

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Legislative Council Chamber

June 19, 1974

CALL TO ORDER

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Berry

Representatives: Birt, Martin, Hewes, McTeague, Simpson

Legislative Finance Officer, Mr. William H. Garside
Law Librarian, Miss Edith L. Hary
Chief of Legislative Staff, Mrs. Suzanne Havens
Legislative Staff Members: Nancy Ross, Robert Frates,
Helen Ginder, Thomas Downing, Robert Clarke and
George Viles

Guests: Rep. Brooks Brown, Attorney Dana Childs and
Dr. Dean Fisher
Richard Bachelder, Director, Bureau of Public
Improvements

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That the secretary's report be accepted
as mailed.

Seconded: Sen. Berry

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence from David S. Silsby, Assistant Director, Legislative Research Office. (copy attached)
2. Correspondence from Miss Edith L. Hary, Law Librarian. (copy attached)
3. Correspondence from James B. Longley. (copy attached)
4. Correspondence from Chancellor Donald R. McNeil, University of Maine, concerning a medical school for Maine, was reviewed and decision made to invite him to appear before the next meeting of the Council. (see attached)
5. Correspondence from Larry Stuart, recently retired Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Department.
6. Correspondence from Attorney General Jon A. Lund in response to the Legislative Council's question concerning lease of building being constructed within State Capitol complex.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Legislative Finance Officer -

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That we accept the recommendation of the Legislative Finance Officer and hire Mr. Bent Schlosser as a budget analyst at an annual salary of \$14,000, effective July 8, 1974.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. Berry: That the budget of the various legislative agencies be combined and submitted as a single legislative budget while maintaining separate agencies' accounts by the Legislative Finance Office.

Seconded: Rep. Martin

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Legislative Staff - All members of the Legislative Staff were present and gave a verbal report on all studies being conducted by them.
3. Legislative Reorganization - Oral report given as to progress on legislative management policy manual and pre-legislative conference.
4. Collective Bargaining - No report.
5. Disaster Planning - No report.
6. Excise Tax Study -No report.
7. Appropriations and Financial Affairs - Oral report given.
8. Business Legislation - Final report and supplemental report on the Maine Consumer Credit Code submitted to all members of Legislative Council. Also submitted a final report on study of No-Fault Automobile Insurance. (Both attached)
9. Education - No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

10. Health & Institutional Services - No report.
11. Human Resources - No report.
12. Judiciary - No report.
13. Labor - No report.
14. Legal Affairs - No report.
15. Liquor Control - No report.
16. Natural Resources - No report.
17. Public Lands - Progress report attached.

MOTION

Sen. Berry: That the request of the Public Lands Committee be accepted and that \$1,180 be allocated to fund the computerized compilation of the forest practices survey information; and that \$1,032 be allocated to fund a survey to determine the governmental needs and degree of participation in governmental matters in their study of the unorganized territory government.

Seconded: Rep. Birt

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Public Utilities - No report.
19. State Government - No report.
20. Transportation - No report.
21. Veterans and Retirement - No report.

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That the Committee Reports be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Rep. Hewes

Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Bachelder, Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements, reported the status of progress being made on the Ray Building at the Augusta Mental Health Institute, the State Parking Garage and the new State Office Building.

OLD BUSINESS

Rep. Brooks Brown appeared before the Council along with Dr. Dean Fisher and Attorney Dana Childs to discuss further his proposal to lease a building he is constructing within the State Capitol Complex to the Department of Health & Welfare. (Copy of material presented to the Council by Rep. Brown is attached)

Rep. Patrick McTeague requested that he be permitted to abstain from any voting on Rep. Brown's proposal due to a possible conflict of interest. Permission was granted. No formal action was taken on the proposal and further clarification of the Council's rules in this matter was requested from the Attorney General.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

Rep. Birt: That the Legislative Finance Officer be authorized to sign a receipt of acceptance for the Maine Management and Cost Survey Team files with a proviso that neither our Legislative Staff nor any other representative of the Legislature be responsible for the contents and safekeeping of the contents therein.

Seconded: Rep. Hewes

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Hewes: That two weeks with pay for vacation be authorized for four legislative employees, Mrs. Charlotte Carrie, Mrs. Jane Riley, Mrs. Mae Ross and Miss Anne Wright, for the 1974 year.

Seconded: Rep. McTeague

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the Legislative Council will be July 10, 1974 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned its meeting at 1:20 p.m.