

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
APRIL 30, 1981

CALL TO ORDER

A 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. Conley, Sen. Pierce, Sen. Pray,
Sen. Sewall

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

Legislative Officers

and Staff: William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Director
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Bill Brown - Legislative Assistant
Edith Hary - Law Librarian

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of April 10, 1981 and April 23, 1981 be accepted.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF

William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, informed the Council of what process was being taken on a previous letter from Georgette Berube concerning employees salary increases. He recommended the letter be tabled once again.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to retabled the letter.

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

Bill Brown, Legislative Assistant, presented an interim work policy on study orders to the Council. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin made a motion that the interim work policy be amended that the Council as it did in the past will determine the amount of money that will be allocated at the very beginning for work done on study orders. He also made a motion that the policy be amended to state that all study orders requested by individual legislators be done before 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 1981. He also made a motion that the amended version be distributed to the Council later this day and if no objections this amended version will be accepted by 5:00 p.m. this day.

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

The Director of Legislative Research, David Silsby indicated a problem may be developing in the number of committee amendments being proposed instead of new drafts, as new drafts they are set in type and committee amendments are not. After discussion, the council authorized Mr. Silsby to limit the length of committee amendments to 3 pages, and anything over 3 pages may be placed in the form of a new draft.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A letter from the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans concerning the recodification of the Maine State Retirement System was discussed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be returned to the committee, so that they can conform to the method of submitting study orders.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Rep. Webster submitted an After Deadline Bill Request "AN ACT to Upgrade the Water Classification of a Portion of Sandy River" to the Council for approval. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be retabled.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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An After Deadline Request "AN ACT Increasing Indebtedness of Limestone Water and Sewer District" from Rep. McKean was submitted to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the request be voted upon.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was voted upon with all members present voting yea. Rep. Tarbell and Rep. Higgins were absent. The request was accepted.

An After Deadline Request, "RESOLVE, Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Lands in Webster Plantation to the Heirs of Horace White" from Rep. Dudley was submitted to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be voted upon.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was voted upon with all members present voting yea. Rep. Higgins and Rep. Tarbell were absent. The request was accepted.

A Memorial Request "JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION SO AS TO PERMIT FUNDING OF PROJECTS NECESSARY TO THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF THE STATE OF MAINE" from Sen. Shute was submitted to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the request be voted upon.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it was voted upon with all members present voting yea. Rep. Higgins and Rep. Tarbell were absent. The request was accepted.

An AFTER DEADLINE REQUEST "RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE to Provide for a Four-Year Term of Office for Sheriff" was submitted by Rep. Joyce to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be voted upon.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and it was voted upon with

all members present voting yea. Rep. Tarbell was absent.
The request was accepted.

The matter of bills being out of committees was discussed
at this time.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council give authorization to
the speaker and the president to notify the bodies that
the deadline for bills to be out of committee is May 13th,
1981 at 5:00 p.m. unless approval is given by leadership.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.