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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

April 1, 1986

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 10:05 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
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Helen Ginder	Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
David Silsby	Revisor of Statutes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Submission of Final Report of the Joint Select Committee on Nursing Home Needs

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

Item #2: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government

The letter from Sen. Tuttle and Rep. McHenry, Committee Chairs, requested that the Committee be authorized to extend its work on the Revision of Title 30 and submit the legislation to the 113th Legislature. The Chairs also requested that the Committee be authorized to have 3 meetings each for 3 subcommittees.

Members of the Council noted that, since the Committee had been directed to complete all work on the bills remaining in committee by Friday, April 4, there would be substantial time for the Committee to work on the Title 30 Revision before the Legislature adjourned later in the month.

Motion: That a letter be sent to the Committee Chairs requesting that the Committee make every effort to complete its work on this Revision by the end of the Second Regular Session and that no extension be granted at this time. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).

Item #3: After Deadline Requests

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

Item #4: Clarification of Policy Regarding Use of Gender in
the Maine Revised Statutes

Sen. Clark, referring to a letter from David Silsby, Revisor of Statutes, to Speaker Martin, asked for clarification about the letter. The subject of the letter was the gender rule enacted as a part of the Revision of Title 20A in 1983, a rule which was inconsistent with the prevailing rule of gender which is set out in MRSA . Mr. Silsby, as Revisor of Statutes has pointed out to the Judiciary Committee that it is important for a single gender rule to be used throughout the statutes. He has further proposed that the goal should be to make the statutes "gender-neutral", using the noun wherever possible. Sen. Clark asked that training be provided to all staff so that this policy is clear.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
(Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).