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118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

March 18, 1997

Approved April 14, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council to order at 3:15 p.m., in the Natural Resources Committee Room (Room 437, State House).

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Lawrence, Sen. Pingree, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand, Sen. Kieffer
Representatives:	Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Kontos, Rep. Donnelly, Rep. Saxl, Rep. Campbell
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The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, with the consent of the members, proceeded directly to the report from the Search Committee for the Legislative Information Services Director.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Search Committee/Legislative Information Services Director

Since Senate President Lawrence, who chairs this committee was temporarily absent, Speaker Mitchell asked Sally Tubbesing to present the Committee's report. Ms. Tubbesing recapped the Committee's process, noting that the Committee had conducted formal interviews with four candidates the previous week. Senate President Lawrence, who had returned, reported that the Committee's final step had been to review Ms. Tubbesing's reports of reference checks and that the Committee had voted unanimously to recommend that the Council appoint Paul E. Mayotte to the position of Director of Legislative Information Services. Senator Lawrence drew members' attention to Mr. Mayotte's resume, which was included in the agenda packet, noting that Mr. Mayotte had been Director of Information Systems at Bath Iron Works and that he brings both extensive management experience and experience in a very complex technical environment to the Legislature. He introduced Mr. Mayotte, who was in attendance, and asked if Council members wished to direct any questions to him.

Motion: That the Council appoint Mr. Paul E. Mayotte to the position of Director of Legislative Information Services for a 3-year term, pursuant to statute, and that he be assigned to Step 5 in his assigned salary range. (Motion by Sen. Rand; second by Rep. Kontos).

Discussion: Sen. Amero asked what the actual salary was, and Ms. Tubbesing responded that it was $65,166.40. Sen. Amero then asked if this was within the range recommended by the "original" Committee on Legislative Information Technology. Rep. Joe Carleton, who had chaired that Committee in the 117th Legislature and was present, responded that his Committee had recommended a starting range that peaked at this amount, which is actually the midpoint of the salary range to which all Office Directors are assigned. He stressed that the position the Council had created requires strength in technical skills, planning and management and that this is a hard combination to find. He speculated that a comparable position in the private sector would pay **twice** this salary and indicated that he "had no problem with this salary."

The vote on the motion was then taken, and the motion approved unanimously with all 10 members present and voting.

Senator Lawrence congratulated Mr. Mayotte who had returned to the meeting following the vote; and he also expressed his thanks to the members of the Search Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #2: Request for Authorization for Participants in the Boy Scout Spring Camporee to Have Access to the Hall of Flags on Saturday, May 17.

Sally Tubbesing reported that this request had been placed on the agenda at the request of the Chair, Speaker Mitchell. The Boy Scouts have requested authorization to have access to the Hall of Flags during the weekend of their spring camporee so that they can view the flags. Ms. Tubbesing stated that she and Clerk Mayo had discussed the staffing requirements that this request would entail. She also noted that Don Suitter, Director of Capitol Police, has been working with the Boy Scouts to insure that arrangements are in conformance with rules governing the use of Capitol Park (e.g. proof of insurance; provisions for water; trash removal; sanitary facilities; etc.), but that he does not have the staff to assure adequate coverage of the State House during the hours the Hall of Flags would be open. Speaker Mitchell clarified that opening the State House to an estimated 1200 people would entail some costs, such as overtime.

Motion: That the request be approved and that Ms. Tubbesing be directed to come back to the Council with a plan for accommodating the request and a proposed budget. (Motion by Rep. Campbell; second by Sen. Amero; unanimous).

Item #3: After Deadline Requests

After deadline requests were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council members agreed to table all other items on the printed agenda for this meeting to their next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:07 p.m. on the motion of Rep. Kontos.