

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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M I N U T E S

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
Legislative Council Chamber

February 10, 1975

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. by the Chairman, Senator Jerrold B. Speers.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Cummings, Sewall, Speers

Representatives: Martin, McKernan, Najarian, Palmer, Rolde

Staff: Mr. William H. Garside, Legislative Finance Officer  
Miss Edith L. Hary, Law Librarian  
Mrs. Suzanne Havens, Chief of Legislative Staff

Guests: Rep. William Garsoe  
Mr. Lanning Mosher  
Mr. Peter Damborg

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That we accept the secretary's report as submitted.

Seconded: Sen. Cummings

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letters and reports from Colorado and Montana Legislative Councils.

MOTION

Rep. Rolde: That these communications be placed with the Law and Legislative Library.

Seconded: Rep. Palmer

Motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

A report on committee studies from the Legislative Assistants was presented to the Council.

### MOTION

Rep. Martin: That we formally accept those completed reports that have not yet been accepted by this Council, plus the Public Utilities Committee report on Cable T.V. and the report from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and that these reports be submitted to the Legislature along with a letter of transmittal from this Council.

Seconded: Rep. Rolde

Motion carried unanimously.

### MOTION

Rep. Rolde: That the Legislative Staff be directed to prepare a new Joint Rule directing that in the future, all committee reports specifying suggested legislation be drafted by the staff and automatically introduced into the Legislature.

Seconded: Sen. Sewall

Motion carried unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

### MOTION

Rep. Martin: That the matter concerning paying of funds to Professor Delogu be tabled until the next meeting of this Council.

Seconded: Rep. Rolde

Motion carried unanimously.

### MOTION

Rep. Rolde: That the matter of legislation regarding travel expenses be tabled until the next meeting of this Council.

Seconded: Rep. Palmer

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall: That we grant the request from the Law Librarian and that \$560 be transferred to the Law Library from the Legislative Account to pay the additional expense involved in maintaining the Law Library open additional hours for legislators during the session.

Seconded: Rep. Martin

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Martin: That we authorize a computer terminal for the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Seconded: Rep. Najarian

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Najarian: That the Director of Legislative Research and the Law Librarian be given a raise in salary to \$22,500 retroactive to December 20, 1974.

Seconded: Sen. Cummings

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Palmer: That the matter of fees for legislative documents, etc., be tabled until the next meeting of this Council.

Seconded: Rep. Martin

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion concerning the legislative staff responsibilities resulted in the chairman's agreeing to forward correspondence to all House and Senate chairmen of Joint Standing Committees outlining the use of the staff.

The remainder of the meeting concerned a discussion on State Employee Collective Bargaining rights. Rep. William Garsoe represented the Legislature, Peter Damborg represented the employees and Mr. Lanning Mosher represented the Executive.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Legislative Council will be at 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 10, 1975.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

February 10, 1975

Senator Jerrold B. Speers, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Jerry:

Due to an unusual number of requests for evening use of the Law Library, particularly from members of the Judiciary Committee, I would like to keep the Library open until 9 P.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday nights during the session. A former staff member is available to cover these extended hours.

I would appreciate a motion and vote by the Legislative Council to transfer \$560 from the Legislative Account to the personal services account of the Law and Legislative Reference Library to be used for this purpose.

Mr. Garside says this sum does not appear to put undue stress on legislative funds. With your approval announcement of these new hours can be made February 11th.

Cordially yours

Edith L. Hary  
State Law Librarian

# STATE OF MAINE

Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date February 7, 1975

Senator Jerry Speers, Chairman  
From Suzanne Havens, Director  
Subject Committee Study Reports

Dept. Legislative Council  
Dept. Legislative Assistants

The following study reports are reported in Legislative Council minutes as having been accepted: (Reports in Legislative Council files are marked \*)

1. Appropriations:

- a. Augusta and Bangor MHI's\*
- b. District State Office Buildings\*
- c. Legislative Printing
- d. Design-Build Concept\*
- e. State Finances
- f.\* A report on Medical Care Accounts of Health and Welfare is on file but was not formally transmitted.

2. Business Legislation

- a. Consumer Credit Code\*
- b. No-fault Insurance\*
- c. Assigned Risk Insurance

3. Special Committee on Municipal Employees Collective Bargaining Report\*

4. Disaster Planning Interim Report by Staff\*

5. Judiciary

- a. Trespass on Land Surrounding Great Ponds\*
- b. Initiative and Referendum\*

6. Legal Affairs

- a. Rural Crime\*

7. Liquor Control

- a. Operations of State Liquor Stores

8. State Government

- a. Telecommunications
- b. Data Processing
- c.\* A report on Funding for the Criminal Justice Academy is on file but does not appear in L.D. minutes.

In addition, I have copies of the following reports, some of which date from some time ago, some of which will be or have been recently submitted to the Legislative Council:

1. Regional Frozen Food Production Centers for School Lunch Programs (Education)
2. Manner and Cost of Processing Claims Against the State (Legal Affairs)
3. Village Corporations (Legal Affairs)
4. Use of the State Name by Non-profit Corporations (Legal Affairs)
5. Spruce Budworm Control (Natural Resources)
6. Maine State Housing Authority (State Government)
7. Commuter-type tickets on the Maine Turnpike (Transportation)
8. Women's Correctional Center (State Government)
9. Post-secondary Educational Services by the University of Maine (Education) (Submitted to you)
10. State Board of Education (Education) (Submitted to you)
11. Retirement Study (Veterans and Retirement)
12. The Personnel System (State Government)

I have no copy of the report of the Public Utilities Committee, which apparently was completed. There is no indication that it was transmitted to the Council.

The following reports have not been completed:

1. Appropriations
  - a. Review and Evaluation of State Budget
  - b. Maine Publicity Bureau

2. Business Legislation

- a. State Purchases from Small Businesses (The Committee has drafted Legislation but not submitted a report)

3. Health and Institutional Services

- a. HMO's
- b. Needs and Health Care of Mentally Retarded

4. Natural Resources

- a. Environmental laws, including the site location of development Law

5. Transportation

- a. Rail Passenger Service
- b. Mass Transportation Systems
- c. Truck Weights

6. Public Lands

- a. Forest Practices
- b. Public Lots

7. Taxation

- a. Maine Forest District Tax
- b. State Tax in Municipalities

8. Legislative Staff

- a. Excise Tax