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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

March 5, 1982

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Speaker of the House's Office and called to order by Chairman Elizabeth Mitchell at 11:50 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director

TABLED BUSINESS

Three bills reported from the Committee on Taxation, pursuant to a study report in accordance with Revised Statutes, Title 1, chapter 31, were discussed. The titles of those bills are "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Motor Fuels", "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Alcohol and to Increase the Amount of Municipal Revenue Sharing," and "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Cigarettes and to Increase the Amount of Municipal Revenue Sharing". It was decided that the bill "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Motor Fuels" was the only one pursuant to the study and that the other two exceed the statutory requirements of the study.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the other two bills, "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Alcohol and to Increase the Amount of Municipal Revenue Sharing," and "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Cigarettes and to Increase the Amount of Municipal Revenue Sharing," be officially returned to the Committee on Taxation.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Diamond and carried with 4 opposed.

AFTER DEADLINE BILLS

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that two bills not on the agenda be let in for consideration as After Deadline Bills. They were "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Alcohol and to Increase the Amount of Municipal Revenue Sharing" and "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Cigarettes and to Increase the Amount of Municipal Revenue Sharing".

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

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the After Deadline Bill, "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Alcohol and to Increase the Amount of Municipal Revenue Sharing", sponsored by Rep. Post of Owls Head, be tabled.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Diamond and carried with 2 opposed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the After Deadline Bill, "AN ACT to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on Cigarettes and to Increase the Amount of Municipal Revenue Sharing", sponsored by Rep. Post of Owls Head, be tabled.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Diamond and carried with 2 opposed.

An After Deadline Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Equity for Persons whose Land has been made Ineligible for Tree Growth Classification", submitted by Rep. Damren was discussed.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

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

An After Deadline Bill "AN ACT Relating to the Maine Guaranty Authority", was submitted by Rep. John Diamond for approval.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the bill be tabled.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made that the Council meeting be adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.