

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
May 13, 1982

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 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

William Garside - Legislative Administrative Director  
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director  
Ronald Lord - Legislative Finance Officer  
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Coordinator  
Edith Hary - Law Librarian

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of April 5 and 6, 1982 be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Tarbell and carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF REPORTS

A letter from William Garside, Legislative Administrative Director, recommending merit increases for the following employees was submitted to the Council.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Janet Waldron	\$355.78	\$376.08	5/17/82
Lars Loren	335.55	355.78	6/14/82
Barbara Gottschalk	436.98	457.25	6/27/82

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the merit increases be accepted.

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

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Edith Hary, Law Librarian, submitted a letter to the Council to recommend pay adjustments and merit increases for the following employees:

Mary H. Irvine from Step F to Step G, effective April 1, 1982.

Laura Goss from Step D to Step E, effective May 15, 1982.

Laura Goss differential payment of \$460.00 for 200 hours and paid retirement cost when she was in Acting Capacity of Reference Librarian.

Lynn E. Randall returning from Leave of Absence effective May 31, 1982 at \$344.40.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the letter be approved.

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

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Helen Ginder, Legislative Assistants Coordinator, submitted a memo to the Council outlining budgets for committee studies during the interim.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the budget be approved.

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

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A memo from Helen Ginder concerning word processing and computer access hardware for Legislative service agencies, which was defeated at an earlier meeting, was submitted to the Council for reconsideration.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved reconsideration of this matter.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Collins and voted upon with 6 voting yes and 3 opposed, motion carried.

Rep. Martin moved that the memo on computers be approved.

The motion was seconded and voted upon with 6 voting yes and 3 opposed, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved that the study request for the Public Utilities Committee, "Time of Processing", be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Diamond and voted upon with 5 voting yes and 4 opposed, motion failed.

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MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the study request for the Public Utilities Committee, "Telecommunications", be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded and voted upon with 5 voting yes and 3 opposed, Rep. Martin abstained from the vote, motion failed.

**TABLED BUSINESS**

A tabled Interim Study Request relating to the "Effects of Low Level Radiation on Public Health," submitted by the State Government, Health and Institutional Services and Energy and Natural Resources Committees was discussed.

MOTION

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

The motion was seconded and carried with 1 opposed.

MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that the item be voted upon.

The motion was seconded and voted upon with 4 voting yes and 4 voting no, the study was rejected.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A Memorial Request, "Joint Resolution Memorializing The President and Congress of the United States to Refrain from Reductions in Social Security Budget, submitted by Rep. Kelleher was discussed.

#### MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the memorial be voted upon.

The motion was seconded and voted upon, the memorial was rejected.

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Rep. Hickey submitted a "Joint Resolution Concerning Display of the Maine Medal for Honorable Service in the Memorial Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery" to the Council for approval.

#### MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved that the resolution be voted upon.

Sen. Sewall seconded the motion and it was voted upon and accepted.

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A letter from the Committee on Business Legislation concerning the holding of 3 public hearings on the interim study of the Maine Real Estate Commission was submitted to the Council.

#### MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the hearings be approved.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and it was carried with 2 opposed.

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#### MOTION

Sen. Pray moved that all future relocations and remodeling of Legislative space in the Capital Building be

approved by the Legislative Council as required by Maine Law and action by the Council be required before approval of such expenditures or relocations.

MOTION

Sen. Sewall moved that the motion be tabled.

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

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A matter concerning the amount paid to the Caucus of New England State Legislatures was discussed at this time.

MOTION

Rep. Tarbell moved that the matter be tabled.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION

Sen. Collins moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.