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VICE-CHAIRMAN



STATE OF MAINE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STATE HOUSE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 20, 1986

MEETING SUMMARY

(Approved and placed on file
June 18, 1986)

SEN. NANCY RANDALL CLARK
SEN. BARBARA A. GILL
SEN. THOMAS R. PERKINS
SEN. PAUL E. VIOLETTE
REP. LELAND C. DAVIS, JR.
REP. MARTIN S. HAYDEN
REP. JOHN L. MARTIN
REP. THOMAS W. MURPHY, JR.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chairman, John N. Diamond, at 4:15 p.m..

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Clark, Sen. Gill, Sen. Pray, Sen. Violette
Absent: Sen. Perkins

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

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Resignations and Appointments

Sally Diamond reported the following approval of appointments and reassignments of staff in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review following the recommendation of Bent Schlosser, Director.

- Appointment of Jim Clair to Position of Senior Budget Analyst

This position was one of the Senior Analyst positions established by the Council in December following its review of legislative organization and management. Mr. Clair has served as a Budget Analyst since December, 1983.

- Resignation of Janet Waldron

Ms. Waldron who has served as Senior Program Analyst in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review since January, 1983, submitted her resignation, effective May 30

Motion: That the Council send a letter to Janet expressing their appreciation and best wishes (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark).

- Appointment of Cheryl Ring as Senior Program Analyst

Ms. Ring who has served as a Program Analyst for the Committee since 1983, will assume the vacancy created by Janet Waldron's resignation.

- Appointment of Barbara Gage to the position of Program Analyst

Ms. Gage will transfer from the Budget Analyst position which she has occupied since December, 1985, to the position created by Ms. Ring's promotion.

Item #2: Approved Out-of-State Travel

David Elliot, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, to attend National Symposium on Ground Water Pollution Control, Cambridge, MA, May 22-23, 1986 x

Tim Glidden, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, to attend National Conference on Environmental Dispute Resolution, Washington, D. C., May 29-30, 1986.

Item #2: Approved Out-of-State Travel Continued

Barbara Gage, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, to attend ERC Seminar on Gramm-Rudman Act, May 14-16, 1986.

Tim Leet, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, to attend NCSL-Northeast-Midwest Institute Seminar on Oil Overcharge Funds, Washington, D.C., May 19, 1986.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee

Rep. Martin, Personnel Committee Chair, reported that the NCSL team who will be conducting the review of Legislative Staff compensation would be in Augusta the week of May 26. Their primary objectives during this first site visit will be to define the scope and structure of the study and to meet with Legislative staff to introduce themselves and the study. They will be available to answer questions.

Item #2: Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

Sen. Pray, Committee Chair, reported on the status of the conversion of the Liquor Warehouse to the storage facility of which the Law library will be one of the occupants. Bids on the roof have been solicited, and the estimated completion date for the roof is mid-July. The engineering firm is working with the four agencies (Law Library, State Library, State Museum, and State Archives) to confirm design requirements for the interior space.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request from the Joint Select Committee on Economic Development for staff assistance (letter from Rep. Greg Nadeau)

Rep. Greg Nadeau, Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Economic Development requested assignment of a Committee Clerk, Committee Assistant, and staff for each of six subcommittees.

Motion: That Sally Diamond meet with Rep. Nadeau to discuss the Committee staffing needs and develop a revised proposal for presentation to the Council (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Davis; unanimous).

Item #2: Request from Taxation Committee for authorization to conduct work during the interim, pursuant to statute (letter from Sen. Twitchell and Rep. Cashman)

The Committee Chairs requested Council approval of three meetings of the full Committee to complete its study of tax expenditures as required by MRSA Title 36, Ch. 91.

Motion: That the request be approved (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous)

Item #3: Report from Leighton Cooney, Director of The Bureau of Public Improvements, on the status of the Cultural Building

Mr. Cooney, who was present at the Council meeting at the request of the Chair, reported that draft specifications for removal of asbestos from the Cultural Building were being completed and bids would be opened by mid-June. The work should be completed by July 1st. Sen. Pray asked if there were sufficient funds in the budget to cover the expense. Mr. Cooney stated that an additional \$600,000 would be requested to remove the asbestos, re-fireproof the roof, and remove selected ceiling tiles. Further questioning from Sen. Gill resulted in clarification that this estimate would cover only the second and third floors of the State Library. In response to a question from Sen. Gill, Mr. Cooney stated that it was "doubtful" that the State House was free of asbestos. Rep. Murphy inquired about state policies regarding asbestos testing, including who is responsible for ensuring that testing is done. Mr. Cooney replied that the State has no such policies.

Item #4: Requests for Introduction of Legislation

Requests for introduction of Legislation were considered by the Council. The Council's action is summarized on the attached list.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).