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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 18, 1986

MEETING SUMMARY

(Approved and placed on file
July 10, 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 3:12 p.m..

ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: Rep. Davis, Rep. Diamond, Rep. Hayden
Absent: 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 summaries of the meetings of the Legislative Council on April 15 & 17 and May 20 & 27, 1986, were approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report submitted by Sally Diamond, Executive Director of the Legislative Council, included the following:

Appointment of Senior Attorney

Sally Diamond reported that on Helen Ginder's recommendation, Martha Freeman had been selected to fill the position of Senior Attorney in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis. This was one of the new positions established by the Legislative Council in December, 1985, following its study of legislative staffing.

No Council action was necessary.

Approved Step Increases

Kathy Kaloustian, Legislative Technician, Office of Revisor,
from Step F to Step G, effective March 29

Bent Schlosser, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review,
from Step D to Step E, effective June 9

Tim Glidden, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis,
from Step E to Step F, effective June 12

Teen Ellen Lurette, Administrative Secretary, from Step C to Step D,
effective June 15, 1986

Norma Larrabee, Law Library Assistant I, Law Library, from Step C to
Step D, effective May 7, 1986

Ms. Diamond also noted that Simon Antworth, Law Library Business Assistant and Laura Goss, Law Library Assistant II have both completed another year of Legislative service, but are already at the top of the salary range for their positions.

Out-of-State Travel

American Library Association (Annual Meeting), New York City,
June 28 - July 2: Jane Edwards

American Association of Law Librarians (Annual Meeting), Washington
D.C.,
July 6 - 9, 1986: Lynn Randall, Rita Bouchard, Bob Michaud

CSG/ERC '86, Parsippany N.J., July 24 - 29, 1986: Bent Schlosser,
David Silsby, Sally Diamond

NCSL Skills Development Seminar, College Park, Maryland,
July 16 - 19, 1986: Gro Flatebo, Jeri Gautschi

Education Commission of the States (Annual Meeting), San Diego, CA,
July 23 - 26: David Elliott

American Health Planning Association (Annual meeting), San Francisco,
CA, June 30 - July 2: John Selser

NCSL/New Orleans: Rita Bouchard, Law Library; John Knox, Office of
Policy and Legal Analysis; Meg Matheson, Office of Revisor of
Statutes; Cheryl Ring, Office of Fiscal and Program Review; John
Bailey, Information Systems; Charlotte Carrie, Legislative
Information; Sally Diamond

CSG/Conference on Suggested State Legislation: Audrey-Renate
Delphendahl

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Item #1: Compensation Study update

Rep. Diamond reported that the NCSL study team would have preliminary recommendations regarding job titles and classes by mid July. Jan Carpenter and Cindy Simon will meet with both the Council and Office Directors at that time.

Item #2: Recommendation to hire Peter Siegel as State Law Librarian

Rep. Diamond reported that the Search Committee had unanimously recommended Peter M. Siegel for the position of Law Librarian. Mr. Siegel

He will assume the position on August 1.

Motion: That Peter Siegel be hired as the Law Librarian (Motion by: Sen. Gill; second by Sen. Clark).

Motion: That Sally Diamond send a letter to the Law Library staff expressing the Council's appreciation for the continued excellent service during the prolonged absence of a Law Librarian.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Study of Insurance Pools for High Risk Individuals

This study, previously authorized by the Legislative Council, draws members from three Joint Standing Committees. Council members agreed that they should appoint the study chair.

Motion: That the Legislative Council appoint Merle Nelson as chair of the study committee and that the members be notified (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

Item #2: Request for Assignment of Legislative Staff to Joint Select Committee on Economic Development

Rep. Greg Nadeau, Committee Chair, had previously requested assignment of secretarial and research staff to the Committee. The request had been referred to Sally Diamond for review. Ms. Diamond reported that discussions with Rep. Nadeau, Helen Ginder and Bent Schlosser had resulted in consensus that Grant Penoyer, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, would assume the lead staff coordinating role and that Ted Potter, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, would also be assigned to the Committee. Ms. Diamond further recommended that existing secretarial resources be used.

Motion: That the proposed staffing for the Committee be accepted (Motion by Sen. Violette; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Associate Membership for Maine Legislature in International Association of French-Speaking Parliaments (Association Internationale des Parlementaires de langue Francais)

The request to join the organization as an Associate Member came from Rep. Martin, who was absent. Ms. Diamond stated that the annual membership fee is approximately \$760 in U.S.-dollars.

Motion: That the item be tabled until Rep. Martin is available to provide more information (Motion by Rep. Davis; second by Sen. Violette; unanimous).

Item #2: Request for Early Initiation of Municipal Land Bank Study Commission

The Council considered a letter from the Chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation to authorize the Study Commission to meet in advance of the effective date of the Legislation creating it. In the ensuing discussion, Council members agreed that they did not have the authority to respond to this request.

Motion: That that the request be placed on file and that Ms. Diamond notify the Commission (Motion by Sen. Violette; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

Item #3: Request to Expand the Size of the Mussel Study Subcommittee

Motion: That the request be approved (Motion by Rep. Hayden; second by Sen. Clark; motion fails 3-5).

Item #4: Study of Solid Waste Disposal Policy in Maine authorized by Ch. 137 P&S (L.D. 2431)

This study was assigned to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by legislation passed during the Second Special Session. A request from Sen. Usher and Rep. Michaud, Committee Chairs, recommended that the staff currently assigned to the Committee also provide the required assistance for this study.

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

Item #5: Request for Staff Assistance for the Commission to Examine Chemical Testing of Employees

A letter from Rep. Beaulieu requested staff assistance for this Commission. Ms. Diamond reported her concurrence with Helen Ginder's assignment of Peggy Reinsch and Gil Brewer.

Motion: That the request be approved (Motion by Sen. Gill; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

Ms. Diamond drew the Council's attention to the burgeoning number of select committees, special commissions and studies that are created by law with the explicit expectation that they will be staffed by legislative staff.

Motion: That the Personnel Committee look into the staffing issues for Study Committees, Commissions, etc. and establish a policy for assignment of staff (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).

Item #7: Legislative Parking

Rep. Diamond reported that he had had several requests from legislators for assigned parking spaces and recommended that all legislators have assigned spaces. He further recommended that some of these spaces be in the parking area just west of the State Office Building for the convenience of members assigned to Committees whose hearing rooms were in that building.

Motion: That the recommendation be referred to the Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space and that the Committee provide the Council with a report at its next meeting (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).