

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
June 4, 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 9:20 a.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
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the minutes of June 3, 1981 be accepted.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

An after deadline request from Rep. Hickey was presented to the Council with a request that it be withdrawn.

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the request be withdrawn.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Rep. Nelson submitted a Memorial Request "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" to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Rep. Diamond moved that the request be voted upon.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was voted upon with Sen. Conley, Rep. Diamond, Rep. Martin, Rep. Mitchell and Sen. Pray voting yea. Sen. Collins, Rep. Higgins, Sen. Pierce and Sen.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

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Sewall voting nay. Rep. Tarbell was absent. Motion failed to carry. The request was denied.

OLD BUSINESS cont.

Interim study requests for committees were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that all study requests be accepted with the exception of the Education Committee's request to study the State Principals Association, Authority and Policies.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that all study requests listed below be approved.

Committee

Study

Aging, Retirement
and Veterans

Structure and Reorganization of Maine
Retirement System Statutes

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Maine Participation Social Security System

Business Legisla-
tion

Impact of Billboard Law on Maine Business
and Consumers

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Analysis of Ratemaking - Workers' Compensation
Education

Education

Economic Trends and the School Finance Act
Equalization

Energy and Natural
Resources

Radioactive Waste Management

"

Inland Wetlands Protection

Health and Institu-
tional Services

Certificate of Need Program

"

Board Home Program

Labor

Occupational Disease Laws, particularly those
addressed in this session by L.D. 513, 730,
640 and 677.

Legal Affairs

Revenue and Other Affects of Increased Competitive
Methods of Liquor Sales

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>
Legal Affairs	Regulation of Dealers in Precious Metals for Resale and Scrap
Legislative Council	Committee membership, size and assignment
Public Utilities	Electrical Energy - Conservation and Development, Including Financing Energy Conservation for consumers (carry over bill)
"	Natural Gas Development and Regulation, Maine's share
Taxation	Taxation of Mining and Mineral Resources
"	Forestry District Tax

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

Other study orders objected to were discussed individually and voted upon. Below is a list of those and the results of the votes.

The Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans study request of "Procedure for withdrawal of districts, Maine Retirement System".

MOTION

Sen. Pierce moved that this request be studied under the committee's already approved item "Structure and Reorganization of Maine Retirement System Statutes."

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

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The Committee on Education study request of "Teacher Education Qualifications and Student Motivation."

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that the request be approved.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it failed to pass.

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The Committee on Education study request of "State Principals Association, Authority and Policies."

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the request be denied.

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

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The Committee on Health and Institutional Services study request of "State and Community Mental Health Program."

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be accepted.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the study be referred to the Appropriations Committee.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the request be denied.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. Study request will not be done by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. A memo will be sent to the Appropriations Committee asking them if they are interested in doing this study.

The Committee on Marine Resources study request of "Transfer of Aquaculture Leases."

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was carried.

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The Committee on Marine Resources study request of "Atlantic Salmon Fishery Management."

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be denied.

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

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The Committee on Marine Resources study request of "Economic Development Groundfish Fishery."

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was carried with 1 opposed.

The Committee on State Government study request of "Family Housing Policy."

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be denied.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was carried.

The Committee on Taxation study request of "Municipal Revenue Sources."

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the request be denied.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion and it was carried.

The Committee on Audit and Program Review submitted a letter concerning their report on the Maine Sunset Act.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the letter be tabled until the first meeting of the Council after the session.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The study of the Maine Development Corp. was discussed at this time.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Committee on Taxation study this matter.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.