

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 20, 1980

CALL TO ORDER

A scheduled meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327 of the Statehouse and called to order by Sen. Richard H. Pierce, Chairman, at 2:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: Rep. Garsoe, Rep. Martin, Rep. Mitchell

Staff: William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director
David S. Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer
Christine Holden - Legislative Assistant
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Guest: Peter Damborg - President of the Maine Publicity Bureau
Robie Liscomb - Executive Vice President of Maine Merchants Association

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 1980 as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Peter Damborg, President of the Maine Publicity Bureau spoke to the Council concerning an apparent change and approach being discussed with the Appropriations Committee concerning how various bills with price tags can be handled. He stated that, Maine is finally back into the mainstream of tourism promotion, however they are now faced with a kind of dollar computation that will make it difficult to keep Maine in competition with other states. He went on to brief the Council concerning the financial status of the Bureau. He also stated, that is an important time for his Bureau because if they do not have the additional funds for promotional gimmicks, they are going to have to cut back on the level of advertising that is done on a national scale.

Mr. Damborg went on to speak about some of the other problems he will be facing in the near future and how this bureau will be handling some of these problems. Mr. Liscomb, representing Maine Merchants Association and the Maine Restaurant Association, added supporting comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Fisheries and Wildlife - Majority and Minority reports on the Select Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the report be accepted and placed on file.

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

Committee on Judiciary - Study report on H.P. 1567 - Court Reorganization.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the report be accepted and placed on file.

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

Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs - The Joint Subcommittee studying the provision of Emergency Medical Services.

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the report be accepted and placed on file.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer - Hiring of Program Analyst. (Tabled until next meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

After deadline bills - Motion was made to consider for introduction the following:

Sen. Richard Pierce

AN ACT to Extend the Period for Issuance and Coverage under the Hospital Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Act by One Year. (accepted)

Rep. Elias

AN ACT to Appropriate Matching Funds for the Support of the Lakewood Summer Theatre. (rejected)

Committee on Audit and Program Review

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Sunset Law. (accepted)

Item #1 - Rules Change - Motion was made to table this item until the next Legislative Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Katz moved that the Council meeting be adjourned (2:35 p.m.)

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.