the Committee will issue a final report concerning the property tax burden in Maine later this year.

Motion: That the request for consideration by the 112th Legislature be granted (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #4: Commission to Study Family Matters in Court:
Status Report (Letter from Sen. Chalmers).

The letter from Sen. Chalmers reported that the Commission's recommended legislation had been submitted to the Office of the Revisor of Statutes on February 19 and that the final report would be available for distribution within a week.

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

Item #5: After Deadline Requests

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

ADJOURNMENT

Following the swearing in of Sally Diamond as Executive Director of the Legislative Council, David Silsby as Revisor of Statutes, Helen Ginder as Director of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and Bent Schlosser as Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).