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MEETING SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 23, 1998
Approved March 9, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council to order at 1:43 p.m. in Room 134, State House.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	Sen. Pingree, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand, Sen. Kieffer Absent: President Lawrence
Representatives:	Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Kontos, Rep. Saxl, Rep. Campbell Absent: Rep. Donnelly
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The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, proceeded to take up the following items out of order.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: 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.

Item #2: Performance Budgeting: Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Current Law and Their Implications

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, stated that she had included the issue of Performance Budgeting on the agenda for two reasons: first, to get a formal update on the development of plans to implement a performance budgeting program in the period since the Council had discussed the issue last October; and, second, to give Council members the opportunity to focus on the various amendments that have been introduced and are currently pending before the Appropriations Committee. She then recognized Jack Nicholas, the State Budget Officer; those members of the Appropriations and State & Local Government Committees who are members of the Commission on Performance Budgeting -- Senator Michael Michaud, Representative George Kerr, Senator Richard Bennett, Representative Richard Kneeland, and Representative Martha Bagley. She indicated that she had invited these individuals to participate in the discussion along with members of the Council staff who have worked closely with Performance Budgeting over the past 18 months -- John Wakefield and Jim Clair, Office of Fiscal and Program Review; David Boulter, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis; and Rose Breton from the Executive Director's Office.

The Chair suggested that Jack Nicholas lead off the discussion and specifically describe the proposed legislation that the Administration has proposed.

A lengthy discussion ensued, following which the Chair, Speaker Mitchell, asked members of the Appropriations Committee to revisit the pending amendments and try to develop language that ensures that a delay in implementation of Performance Budgeting will be used to strengthen the plans and benchmarks and general structure that will support the new budgeting process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, announced that the Council would reconvene on Wednesday, February 25, to complete the rest of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.