

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

115th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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SARAH C. TUBBESING  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**March 19, 1992**

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Approved March 29, 1992**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Council Vice-Chair, Rep. Gwadosky, convened the Council meeting at 1:46 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

<b>Senators:</b>	Sen. Pray, Sen. Clark, Sen. Webster, Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Cahill
<b>Representatives:</b>	Rep. Martin, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Whitcomb, Rep. Mayo, Rep. Marsano
<b>Legislative Officers:</b>	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 David Kennedy, Revisor of Statutes Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Summary of the March 11, 1992, Council meeting was accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing drew Council members' attention to the Committee Status Report, which summarizes the status of all bills not yet reported out of Committee, and suggested that Martha Freeman be called upon to elaborate on the report. Ms. Freeman reported that most committees had completed all of their work and that the presiding officers had established the coming Friday, March 20, as the final deadline for completion of work on all remaining bills. David Kennedy then reported that he had 7 bills that had not yet been introduced -- 1 pre-cloture bill, 2 Governor's bills and 4 After Deadline bills. His staff are also working on 4 County Budget bills.

**Motion:** That the Council instruct the presiding officers that all bills not reported out by the following Tuesday, March 25, be killed. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble.)

**Discussion:** Sen. Dutremble expressed his concern that the Legislature would not be able to adjourn by the target date, Friday, March 27, if such a deadline were not imposed. His remarks were followed by general discussion among the members that centered on three major themes:

1. That if bills were truly important for this Legislature to consider, their sponsors bore the responsibility for getting them into the process at a reasonable point in the session, a point which had passed several weeks ago.
2. That the major obstacle to adjournment by the 27th was the budget and that this was where the members of the Council and the Governor needed to focus their efforts.
3. That there was consensus among all the Council members that they were committed to adjourning by the 27th.

The Council Chair, Sen. Pray, who had arrived in the course of this discussion, expressed his appreciation to Sen. Dutremble for the intent of his motion; however, he noted that the Joint Rules provided two vehicles for calling bills out of committee -- one by the presiding officers and one by the Legislature as a whole.

The motion was withdrawn.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item #1: After Deadline Bill Requests**

Requests to introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session were considered by the Legislative Council. A summary of the Council's action on these requests is attached to this meeting summary.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m., on the motion of the Chair.