

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 5, 1983

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327, and called to order by Chairman Charles P. Pray at 10:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Carpenter, Sen. Collins, Sen. Gill  
Sen. Pray, Sen. Conley

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director  
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director  
Haven Whiteside - Asst. Director, Legislative Assistants  
Catherine Freehling - Law Librarian  
Bent Schlosser - Assistant Legislative Finance Officer

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Diamond and it was carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

The Legislative Council reconvened in the Legislative Council Chambers at 12:05 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director, submitted to the Council the Director's Report for December, 1983.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Legislative Space

A report was presented recommending the locations of various offices and committee hearing rooms throughout the State House.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommendations be accepted.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A budget request from the Joint Select Committee to Investigate Public Utilities was presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the request be tabled until later in the meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bill requests submitted by legislators for the Second Regular Session were presented to the Council for consideration and voted upon. (A complete list and the action taken on each request is available in the Legislative Research Office.)

RECESS

MOTION

A motion was made that the Council meeting be recessed at 1:40 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles P. Pray at 2:25 p.m.

TABLED BUSINESS

An item tabled earlier in the day concerning the budget of the Joint Select Committee Investigating Public Utilities was presented to the Council by Sen. Baldacci, Chairman of that committee. The committee recommended that the Council authorize funding of \$27,000 to \$100,000 for the committee's work.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved approval of the request.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the matter be tabled.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and a vote was taken 4-4, motion rejected.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the request be amended to limit funding to \$27,000 and that the committee be required to present another request to the Council if additional funding is needed.

The motion was not seconded.

MOTION

The previous motion made by Rep. Martin and seconded by Rep. Higgins was voted upon 3-6, motion rejected.

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The remaining bill requests were reviewed by the Council and voted upon.

NEW BUSINESS

After Deadline Bills were presented to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that the After Deadline Bills be tabled.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee recommended that a secretary be hired on a temporary basis, in the Legislative Finance Officer.

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that the recommendation be approved.

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

The Personnel Committee also recommended the hiring of William T. Glidden in the Legislative Assistants Office.

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that the recommendation be approved.

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

Computer Committee

The Computer Committee recommended that an original plan presented at a previous Council meeting be used to install the Wang computer terminals and that the Legislative Administrative Director be authorized to follow through with that plan.

MOTION

Rep. Diamond moved that the recommendation be approved.

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

Finance Officer Search Committee

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the Search Committee's report be tabled.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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