

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
February 5, 1981

CALL TO ORDER

An unscheduled meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327, and called to order by Rep. Elizabeth Mitchell, at 9:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Collins, Sen. Pierce, Sen. Pray, Sen. Sewall

Representatives: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Higgins, Rep. Martin,  
Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Tarbell

Legislative Officers

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

A letter, co-signed by Sen. Sewall and Rep. Martin, concerning the movement of bills from the Legislative Research Office to the Legislature was discussed. (See letter attached.)

MOTION

Rep. Martin made a motion that the letter be accepted.

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

TABLED ITEMS FROM JANUARY 28, 1981

A memorial request was submitted by Mrs. Prescott of Hampden, Maine titled: JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION ALLOWING THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION TO FURNISH OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICE TO ATOMIC VETERANS.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to accept the memorial request.

Discussion followed.

A vote was taken with all members present voting for the motion. Motion accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

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An After Deadline Request was submitted to the Council by Sen. Teague titled: AN ACT to Increase the Maximum Limit for Compensation for Members of the Municipal Planning Board.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved that the request be tabled.

Sen. Pierce and Rep. Martin seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Sen. Collins spoke on the current costs of legislative printing and postage and requested a study on this subject by the Legislative Administrative Director.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the Legislative Administrative Director be directed to review the current costs of legislative printing and postage for the purpose of determining what, if any, cost savings can be made and to submit his findings and recommendations to the Legislative Council during this legislative session for final determination, within two weeks.

Discussion followed.

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

Bill Brown, Legislative Assistant, spoke to the Council on a possible law suit concerning a study that was presented to the Agriculture Committee on a thrown cord of wood.

No motion necessary. Informational only.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made that the Council meeting be adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.



REP. ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL  
CHAIRMAN

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February 2, 1981

To the Members of the 110th Legislature

In the interest of expediting the Legislative process, it has become necessary for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to institute procedures, which have proven successful in the past, whereby bills will be dated and notes sent when the legislation is in final form at the Research Office. Thereafter the sponsor will be given 5 days from that date to obtain cosponsors and sign the completed legislation. Bills which are not signed, withdrawn or otherwise disposed of within the given period will be forwarded by the Director to the appropriate house unsigned.

Please remember this procedure does not apply to requests still in the drafting process, requests held up for changes or requests withdrawn from the system.

We regret the necessity of taking this step but our experience indicates it is the only way to step-up the signing process which ultimately will speed up the session.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House