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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 24, 1986

MEETING SUMMARY

(Approved with corrections October 17, 1986
and placed on file)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chairman, John N. Diamond, at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: Rep. Davis, Rep. Diamond, Rep. Hayden, Rep. Martin, 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 August 20, 1986 meeting were approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Item #1: Authorization to hire Kimberly Morrow, Paralegal Assistant, Office of Revisor of Statutes

This is one of the two "Session" positions established in the Revisor's Office by the Council last December. Ms. Morrow has been a legislative employee previously, most recently as an Information Assistant in the Information Office during the 112th/2nd Regular Session.

Item #2: Approved Step Increases

Gilbert Brewer, Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, from Step B to Step C, effective September 10.

Jeri Gautschi, Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, from Step A to Step B, effective September 28.

Diane King, Legislative Technician, Office of Revisor, from Step D to Step E, effective September 7.

Theresa Lahey, Legislative Technician, Office of Revisor, from Step E to Step F, effective September 14.

Cynthia Norris, Legislative Technician, Office of Revisor, from Step B to Step C, effective September 17.

Valerie Parlin, Secretary, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, from Step C to Step D, effective September 19.

Claire Paquette, Secretary, Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office, from Step F to Step G, effective September 26.

The following employees have completed another year of legislative service, but have reached the top of their respective salary ranges:

Brian Blaisdell, Assistant Director, Office of Revisor

Judy O'Brien, Legislative Technician II, Office of Revisor

Gerry Dubord, Office of Executive Director.

Item #3: Out-of-State Travel

Helen Ginder, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, to attend NCSL's 1986 Management Development Seminar in Bretton Woods, NH on October 5-8.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

Sen. Pray, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee had discussed three issues:

a) Conversion of Room 135 in the State House.

Conversion can not begin until the Secretary of State has been relocated to the Nash Building. Thus the books belonging to the Library that are now being stored in the Nash Building must be stored temporarily until the work on the Liquor Warehouse, where the books will be permanently stored, can be completed. The Committee recommended that Sally Diamond send a letter to Commissioner DeVane urging the Bureau to use funds originally allocated for the renovation of the Burleigh and Erskine Buildings for the completion of the Liquor Warehouse.

b) Request from Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste.

Senator Kany has asked that the Council assist the Commission in locating alternate office space for the Commission as they have been asked to vacate their temporary space in Room 109 of the State Office Building by November 1. The Committee recommended that Commissioner Devane also be asked to find space for the Commission, possibly in one of the AMHI buildings.

c) Refurbishing of the Legislative Council Chambers.

The Committee recommended that the molding in the room be removed to restore the room to its original state and that the refurbishing project proceed.

Motion: That the Council approve the Committee's recommendations (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS

Item #2: NCSL Recommendations Regarding Classification and Pay Plan for Non-Partisan Employees (taken out of order).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: That the Council adjourn at 12:46 p.m. and move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the final report on the Compensation Study by NCSL.

Cindy Simon, Project Director presented an overview of the report's findings and recommendations to the Council.

RECONVENE

Motion: That the Council reconvene at 1:45 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep Martin; unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS ITEM #2 CONTINUED

Motion: That the Council accept the NCSL Compensation Study Report with the following amendments (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Gill; unanimous):

- a. That the implementation of the in the Revisor's Office be deferred for 18 months to permit further study of allocation of staff within that office.
- b. That the accrual of compensatory time begin after the 45th hour of work in a week and that the ceiling on the maximum number of hours to be accumulated be 120 hours; and further recommended that it be implemented December 1, 1986 and that NCSL also come back at that time with recommendations for the compensation of partisan staff.

RECESS

Motion: That the Legislative Council recess at 2:00 p.m. and reconvene at 2:30 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Legislative Council reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Item #3: Committee on Data and Word Processing

Sen. Clark, reported in the absence of Rep. Hayden, Committee Chair. She reported that the Committee had been presented with options for bill drafting and recommended computer use in Revisor's Office. The Committee determined that the recommended plan, which includes expanded use of the Wang to support some aspects of drafting, addressed all the major concerns that the Council had previously identified.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Conversion of Liquor Warehouse: Status Report

(Note: This item was previously covered in the report of the Committee on the Allocation of Space, and there was no further discussion or action at this point.)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Report from Joint Select Committee on Improvements to the Corrections System

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

Item #2: Interim Studies by Joint Standing Committees: Status

Requests for extensions from the following committees were received:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Proposed Date</u>
Business & Commerce	Availability of Credit through Finance Companies	November 15
Marine Resources	Mussel Study	December 1
Energy & Natural Resources	Wood Measurement	December 1

Transportation	Government Subsidy of Transportation Modes	(Not specified)
Utilities	Electric Power Transmission & Purchase	November

Motion: That deadlines for the above Committees be extended to November 15 (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

Item #3: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government to extend drafting deadline.

Helen Ginder, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis requested Council authorization to extend the drafting deadline for the recodification of Title 30 beyond November 1. The purpose of the extension is to permit introduction of a single bill to accomplish both form and substantive revisions.

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

Item #4: Proposed Fee Schedule for Legislative Document Service

Edwin H. Pert, Clerk of the House, submitted the proposed fee schedule for the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

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

Item #5: Request from Joint Standing Committee on State Government for one meeting to establish procedures prior to December 1, 1986, by which emergency allocations of industrial revenue bonds may be made under the state ceiling.

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

Item #6: University of Maine Bond Issue

Rep. Martin drew the Council's attention to a letter Chancellor Woodbury had addressed to all members of leadership asking that leadership take a position in support of the bond issue.

Motion: That a statement be drafted that all members of leadership sign (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).

Item #7: Study of Solid Waste Disposal

Rep. Martin noted that two of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committees are currently involved in studies of solid waste disposal -- the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, pursuant to statute, and the Audit and Program Review Committee, as a part of its review of DEP. Discussion focussed on the need to prevent duplication of staff and Committee effort.

Motion: That the President and Speaker be authorized to appoint three members from the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review to participate fully in the Study being conducted by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and that a letter be sent advising the Audit Committee of the Council's action (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).