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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AUGUST 8, 1978

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in Sen. Joseph Sewall's office and called to order by Rep. John L. Martin, Chairman, at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Conley, Sen. Danton, Sen. Huber, Sen. Sewall,
Sen. Speers

Representatives: Rep. Quinn, Rep. Martin, Rep. Palmer, Rep.
Tierney

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved that the matters discussed at the last Legislative Council meeting be ratified at this time, since a quorum was not present at the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Conley and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Legislative Council met to discuss the matter of the forthcoming special session.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved that the Legislative Council advise the Governor that the Council has met and the decision has been made to the effect that all constitutional proposals on taxation and spending, the Governor's as well as any others introduced by individual legislators, be referred to the Appropriations Committee, plus 3 members of the Taxation Committee and 3 members of the State Government Committee, to be selected pursuant to the Joint Rules, to serve as ad hoc members in participating in the hearings and deliberations; that the Governor be advised that the Council would prefer to have only that issue (taxation and spending) discussed at the special session, however, the Council understands his constitutional rights in

presenting any other legislation that he might desire; that the legislators be advised that the hearings will be held in Augusta; that all proposals, both the Governor's and legislators' should be in the hands of the Legislative Research Office for final drafting on Monday, August 21st; that legislators be reimbursed for expenses and per diem if they should attend the hearings that would be conducted prior to the legislative session; and that such hearings be called on the first 3 days of the last week of August, to hopefully keep the session as short as possible.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Danton and carried.

Discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the Natural Resources Committee be informed that their request for hearings outside the State House be denied; and that they submit their revised schedule to carry out the proposal of the Soil Erosion study.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Danton and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.