

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
November 14, 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. Martin, Rep. Tarbell,  
Rep. Tierney

Staff: William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director  
David S. Silsby - Legislative Research Director  
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer  
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistant Coordinator  
Edith Hary - Law Librarian  
May Ross - Secretary of the Senate

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 17, 1980 as presented.

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

STAFF REPORTS

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, recommended to the Council that the order for legislative salaries be reworded to read, January 7, 1981, as the starting date for the first bi-weekly payment to the 110th Legislature.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommendation be accepted and approved.

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

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, also recommended that when the bill, for the biennium of \$6500, is sent to Commerce Clearing for Legislative Document Service, a note should go with it stating that a surcharge will be applied should postal rates increase.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommendation be accepted.

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

William Garside also informed the Council that the Pre-Legislative Conference notices have gone out and should be back in by November 21, 1980.

No motion necessary.

Ronald Lord, Legislative Finance Officer, asked the Council for approval of Janet Waldron as the person for the Program Analyst position at a starting salary of \$319.57 per week.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that Janet Waldron be approved for the position of Program Analyst.

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

A resignation letter from Robert K. Clarke was submitted to the Council by Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistant Coordinator. She asked that the Council accept the resignation and that a replacement be sought for the position.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rep. Martin that the resignation letter be accepted and that a replacement be hired.

Rep. Tierney seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Department of Educational and Cultural Services requested permission to connect a second terminal to the same controller in their Bureau of Vocational Education.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

A follow-up letter regarding Federal Assistance Awards was given to the Council by Sen. Richard Pierce for informational use only.

No action required.

May M. Ross, Secretary of the Senate, recommended to the Council that a toll-free telephone be provided for the citizens of the State by the 110th Legislature. She also requested that the location of the phone be moved from the Legislative Post Office to the Senate Office. Discussion followed regarding the relocation of the phone.

MOTION

Rep. Garsoe moved that the toll-free number become available to the citizens of Maine and that the phone be moved to the Senate Office.

Sen. Sewall seconded the motion. Motion failed to pass, opposed by Sen. Conley, Rep. Tierney, and Rep. Martin. Further discussion.

MOTION

Rep. Tierney moved to reconsider.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the toll-free number be approved and that the location of the phone be decided by William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, with the recommendation of leadership.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that incoming Legislators be allowed access to the incoming Watts line for Legislators.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion was made that the Council meeting be adjourned. (2:35 P.M.)

The motion was duly seconded and unanimously approved.