

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 28, 1980

CALL TO ORDER

A scheduled meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327, and called to order by Sen. Richard H. Pierce, Chairman, at 2:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Staff: William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director  
David S. Silsby - Legislative Research Director  
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer  
Edith Hary - Law Librarian

Guest: Senator Samuel Collins

STAFF REPORTS

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, recommended the Council's approval for a one-step increase for Earl Knox, from \$221.70 to 229,80 to become effective March 1st, 1980.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request for the recommended merit increase be accepted.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION - Final report evaluating the advisability of retaining Title 36, section 1760, subsections 15-23 and 25-29 concerning exemptions from the sales and use tax.

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved that the report be accepted and placed on file.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Mitchell, and carried unanimously.

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ETHICS - Final report of a study of the Conflict of Interest Statutes.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the report be accepted and placed on file.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ronald Lord, Legislative Finance Officer - Hiring of Program Analyst.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the hiring of a Program Analyst be tabled.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Rep. Stephanie Locke:

AN ACT to Change Fuelwood less than 4 feet from Cords to Cubic feet. (accepted)

Rep. John Rollins:

A JOINT RESOLUTION memorializing Congress to pass H.R. 1918, a Service Pension for veterans of World War One and their surviving spouses. (Tabled)

Sen. Walter Hichens:

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Guarantee Authority Act. (accepted)

Sen. Samuel Collins addressed the Council regarding the following two legislative proposals concerning court related matters; "AN ACT to Transfer Probate Jurisdiction to the Superior Court" and a RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Repealing the Exclusion of Judges of Probate from the Governor's Authority to Appoint all Judicial Officers."

After a short discussion of the proposals, the Speaker of the House advised that these matters should be allowed in as they were pursuant to statute which created the study.

Item #3. Policy decision for extending Orders of Legislative Sentiment other than first place winners. After some discussion the Council decided that the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate would determine admission of other than first place winners on an individual basis.

Item #4. Study for direct pay in Workers' Compensation.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the study be received and placed on file.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council meeting be adjourned to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations under Collective Bargaining.

The Motion was seconded by Rep. Garsoe and carried unanimously.  
(2:45 p.m.)