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VICE-CHAIR

STATE OF MAINE

116th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SEN. DONALD E. ESTY, JR.
SEN. PAMELA L. CAHILL
SEN. BEVERLY MINER BUSTIN
SEN. DAVID L. CARPENTER
REP. JOHN L. MARTIN
REP. WALTER E. WHITCOMB
REP. PATRICK E. PARADIS
REP. STEPHEN M. ZIRNKILTON

SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 11, 1993

MEETING SUMMARY

Approved May 19, 1993

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Rep. Gwadosky, called the Council to order at 3:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Esty, Sen. Cahill,
Sen. Bustin, Sen. Carpenter

Representatives: Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Whitcomb,
Rep. Paradis, Rep. Zirnkilton
Absent: Speaker Martin

Legislative Officers: Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director
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John Wakefield, Director, Office of
Fiscal and Program Review
Martha Freeman, Director, Office of
Policy and Legal Analysis
David Kennedy, Revisor of Statutes
Richard N. Sawyer, Jr., Administrative
Services Director
Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate
Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Summary of the April 27 Council meeting was approved and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Esty; unanimous)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing drew Council members' attention to the following:

Item #1: Arrangements related to Support the Supreme Judicial Court in Reapportionment

Ms. Tubbesing reported that pursuant to the recent meeting of Leadership that had been convened at the request of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to discuss the Court's assumption of responsibility for drawing the legislative apportionment plan, she and members of the Information Systems staff had met with Court System staff. The results of these meetings have been to loan one of the Legislature's computers that had been set up for redistricting to the Court System. In addition, the group has developed an open-ended agreement for technical assistance from the Legislature's Information Systems staff that is designed to make staff available "as needed", but to develop self-sufficiency among court staff as well.

No Council action was required.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Rep. Gwadosky, Committee Chair, drew members' attention to a letter from the National Conference of State Legislatures proposing a salary and classification study in accordance with a scope previously defined by the Committee. NCSL proposes to do the work over a 5-month period for a total cost to the Legislature of \$22,540. In addition, NCSL would contribute the equivalent of \$33,439 in in-kind services, about half of which involves the Project Manager's time.

Motion: That the Council accept NCSL's proposal and contract price and make the necessary arrangements to initiate the study as quickly as possible. (Motion by Sen. Esty; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Committee on the Legislative Budget

Motion: That this item be tabled until such time as all Council members are present. (Motion by Sen. Esty; no objection).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Letter from Earle Shettleworth, Chair, State House & Capitol Park Commission

Motion: That the letter be accepted and placed on file.
(Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Esty; unanimous).

Item #2: Request to Hold a Civil War Encampment in Capitol Park, in September, 1993

The request was directed to the Council from the Director of the State Museum, Joseph R. Phillips, on behalf of a voluntary support organization, "The Friends of the Maine State Museum", to the Council pursuant to its statutory authority to oversee the use of Capitol Park. Council members expressed support for the proposed Civil War encampment.

Motion: That the request be approved and that the Executive Director be directed to work with the Museum Director and the Director of Capitol Police to ensure that necessary provisions for security and sanitation are made. (Motion by Sen. Bustin; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Item #3: Fence Surrounding State House (by request of Sen. Esty)

Sen. Esty noted that he had asked that this item be placed on the agenda due to his concern about the state of disrepair of the fence. Ms. Tubbesing reported that she had contacted someone locally who is qualified to do the work, Ron Cross, and had made arrangements with him to look at the fence later in the week to see what alternatives are available and to begin to develop information regarding the costs associated with each alternative. Sen. Esty responded that his goal was to have a repair project in place before the session ends. Ms. Tubbesing agreed to keep the Council informed and invited Sen. Esty and any other Council member to join her for the meeting with Mr. Cross.

No Council action was required at this time.

Item #4: Requests to Carry Bills Over to the Second Regular Session

Before the Council took up the list of carryover requests, Council members engaged in a general discussion about how they were going to proceed. The discussion produced consensus that committees should be encouraged to carry over many of their remaining bills so that the Legislature could focus solely on the budget.

Motion: That all requests on the list to carry bills over to the Second Regular Session be approved. (Motion by Rep. Paradis; second by Sen. Bustin; unanimous).

Note: A list of the bills approved for carryover at this meeting is attached to the Meeting Summary.

Item #5: After Deadline Bill Requests

Sen. Dutremble asked David Kennedy and Martha Freeman for a status report on drafting and committee work. Mr. Kennedy reported that his office had 42 bill requests that had yet to be printed; however, he conjectured that as many as 10 of these "would not see the light of day." He also noted that the final production of Committee Amendments was going well, adding that he and Martha Freeman were working together closely to ensure this.

Ms. Freeman reported that committees were continuing to work hard to complete their work on bills. Senator Dutremble concurred with her observations, noting that committees had done a tremendous amount of work in the past week. He commended the efforts of both the staff offices and legislators.

The Council then proceeded to consider the pending After Deadline requests. A summary of the Council's action on these requests is attached to this meeting summary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m., on the motion of Sen. Carpenter.