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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

April 8, 1986

MEETING SUMMARY

**(Approved and placed on file
April 15, 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
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the Council's April 1, 1986, 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

Item #1: Law Library Use of Nash School: Status Report from Leighton Cooney, Director, Bureau of Public Improvements

Leighton Cooney, Director, Bureau of Public Improvements, had been asked to provide the Council with a report on the status of plans to renovate the Nash School, which currently houses part of the Law Library's collection. Others present at the Council meeting at the invitation of the Council Chair included Rep. Neil Rolde, Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review, Rep. Orland McPherson, Committee member, Paul Rivard, Director of the State Museum, and Donald Wismer, for Gary Nichols, State Librarian.

Mr. Cooney reported that his original and "optimal" plan had been to provide for alternate storage first and then renovate those buildings currently being used for storage. These buildings include the Nash School; the Burleigh Building (AMHI Campus) used by the State Museum; and the Erskine Building (Hallowell), used by the State Library. Mr. Cooney noted that the lack of a decision regarding the specific location of the new storage facility had complicated the picture and that he had decided to proceed with renovation of the Nash School for use as office and meeting space. This project has been bid, a contractor selected, and work scheduled to begin.

Discussion following his report highlighted the following issues and concerns:.

- a. The long-standing need for a central storage facility

This need has been recognized since the 1960's, and money has been included in BPI's budget specifically for this purpose in the last two biennial budgets.

b. The planning process

While plans for moving the collections from their current sites appear to have progressed, none of the affected agencies has been involved in that planning process since the summer of 1983. This is of particular concern since there is an apparent lack of understanding about the nature of these collections and the implications for both the type of storage required and the moving itself.

c. The alternative sites available for the proposed storage facility

The Liquor Warehouse has been identified as one option, but it has also been under active consideration for use as a new Central Computer facility.

Motion: That the Council take the necessary steps to insure that the Law Library, the State Library, and the State Museum would retain their current storage space until a permanent storage facility which meets the defined requirements is available and that the Committee on the Allocation of Legislative Space meet with Mr. Cooney and representatives from the affected agencies to gather additional information regarding: 1) the total storage requirements; 2) the appropriateness of the Liquor Warehouse as the storage facility; and 3) other alternatives for meeting the near and long-term storage needs of these agencies. (Motion by Rep. Murphy; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources to Study the Mussel Industry and Related Conservation Issues (Letter from Sen. Chalmers and Rep. Crowley, Committee Chairs).

Motion: That the request be tabled until the Council has all study requests before it. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

Item #2: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources to Participate in Special Study Examining the Sardine Inspection Tax (Letter from Sen. Chalmers and Rep. Crowley, Committee Chairs).

Motion: That the request be tabled until the Council has all study requests before it. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).