

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
May 19, 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 3:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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  
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director  
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to accept the minutes of May 8, 1981.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF

Bob Deis, Maine Science, Engineering and Technology Project Coordinator, Office of Legislative Assistants presented a memo to the Council for approval of a summer intern from the University of Maine at Orono to work with the Maine Science, Engineering and Technology Project this summer.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

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Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, informed the Council that she had received a request from William Kidd, an industrial engineer, who was willing to volunteer some research activity for the summer in her office.

MOTION

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

Sen. Collins seconded the motion and it was carried with one opposed.

Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, requested authority for Julie Jones, Legislative Assistant, to attend the National Conference of State Legislators Seminar on Severance Taxes.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be accepted.

Sen. Conley opposed the motion and it was carried with one opposed.

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Rep. Georgette Berube of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, requested a merit increase for Mrs. Anna M. Sasseville from \$169.00 to \$176.75 on March 29, 1981.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the merit increase be approved.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

A letter from the Committee on Audit and Program Review was received concerning an study to be done on the Maine Development Foundation.

MOTION

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

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

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that future action on the Maine Development Foundation be tabled.

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

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A letter from the Committee on Education was received concerning L.D. 1554, "AN ACT to Revise the Education Laws". It was requested that the L.D. be carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be accepted.

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

Rep. Baker submitted a "Joint Resolution Regarding the Wages and Benefits of Employees in Private Long-Term Care Facilities and Service Agencies" for the Council's approval.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the resolution be tabled.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Rep. Nelson submitted a "Joint Resolution Memorializing the Honorable Ronald W. Reagan, President of the United States, and the Congress of the United States to Hasten Efforts to Return American Servicemen Held in Vietnam" for the Council's approval.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the request be voted upon.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and it was voted upon with Sen. Conley, Rep. Martin, Rep. Mitchell, and Sen. Pray voting yea and Sen. Collins, Sen. Pierce and Rep. Tarbell voting nay. Rep. Diamond, Rep. Higgins and Sen. Sewall were absent. The request was rejected.

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Rep. Walker submitted a "Joint Resolution Memorializing the Maine Congressional Delegation to Initiate Legislation to Place a Cap on Cost-of-Living Increases for Members of Congress and Top Administrative Officials for the Council's 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 nay and Rep. Martin voting yea. The request was rejected.

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Rep. Mitchell spoke to members of the Council concerning extending the deadline on study orders from committees. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the deadline be extended to Wednesday, May 27, 1981.

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

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NEW BUSINESS cont.

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Sen. Pray submitted a memo to the Council from the sub-committee on Legislative Computerization unanimously recommending computerization of the Legislative Research Office.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommendation be accepted.

Rep. Tarbell seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the recommendation be tabled.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council adjourn into an Executive Session.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.