

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 10, 1984

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 1:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Bent Schlosser - Legislative Finance Officer
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of January 4, and January 5, 1984 be approved and placed on file.

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

AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS

After Deadline Requests were presented to the Council and voted upon. (See attached list)

COMMITTEE EXTENSIONS

A letter from Sen. Carpenter for the Committee on Joint Custody was submitted to the Council requesting a study report extension until February 2, 1984, and funding of an additional amount, up to \$500, be granted to complete their work.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be accepted.

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

A letter from the Joint Select Committee to Study the University Budget was submitted to the Council requesting a study report extension to January 31, 1984.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be tabled.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Robert Boose of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services presented a brief report to the Council concerning his priorities for the Department in the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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

RECONVENE

The Council meeting was reconvened at 2:20 p.m. with Chairman Charles P. Pray presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: Rep. Davis, Rep. Diamond, Rep. Martin,
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A request from the Joint Select Committee to Investigate Public Utilities was presented to the Council requesting that the minority party be allowed to hire legal counsel.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion and it was carried 8 to 1 with 1 abstention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that the Legislative Council go into Executive Session to meet with the Audit and Program Review Committee.

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

RECONVENE

The Legislative Council reconvened at 2:45 p.m. with Chairman Charles P. Pray presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that a letter be sent to the Governor advising him that the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review had discovered an accounting practice

in the Department of Conservation that calls for a freeze and to inform other departments that this is not an acceptable practice.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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