

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
March 10, 1981

CALL TO ORDER

A scheduled meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327, and called to order by Chairman Elizabeth Mitchell, at 2:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers

and Staff: David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator
Bill Brown - Legislative Assistant

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of March 4, 1981 be accepted.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rep. Mitchell brought to the Council's attention the problem of sponsorship of bills pursuant to studies.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the bills would have sponsorship by the chairmen of the committees, with the prime sponsor being from the point of origin, House or Senate.

Rep. Mahany submitted a Joint Order to the Council concerning what constitutes a cord of wood.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Joint Order be approved.

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

The Committee on Education submitted to the Council a Study Report of the Joint Select Committee on Vocational Education pursuant to H.P. 1489.

MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved that the study be placed on file.

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

A letter to Sen. James McBreairty and Rep. Donald Hall, Chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, from the Council Chairman, Rep. Mitchell was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be placed on file.

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

TABLED AND UNASSIGNED ITEMS

Rep. Treadwell submitted an AFTER DEADLINE BILL, AN ACT Concerning Supervision of Liquor Sales.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the bill be voted upon.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Martin and voted upon.
Those voting yea were: Sen. Pierce, Rep. Tarbell, Rep. Higgins.
Those voting nay were: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Martin, Rep. Mitchell,
Sen. Pray, Sen. Sewall.
Those absent were: Sen. Conley and Sen. Collins.

Sen. Pierce asked that the record show that two people had conflicts and did not vote at the March 4, 1981 meeting and had resolved those conflicts and voted at this meeting.

The bill was rejected.

Sen. Shute submitted an AFTER DEADLINE BILL, AN ACT to Amend the Authority of the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Promulgate Regulations.

MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved to retable the request.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Rep. Richard submitted an AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUEST, RESOLVE Reimbursing the Town of Madison under the Tree Growth Tax Law.

MOTION

A motion was made to retable the request.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Rep. Callahan submitted an AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUEST, AN ACT to Amend Chapter 109 of the Private and Special Laws of 1953 for the State of Maine, which Incorporated the Town of Poland School District.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be voted upon.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Pray and voted upon. All members present voted yea. Those absent were: Sen. Conley and Sen. Collins. The bill was accepted.

Rep. Beaulieu submitted an AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUEST, AN ACT Creating a Transit District in Casco Bay. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the request be voted upon.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Conley and discussion followed. A vote was taken and all members present voted yea. Those absent were: Sen. Collins. The bill was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

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Sen. Teague came before the Council with options to L.D. 654, that was discussed at the March 4, 1981 meeting. The Chairman, after much discussion, directed Sen. Teague and Rep. Post to go before the Appropriations Committee and to discuss these options with them and then to come back to leadership with those options. No motion necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.