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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OCTOBER 24, 1979

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers and called to order by Sen. Richard H. Pierce, Chairman, at 1:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Katz, Sen. Pierce,

Representatives: Rep. Martin, Rep. Tarbell

Staff: William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director
David S. Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator

Due to the fact in the absence of a quorum, it is the intent of the Council that all actions taken at this meeting be validated at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

STAFF REPORTS

1. David Silsby, Director of Legislative Research - Submitted for the Councils consideration a schedule for the second regular session on procedures and cloture dates for filing legislation. The Council reviewed the dates and requested Mr. Silsby to proceed to draft the necessary letters to the Legislators and Departments.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the Council approve the suggested dates for the second regular session.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Martin.

2. STATE YMCA - MODEL STATE LEGISLATURE PROGRAM IN 1980 - Request for the use of both chambers on April 25th, 26th and 27th. Discussion. The Council was informed that the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate would contact the YMCA in regards to this.

3. Request from the Legislative Finance Officer, Ronald Lord to hire an additional Program Analyst in the Legislative Finance Office.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the matter of hiring an additional program analyst be tabled until the November Council meeting.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Katz.

4. Edwin H. Pert, Clerk of the House - Submitted for consideration a schedule of fees for Document Services for the Second Regular Session of the 109th Legislature. The schedule suggested was one-half last years rate assuming the Legislature is going to be in 50 days rather than 100. The schedule is based on the First Regular Session of this year.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the rates proposed by the clerk be accepted for documentservice fees.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Katz.

5. Request for Staff Assistant, John R. Selser, to attend the National Conference of State Legislatures on Forest Resources Taxation Symposium with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Boston on December 12th - 14th.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that this request be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Katz..

6. Committee on Agriculture - A request was received for Legislative Council's authorization for a public hearing in Machias on the Board of Pesticides Control. (to stay in same budget)

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that this be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Katz.

7. The Joint Select Committee on Vocational Education requested an extension to permit them to report to the First Session of the 110th Legislature on their study rather than at the Second Session of the 109th Legislature.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the request be granted.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Martin.

8. After some discussion dates were set for the next two Council meetings. November 28th at 8:30 a.m. to screen Legislation, and December 19, 1979.

9. Family Impact - James Harrod - Authorization was granted for James Harrod to attend a Training Seminar in Washington regarding Family Impact Study. Authorization for airline travel and expenses only.

10. Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and Health and Institutional Services. Authorization was given to attend a limit of 2 meeting outside Augusta within present funding.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council adjourn (1:30 p.m.)

The motion was duly seconded.



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REP. SWIFT TARBELL, III

DATE: October 16, 1979

TO: Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Richard H. Pierce, Chairman 

This is to advise you of the urgent need to establish a time schedule for proceedings at the second regular session to convene January 2, 1980.

As you may recall, under the joint rules the Legislative Council establishes procedures for submission of legislation at the second regular session and the Director of Legislative Research administers those procedures. With constitutional and other limitations for the second session it is necessary to screen all requests for compliance with those requirements. This is a time consuming but necessary process that involves the members of the Council.

Therefore in order to allow adequate time for filing legislation and the listing, screening, drafting and typing functions that follow, I am calling a meeting of the Legislative Council for Wednesday the 24th of October at 1:00 p.m. at the State House Council Chambers to establish a schedule. Also enclosed for your review in advance of the meeting is a history of this scheduling and a tentative proposal for the Council's consideration.

Thank you for your kind attention.