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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 20, 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 11:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: Rep. Davis, Rep. Diamond, Rep. Hayden, Rep. Martin
Absent: Rep. Murphy

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond	Executive Director, Legislative Council
Peter Siegel	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 minutes of the Council's July 15, 1986 meeting were approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Perkins).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Item #1: Approved Step Increases

Lynn E. Randall, Deputy Law Librarian, from Step C to Step D, effective August 1, 1986.

Joan M. Gagne, Legislative Technician, Office of Revisor of Statutes, from Step C to Step D, effective August 6, 1986.

Item #2: Approved Out-of-State Travel

Gro Flatebo, Legislative Analyst, to attend a seminar on the transfer of energy in the New England Power Pool, Westboro, Massachusetts, August 20.

Item #3: Newly Hired StaffOffice of Fiscal and Program Review

Kevin Madigan to fill the position of Budget Analyst, effective September 2, 1986. This position was formerly occupied by Barbara Gage, who is now a Program Analyst in the same office.

Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

Robert Dunn, Orono, Maine, to fill the vacant position of Research Assistant formerly occupied by Andrea Colnes, effective immediately.

Hartley Palleschi, Stillwater, Maine, to fill the newly established position of Research Assistant, effective October 1.

Kathryn Van Note, So. Harpswell, Maine, to fill the newly established position of Research Assistant, effective October 1.

Motion: That the Director's Report be accepted and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Gill; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

Item #4: Step Increase for Sally Diamond

The Council approved an increase from Step D to Step E, effective July 31 (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).

Item #5: Request for authorization of Staff to attend a Conference in Lexington, KY.

Sen. Gill requested that a member of the staff be authorized to attend a conference co-sponsored by the Council of State Governments on September 18-19. The conference will address issues related to health care.

Motion: That Sally Diamond and Helen Ginder assess the availability of staff at that time and that Sally Diamond have the authority to approve the travel.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee

Rep. Martin, Committee Chair, introduced Peter Siegel, the new Law Librarian, to members of the Legislative Council.

Item #2: Committee on Data and Word Processing

Rep. Hayden, Committee Chair reported that the Committee had discussed three issues and presented the following recommendations:

- Availability of public access to the Bill Status System. The Committee recommended that the Council authorize a pilot program for a maximum of fifty subscribers, pending confirmation that CCS can accommodate this project.

Motion: That a pilot program for the Bill Status System be implemented (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).

- Expansion of the Wang Computer system. Rep. Hayden reported that if the pending requests from offices for additional work stations and printers were to be addressed, the "core" of the Wang computer system will need to be upgraded. The Committee recommended (3-1) that a small addition to the system be acquired. Rep. Martin noted, however, that the recommended equipment would not accommodate conversion of the Revisor's office to Wang equipment and observed that the operating costs of the Wang system were substantially lower than the IBM system. Following discussion regarding the issues involved in conversion, Rep. Hayden amended his motion.

Motion: That the Executive Director be authorized to take the necessary steps to expand the core system and that the Committee on Data and Word Processing meet prior to the next Council meeting to review the current bill drafting system with the understanding that the end goal is to convert the Revisor's office to the Wang. (Motion by Rep. Hayden; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

- New printer for the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. This printer would replace an existing printer.

Motion: That a new printer be purchased for the Revisors Office (Motion by: Rep. Hayden; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request for funds to support work of the Commission to Examine Chemical Testing of Employees

Rep. Beaulieu, Commission Chair requested funds for both per diem and expenses for Commission members.

Motion: That the request be denied and that the presiding officers send a letter to Rep. Beaulieu informing her that the Council feels it is inappropriate to override the agreement reached at the time the bill was passed, that the Commission would be created with no cost to the State (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Hayden; unanimous).

Item #2: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources.

A letter from Sen. Gauvreau, Senate Chair, requested Council authorization for one additional full committee meeting to study the Driver Education and Evaluation Programs.

Motion: That the request be approved and that the Committee be encouraged to hold its meeting on the 28th or 29th of August in conjunction with the Senate Confirmation Session (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #3: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on State Government.

A letter the from Committee Chairs requested one additional subcommittee meeting for the Committee's study on the Legislative Veto.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).