

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 20, 1979

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 10:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Conley, Sen. Katz, Sen. Pierce, Sen. Pray

Representatives: Rep. Garsoe, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Tarbell,  
Rep. Tierney

Guests: Mr. Laurence Greenlaw and Mr. John Joseph, Office of  
Energy Resources

Mr. Fred Hutchinson, Chairman, and Mr. John Dawson,  
Vice-Chairman of the Maine Food and Farmland Study  
Commission, along with Dan Harlan, Assistant Commissioner  
of Agriculture

Sen. Barbara Gill, Chairman, Joint Standing Committee on  
Health & Institutional Services

(Chief Justice McKusick appeared briefly to introduce  
to the Council, John Duffy, Business Manager of the  
Court System)

Rep. Judy Kany, State Government Committee

Immediately upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Pierce requested that the Council hear from Mr. Greenlaw and Mr. Joseph on an update of the Maine energy situation.

Members were advised that the Office of Energy Resources had sent out questionnaires on and had met with several agencies regarding the energy situation since last meeting with the Council. They advised of their efforts in determining the availability of oil in Maine, the conservation practices needed, the stock presently on hand (240 million barrels at the present time), storage capacity utilization, the amount of and method of payment of oil, and also the possibilities in cogeneration of heat and electricity in certain industries. The Council recommended that an inventory of total oil storage capacity be made available.

At the conclusion of this presentation, the Energy Resources representatives were emphatically reminded that they had been requested to keep the Council up-to-date on the energy situation at all times.

Before turning to the agenda, the Council heard a request from Senator Barbara Gill, Chairman, Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services, for funding of \$650 needed for legislative participation in a proposed Long-Term Care Workshop in Augusta. The matter was tabled until later in the day.

STAFF REPORTS - Legislative Finance Office

The Legislative Finance Officer requested that the Council reconsider the request he made at the last Council meeting for 3 members of his office to attend the Eastern States Fiscal Officers Association meeting and to authorize 2 members to attend this meeting.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved to reconsider the motion made concerning the Legislative Finance Office at the last Council meeting.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that authorization be given for 2 members of the Legislative Finance Office to attend the Eastern States Fiscal Officers Association meeting.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Legislative Staff Assistants

The Coordinator, Legislative Staff Assistants office, advised the Council that two staff assistants, James McKenna and Peter Schwindt, had tendered their resignations, and requested that she be authorized to advertise for replacements as soon as possible.

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved to accept the resignations of James McKenna effective September 3, 1979, and Peter Schwindt effective September 15, 1979.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that Helen Ginder be authorized to proceed with the necessary advertising to replace Mr. McKenna and Mr. Schwindt.

Rep. Garsoe seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the letter from Fred Douglas be received and placed on file.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Garsoe and carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were received.

## OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Parking -

### MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that they reaffirm their position whereby legislative parking be reserved for legislators only between the hours of 8 - 5, with the exception of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House.

Discussion.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Funding of Study Orders -

After considerable discussion there was no new funding of study orders at that time.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. State Government Committee's request for reconsideration of study of State Personnel System.

This matter was considered and tabled until later in the day.

2. Long-term health care study.

This item was discussed with the Council earlier in the meeting and had been tabled until later in the day.

3. Energy update

This item was taken care of at the beginning of the meeting

4. Dr. Hutchinson - Maine Food and Farmland Study.

Dr. Fred Hutchinson, Vice-President, Research and Public Service, at the University of Maine, and John Dawson, President of Proctor & Bowie Co., Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission reported to the Council on the outcome of their study. The Council was advised of their recommendations and a written report has been made available.

At 1:15 p.m. the Council adjourned to go into executive session.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:15 p.m. at which time there was further discussion concerning funding of study orders and tabled matters.

Motions were made and carried to remove the tabled items from the table.

MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved that the EMS (emergency medical services study), as amended, along with the other study orders that were passed as recommended at the last Legislative Council meeting be funded as set by the appointed subcommittee and the Legislative Administrative Director.

Discussion.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Pray and the motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Item - Study of State Personnel System.

Rep. Judy Kany spoke briefly to the Council concerning the proposed study of the State Personnel System. The matter of reconsideration was discussed and the motion to reconsider failed.

Tabled Item - Long-Term Health Care

MOTION

Rep. Garsoe moved that this program not be funded.

Rep. Tarbell seconded the motion.

The motion to not fund the program was carried unanimously.

Tabled Item - Study of Workers' Compensation

The proposed study of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act was discussed and not approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

ATTACHMENT: List of Study orders  
and funding

The following is a list of study orders approved for funding.

- H.P. 1387 - Marine Resources Committee - study of soft-shell clams \$750 (per diem)
- H.P. 1435 - Health & Institutional Services Committee/Appropriations & Financial Affairs Committee - study of Medical Care Development, Inc. \$750 (per diem)
- H.P. 1437 - Joint Select Committee on Government Ethics - study of possible changes in the statutes governing conflicts of interests for state employees. \$750 (per diem)
- H.P. 1459 - Business Legislation Committee - study the used car statutes \$500 (per diem)
- H.P. 1462 - Judiciary Committee - study of child abuse and neglect. \$750 (per diem)
- H.P. 1489 - Joint Select Committee on Secondary Vocational Education - study of secondary vocational education. \$7,000 (total expense)
- H.P. 1517 - Joint Select Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife - Review of the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. \$1,000 (per diem)
- H.P. 1552 - Education Committee - Study the administration of laws relating to special education. \$1,500 (per diem)
- H.P. 1557 - Joint Select Committee to assist the Bureau of Census - Study of 1980 Census Program. \$750 (per diem)
- H.P. 1567 - Judiciary Committee - Study of the reorganization of the District and Superior Courts and the Judicial Retirement System. \$500 (per diem)
- H.P. 1584 - Appropriations & Financial Affairs Committee - study of Title XX \$500 (per diem)
- S.P. 627 - Business Legislation/Education Committee - study of the feasibility of establishing a state insurance program for public educational institutions - \$1,000 (per diem)
- LD - 783 - AN ACT Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to study the Safe and Proper Decommissioning of Nuclear Generating Facilities in Maine. \$7,500 (total expenses) (1979, chapter 59 P&SL)