

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 26, 1979

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 11:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Staff: William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the secretary's report of the minutes of the last meeting, August 20th, be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Conley and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

William Garside recommended the Council's approval for merit increases for 8 staff members.

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Edward W. Brown	\$407.00	\$425.06	9/13/79
Jonathan C. Hull	370.86	388.94	9/13/79
Edward W. Potter	370.86	388.94	9/13/79
Kevin M. Madigan	298.67	316.68	9/26/79
William H. Garside	636.55	667.82	10/18/79
Ronald H. Lord	574.02	602.16	10/18/79
David S. Silsby	574.02	602.16	10/18/79
Edith L. Hary	574.02	602.16	10/18/79

Mr. Garside further advised that he received a letter from the Director of Legislative Research requesting authorization for merit increases for 7 staff members.

STAFF REPORTS - cont.

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	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Jean C. Abbott	\$211.60	\$220.00	5/10/79 (Excluding maternity leave)
Kathleen Kaloustian	181.60	188.40	8/03/79
Judy LeClair	211.60	220.00	9/18/79
Brian K. Blaisdell	404.29	423.96	9/19/79 (End of six-month probation period)
Erland B. Hardy	298.67	316.68	9/26/79 (End of six-month probation period)
Charlotte E. Carrie	250.20	260.60	10/18/79
Dorothy L. Rollins	243.40	253.40	10/18/79

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request for the recommended merit increases be approved.

Sen. Sewall seconded the motion.

Rep. Tierney suggested in a brief discussion that Mr. Garside's name be stricken from the list and approved by a separate motion.

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved to amend the motion by striking Mr. Garside's name from the list of merit increases.

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

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved that William Garside receive a merit increase effective 10/18/79.

Rep. Garsoe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rules and Regulations on State Housing - Biennial Report. There was a brief discussion as to the contents of the letter from Mr. Buker.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be placed on file.

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

2. Introduction of legislation for the 1st. Special Session.

Item #1. Energy Bill - There was a brief discussion concerning the setting of the hearing date.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the hearing be held October 1, 1979 at 10:00 a.m., to be held by the Appropriations Committee.

Sen. Sewall seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Item #2. Teachers' Retirement Bill.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved to admit a teacher retirement bill.

Rep. Tarbell seconded the motion.

There followed a lengthy discussion among the members concerning the feasibility of allowing this legislation into the Special Session. It was felt by some of the members that because of the scope and length of time needed to deal with the bill, it could be more effectively handled in the 2nd Regular Session in January.

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved to have the teacher retirement bill tabled.

The motion was seconded and a vote taken (4-yes 5-no) - motion did not carry.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved to reconsider the tabling motion.

The motion was seconded and duly carried.

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved to stand in recess until 2:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded and duly carried.

RECALL TO ORDER

The meeting was recalled to order by the chairman at 3:50 p.m.

Sen. Sewall requested permission to withdraw his reconsideration motion on the tabling motion. There being no objection, it carried unanimously.

At this time Sen. Katz told the members that he had had the Legislative Research Office prepare an amended bill for the teachers' retirement plan and he outlined the points of the amended bill, which are: (1) allocation of the revenue sharing to teachers' retirement; (2) interest to the fund; (3) study of the Maine State Retirement System with 3 public members; and (4) appropriation of \$6.392 MM for the first year of the biennium of state dollars to the fund. He also stated that he would withdraw his name as sponsor of the bill in favor of Sen. Huber as sponsor and Sen. Perkins and Sen. Najarian as cosponsors. These represent the Senate members of the Appropriations Committee.

The chairman then called for a roll call vote on the original motion for the teachers' retirement bill. The vote was as follows:

Rep. Garsoe - Yes	Rep. Tierney - Abstained	Sen. Pray - Abstained
Sen. Katz - Yes	Rep. Martin - Abstained	Sen. Conley - No
Sen. Sewall - Yes	Rep. Tarbell - Yes	Sen. Pierce - Yes

Sen. Katz made a parliamentary inquiry to the chair as to whether it would take 6 votes to admit the bill and if those voting no would be on the prevailing side. The answer being yes, Sen. Katz changed his vote from yes to no. The motion did not carry.

MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved to reconsider the teachers' retirement bill.

The motion was seconded and duly carried.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved to admit the amended teachers' retirement bill with the three new sponsors of the Appropriations Committee.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved that the Council meeting be adjourned (4:15 p.m.).

The motion was duly seconded and carried.