

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
April 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 12:10 p.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  
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer  
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator  
Edith Hary - Law Librarian

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF

Rep. Mitchell discussed with the Council the drafting of a policy for the process of study orders from committees.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that study orders from committees should be submitted directly to the Council instead of going through the process of being introduced in each house and then before the end of each session the Council would notify both houses of those approved or not approved and also to give the responsibility of ranking to the committee. This policy would be outlined in a letter from the Council to the committees.

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

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Joint Rule 17 change was submitted to the Council for reconsideration in the form of a joint order with one change that defines the House of origin of a study order.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the joint order be reconsidered with the change and accepted.

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

Rep. Martin submitted a Memorial Request "JOINT RESOLUTION 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 OWNED BY BROILER GROWERS IN THE STATE OF MAINE" for Rep. Carter to be reconsidered by the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be reconsidered.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be voted upon.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Sewall and voted upon with Sen. Collins, Rep. Diamond, Rep. Martin, Rep. Mitchell, Sen. Pray, Sen. Sewall voting yea, and with Sen. Pierce and Rep. Tarbell abstaining and Sen. Conley absent. The request was accepted.

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Rep. Mitchell discussed with the Council the policy of the Council on sick leave for part-time and temporary employees.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that these matters be left up to the discretion of William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director.

Sen. Sewall seconded the motion and discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Administrative Director and Ed Pert, Clerk of the House and May Ross, Secretary of the Senate meet together to discuss the policy of sick leave for part time employees and to report back to the Council.

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

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Rep. Martin brought up yesterday's action on the printing costs of the Education bill. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that we reconsider the action of yesterday.

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

OLD BUSINESS cont.

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MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the number printed be amended to 2500 copies and that 750 copies be set aside for January, 1982.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

## Interim Joint Standing Committee Work

### I. Methods for determining subjects for study and review.

#### A. Initiated by the Joint Standing Committee

1. Problems which have been brought to the Committee's attention during the session.
2. Problems addressed by submitted legislation of real merit which were too complex to be studied and reported on adequately during the session - carry over bills.

#### B. Initiated by legislators.

1. Petition. A legislator may request a Committee to review or study a particular problem by presenting a petition which would include an analysis of the problem and the need for study. (form to be provided)
2. Joint Order. If a Committee decides not to study a problem presented to them by a legislator he may submit a joint order. (This will provide an appeal process)

C. Initiated by the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council may under its statutory authority order a Committee to inquire into a particular subject and report to them or the Legislature.

D. Studies assigned to Committee by law.

II. Joint Select Committees will be formed using the same procedures as in I.

III. Committees will determine by majority vote, by a date certain, which subjects they choose to review and report on. A limit on the number will be established by the Legislative Council. A fiscal note will be submitted with each study subject. Meetings Schedules. A schedule for meeting dates during the interim will be established by the Legislative Council.

VI. Reports pursuant to any study will comply with Joint Rules 17 and 18.

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# STATE OF MAINE

## In House

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Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by adding at the end of Joint Rule 17 the following:

Any legislation filed pursuant to law or resolve shall, at the time of its introduction, bear the designation of the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over the subject matter of that legislation, and shall be introduced in the House of origin of the law or resolve.

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(Mrs. Mitchell)

Name:

Town: Vassalboro

MAINE LEGISLATURE - PERSONNEL DIRECTIVES  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Subject: SESSION AND TEMPORARY  
PERSONNEL DIRECTIVE

Directive Number: 2  
Effective Date: Dec.1, 1974

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2.1 General

It is the policy of the Legislative Council that session and temporary employees do not accumulate vacation or sick leave days. The Legislative Council may, at its discretion, grant paid vacation or sick leave days to a session or temporary employee, not to exceed the permanent employee benefits. Session employees are eligible for group health care plans on the same basis as Legislators, with direct premium payments. Information is available from the Legislative Finance Officer.

2.2 Maine State Retirement System

All regular full time employees of the State must become members of the Maine State Retirement System as a condition of employment. Benefits provided by the law are financed by joint contributions of the employee and the State. Survivor Benefits, Retirement Benefits, service-connected disability benefits and disability benefits are among those provided by the System.

Session personnel will receive credit only for the actual time of service, and not for an entire year when only part of the year is included in time of service.

Details of the Retirement System may be obtained from the Legislative Finance Officer or from the Executive Director of the Maine State Retirement System, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine.

2.3 Group Life Insurance

Group Life Insurance is an optional program which is available to session employees. Session employees who are interested in this program can obtain information from the Legislative Finance Officer, but should

be aware that premiums for the entire year would be deducted from one or two checks at the end of the session employee's employment period.

#### 2.4 Time Sheets

If a session employee or other temporary employee works for the Legislature during the interims between sessions, that employee shall file a weekly time sheet with the Legislative Finance Officer on a form provided by that Office.