

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
June 2, 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 2:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to accept the minutes of May 27, 1981.

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

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Helen Ginder submitted several study orders to be held over until the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the study orders be tabled until later in the meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A letter from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs was received requesting that L.D. 1473, "AN ACT Incorporating Federal Funds Directly into the State Budgetary Process" be held over to the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

A letter from the Committee on Public Utilities was received requesting that L.D. 1027, "AN ACT to Require Public Utilities to Submit a Plan to the Public Utilities Commission to Provide Financing to Customers for Energy Conservation and Renewable Resources" be held over to the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

A letter from the Committee on Taxation was received requesting that L.D. 1621, "AN ACT to Create an Excise Tax on Mining Companies and to Amend the Statutes on Mining on State Lands" be held over to the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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. Higgins moved that the request be voted upon.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Rep. Fowlie submitted a JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ESTABLISH A HELICOPTER SEARCH AND RESCUE UNIT IN MAINE 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. Sen. Pray was absent.

Rep. Sherburne submitted a "AN ACT to Establish Temporary Minimum Prices to be Paid to Milk Dealers and Retailers for a 6-month Period, and to Facilitate Compliance of the Maine Milk Commission with Recent Cases before the Maine Courts" to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that the request be voted upon.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to table the request.

The motion was seconded and failed to carry with 5 opposed.

Discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the request be voted upon and if passes be submitted only if there is no judicial resolution by noon June 3, 1981.

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

Rep. Hickey's bill "AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Kennebec and Boston Steam Packet Company" was submitted to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be tabled.

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

Rep. Martin submitted a Joint Resolution Memorializing to Endorse the Concept of Providing Health Care Services in a Central Facility in Aroostook County, under the Auspices of the Veterans Administration Center in Togus, to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be voted upon.

Sen. Pray seconded the motin and it was voted upon with all members present voting yea. Those absent were Sen. Conley and Sen. Pierce.

Helen Ginder's study orders to be held over until the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature was discussed at this time.

MOTION

Rep. Diamond moved that the sutdy orders be tabled.

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

Rep. Mitchell, Chairman, announced that there would be a meeting Wednesday, June 3, 1981 at 2:00 p.m. to take up the tabled item of study orders.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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