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STATE OF MAINE

116th LEGISLATURE

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SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY

February 9, 1994

Approved March 7, 1994

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, called the Council meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. in the Taxation Committee hearing room.

ROLL CALL

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| Senators: | President Dutremble, Sen. Esty, Sen. Cahill, Sen. Bustin, Sen. Carpenter |
| Representatives: | Speaker Gwadosky, Rep. Jacques, Rep. Whitcomb, Rep. Paradis, Rep. Zirnkilton |
| Legislative Officers: | Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Martha Freeman, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House |

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Summary of the January 20 Council meeting was approved and placed on file. (Motion by President Dutremble; second by Sen. Esty; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: New Employees

Sally Tubbesing drew Council members' attention to the notice they had received earlier in the week that both the vacant attorney positions in the Revisor's Office had been filled. Mark Swanson began his new duties on January 31; and Edward Charbonneau will join the staff on February 14.

Since the Council had previously approved filling these two positions as soon as possible, no formal Council action was required at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, proceeded to this section of the agenda -- out of order -- without objection.

Item #1: Submission of Reports Pursuant to Statute

- Study and Analysis of the No-Age Disability Plan (submitted by the Maine State Retirement System).
- Certification Requirements for Clinical Assistants in Chiropractic Practice (submitted by Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Arthur R. Selander, D.C., Chairperson).

Motion: That these reports be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Esty; second by Rep. Paradis; unanimous.)

Item #2: Requests for Introduction of After-Deadline Bills

Before proceeding with the list of After Deadline bill requests, the Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, noted that he and the Senate President had focussed considerable attention on the status of bill drafting in recent days and that it had been the primary focus of a meeting with all Committee Chairs. He reported that the Revisor's Office still had approximately 100 bills that had not yet been released for printing, adding that about 1/3 of these were bills initiated by the Governor and/or departments; about 1/3 were after deadline bills that the Council had previously approved; and the remaining third were bills that were in the sponsor review/revision cycle. He then turned to Margaret Matheson, who reported that her office was working very hard to rush all of the remaining bills out and that staff in both her office and OPLA had worked over

the weekend and at night to accomplish this. She stressed that one of the keys to their success in getting bills out was the support of the presiding officers -- and all of leadership -- in encouraging sponsors to sign their bills and take any additional changes directly to committee in the form of proposed amendments.

The Council then proceeded to consider after deadline requests. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

Following the Council's consideration of After Deadline requests the Chair proceeded to take up those items on the agenda that had been temporarily deferred.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on the Allocation of Legislative Space

President Dutremble, Chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee had met in his office the previous Friday to consider the new Speaker's recommendation regarding a temporary assignment of space on the 4th floor to the outgoing Speaker, Rep. Martin. He noted that members of the Committee included Senators Bustin and Carpenter, Rep. Whitcomb, the Council's newest member, Rep. Jacques, and himself. In addition, Speaker Gwadosky is an ex officio member of this Committee.

He informed the Council that, after extended discussion, the Committee had voted unanimously to present two recommendations to the full Council, which he then presented in the form of motions:

Motion: That space be made available to Representative John Martin for the purpose of going through his files to ensure an orderly transition in the Speaker's Office; and that this space be available for use for this purpose for the duration of the Second Regular Session. (Motion by President Dutremble; second by Rep. Jacques).

Rep. Whitcomb noted that the intent of the motion was that the space be available for the stated purpose only through adjournment sine die. The motion was approved 8-1.

Motion: That the Committee on the Allocation of Legislative Space meet within the next month to review the longer term use of the 4th floor offices most recently assigned to the Maine-Canadian Office, the Democratic Caucus for Reapportionment, and the House Reporters; and, further, that any reassignment of these spaces be subject to a formal vote by both the Committee and the full Legislative Council. (Motion by President Dutremble; second by Sen. Carpenter; unanimously).

President Dutremble then noted that the "Space Committee" was scheduled to meet the following Monday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m., on the motion of the Chair.