

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
April 9, 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. Collins, Sen. Pierce, Sen. Pray, Sen. Sewall

Representatives: Rep. Higgins, 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
Edith Hary - Law Librarian

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, submitted to the Council a memorandum from Ash Tolliver, General Manager of the Kennebec Journal, concerning printing costs of Legislative Documents and calendars on a reduced size to be used on a trial basis during the second regular session. Mr. Garside recommended the memo's 1% total savings.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved to accept Mr. Garside's recommendation.

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

William Garside outlined the policy for sick leave for committee clerks. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved that these matters of sick leave be left up to the discretion of the Legislative Administrative Director.

Rep. Tarbell seconded the motion and discussion followed.

A vote was taken with 5 voting yea and 2 voting nay. There was discussion as to whether the motion was denied or not.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the item be tabled.

The motion was seconded and voted upon with Sen. Pray opposed to the item being tabled. Item tabled.

David Silsby, Legislative Research Director, submitted a Joint Rule change to the Council concerning designation of bills reported to the Legislature pursuant to statute.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved to accept the change.

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

OLD BUSINESS

An After Deadline Bill, "AN ACT to Upgrade the Water Classification of a Portion of Sandy River" was submitted by Rep. Webster of Farmington.

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that the bill be voted upon.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion and discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the bill be tabled once again.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Sen. Pierce submitted two After Deadline Bills "AN ACT to Clarify the Election Laws" and "AN ACT to Amend the Election Laws Pertaining to Nomination of Candidates by Petition" to the Council. Sen. Pierce withdrew his bills.

NEW BUSINESS

An After Deadline Bill " An Act to Revise the Education Law." was submitted to the Council per Study Order S.P. 580 from the Joint Standing Committee on Education. Discussion followed. It was decided that the bill had been submitted on time and therefore was not An After Deadline Bill. Discussion followed concerning printing costs of the bill.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that 750 bills out of the 1500 printed should be held aside for January, 1982.

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

Rep. Kelleher submitted an After Deadline Request "AN ACT to Exempt Jet Fuel used for International Flights from the 2¢ per Gallon Excise Tax" to the Council.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the bill be voted upon.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Pierce and voted upon with all members present voting yea. The request was accepted.

Rep. McKean submitted an After Deadline Request "AN ACT to Permit the Commissioner of Transportation to Designate Certain Highways for the use of Twin-Trailer Trucks" to the Council.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the bill be voted upon.

Rep. Tarbell seconded the motion and it was voted upon with all members present voting nay. The request was denied.

Rep. Huber submitted an After Deadline Request "AN ACT to Provide Optional Local Funding of the State Retirement System Membership by School Administrative Units and to Allow Out-of-State Service Credits to Those Units" to the Council.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the bill be voted upon.

Sen. Sewall seconded the request.

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that the request be tabled.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Rep. Carter submitted a Memorial Request Memorializing the HONORABLE JOHN R. BLOCK, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES TO GRANT A GENERAL MORATORIUM ON PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION FARM OWNERSHIP AND OPERATING LOANS OWED BY BROILER GROWERS IN THE STATE OF MAINE to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the request be voted upon.

Sen. Pierce seconded the motion and it was voted upon with Sen. Collins, Rep. Higgins, Rep. Mitchell, Sen. Pierce, and Rep. Tarbell voting yea and Sen. Pray and Sen. Sewall voting nay. The motion did not carry. The request was denied.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.