

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 17, 1986

### MEETING SUMMARY

(Approved and placed on file  
November 24, 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 9:18 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

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

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 September 24, 1986, meeting were approved and placed on file with the following correction:

- Gilbert Brewer was advanced from Step B to Step C.

(Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Hayden; unanimous).

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Item #1: Approved Step Increases

Cheryl Ring, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, from Step B to Step C, effective October 25

John Knox, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, from Step D to Step E, effective October 29

In addition, Ms. Diamond recognized the following employees who have completed another year of legislative service, but reached the top of their respective salary scales:

Ted Potter, Legislative Analyst : 10 years

David Silsby, Revisor of Statutes: 21 years

Item #2: Approved Out-of-State Travel

Jeri Gautschi, Legislative Analyst: COIL Annual Meeting, November 13-16, Nashville, Tennessee

Christos Gianopoulos, Legislative Analyst: Conference for Northeast Agriculture, Albany, New York, December 11-12.

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

Item #3: Pre-Legislative Conference

Ms. Diamond reported that preliminary planning for the Pre-Legislative Conference had begun and that the President and Speaker had approved Tuesday, December 2 as the date for the orientation session. This is the day before the 113th Legislature will be sworn in.

No Council action required.

Item #4: Legislative Printing Contracts for 113th Legislature

Ms. Diamond reported that Secretary of the Senate, Joy O'Brien, the Clerk of the House, Ed Pert, and she had been working with Dick Thompson to prepare the bid requests for the major printing contracts for the 113th Legislature (Calendars, LD's, Acts and Resolves, and Legislative Record). Bid requests will be issued within the next week; and, based on bid prices and other restrictions, the group may wish to discuss additional changes in format of these documents with the Council.

Motion: That the Executive Director, Clerk and Secretary be authorized to proceed with negotiating printing contracts (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Davis; unanimous).

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

Sen. Pray, Committee Chair reported the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

- Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste

The Council had previously voted to work with the Advisory Commission to find alternate office space so that Room 109 would be available as a legislative hearing room by the time the 113th Legislature convenes in December. With the assistance of Harvey DeVane, Commissioner of Administration, the Commission has located space in the building recently purchased by the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement System which is available on a rental basis for approximately \$3500-year. Funds from the Low Level Waste Siting Fund are available. Sen. Kany, Commission Chair, was present and clarified the Low Level Waste Siting Fund is funded by the generators of low-level waste in the state.

Motion: That the Commission be authorized to rent the identified space for a one year period, at which point the continued need for office space would be reevaluated by the Council (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

- Relocation of Secretary of State to Nash School

Sen. Pray reported that the Law Library had relocated all of the materials it had stored at the Nash School in order to accomodate the schedule BPI has worked out with the contractor for renovation of Nash.

He observed that relocation of the staff within the Secretary of State's office which is responsible for engrossing legislative documents would seriously impede the legislative process, and that there appeared to be consensus among all concerned parties that the engrossing function should be reassigned to the Legislature.

Motion: That the engrossing function be assumed by the Legislature under the direction of the Revisor of Statutes, and that Sally Diamond and David Silsby develop a plan for the transfer of the function which includes a definition of the role of the Secretary of State will continue to play and specific proposals for staffing and office space in the State House. (Motion by Sen Pray; second by Sen. Martin; unanimous).

Item #2: Committee on Data and Word Processing

Rep. Hayden, Committee Chair recommended that the Council authorize allocation of additional workstations and printers for the non-partisan staff offices and defer action on requests from the leadership offices until December. He further recommended that the Council authorize the acquisition of 14 additional workstations and 2 additional printers at this time.

Discussion: Sen. Clark asked if these acquisitions would exceed the capacity of the current system. Ms. Diamond indicated that these requests were still within the system's tolerance.

Motion: That the Council authorize the recommended acquisitions (Motion by Rep. Hayden; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

## OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Dissemination of Recommended Allocations from the Bond Issue for Correctional Facilities

Rep. Diamond reported that the Joint Order which established the Joint Select Committee on Improvements to the Corrections System (S.P. 986) charged the Legislative Council with disseminating information about the Joint Select Committee's recommendations. At his request, Sally Diamond has developed a Public Notice to be printed in the 7 newspapers in which the Legislature routinely advertises public hearings ( a copy of the proposed notice was distributed to Council members for review).

Motion: That the proposed copy be approved and that the Executive Director be authorized to arrange for advertising the notice (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

Item #2: Joint Standing Committee on Transportation: Letter regarding study of Transportation Modes

A letter from the Chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation requested authorization to defer the Committee's study of Government Subsidy of Transportation Modes until next summer.

Rep. Martin noted that the Council had not authority to extend any study beyond the 112th Legislature.

Motion: That the Committee be requested to prepare a final report on the work it has completed to date for submission by November 15, the deadline established for all other interim studies (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

Item #3: NCSL Salary Study: Letter from Sen. Pray

Sen. Pray expressed concern that the Council's action to request NCSL to resume its work on leadership staff seemed to contradict the action it had taken in July. The following discussion resulted in consensus among the Council members that: 1) it was important to have NCSL complete this component so that leadership had a vehicle for maintaining equity between leadership staff and the non-partisan staff; 2) NCSL's recommendations regarding salary ranges would be applied to jobs and not individuals; and 3) it would remain the prerogative of leadership to place individual employees within ranges based on experience and longevity.

No further Council action necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #1: Institute on the Maine Economy: New Program for Maine Business Leaders**

The Institute on the Maine Economy is administered by the Maine Development Foundation. Rep. Martin, who is co-chair of the Institute, noted that the program for legislators had been one of 25 finalists from an applicant pool of 1300 programs throughout the U.S. for a special grant from the Ford Foundation. Rep. Martin drew the Council's attention to the creation of a new program component -- the Business Leadership Program -- which is designed to increase the business community's understanding of the legislative process. More than 40 business leaders have already signed up for the program.

**Motion:** That the Council authorize payment of expenses for those legislators who participate in the "Introduction to the Maine Economy" sponsored by the Maine Development Foundation's Institute on the Maine Economy on Thursday, December 4. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

**Item #2: Requests for Introduction of Legislation to be considered during the Third Special Session.**

The Council's action on requests for introduction of Legislation is summarized on the attached list.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).