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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

February 15, 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 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Director
Dick Sawyer - Assistant Finance Officer
Catherine Freehling - Law Librarian

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of February 6, 1984 be approved and placed on file.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director, submitted her report to the Council concerning merit increases for February.

OLD BUSINESS

Study reports from the various Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature were submitted to the Council, accepted and placed on file. (See attached list)

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Utilization of outside facilities for large hearings by Legislative Joint Standing Committees was discussed.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that Legislative Committee Chairs must have the approval of the Chairman of the Legislative Council before seeking utilization of outside facilities for holding large hearings.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE STUDY REPORTS
SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

February 15, 1984

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study Title</u>
Local and County Government	Regional Planning Agencies
Business Legislation	The Uninsured Motorist
Judiciary	Abandoned Rights of Way
Taxation	The Maine Capital Corporation
Unemployment Compen- sation Fund Study Commission	Protecting the Solvency of the Unem- ployment Compensation Fund

Sarah C. Diamond
Legislative Administrative Director



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Augusta, Maine 04333

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
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MERIT INCREASES RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED

Office of Legislative Research

Elizabeth Gosselin, Legislative Indexer
\$19,762.08 to \$20,714.12

Law and Legislative Reference Library

Catherine Freehling, Law Librarian (completion
of six-month probationary period)
~~\$21,812.44 to \$22,903.40~~

SENATE

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JOHN E. BALDACCI, PENOBSCOT
WALTER W. HICHENS, YORK
ED POTTER, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
ELAINE V. DOAK, COMMITTEE CLERK



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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

February 9, 1984

Senator Charles P. Pray
Chairman, Legislative Council
State House, Station 5
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Pray,

The Joint Standing Committee on State Government has reported to the Legislature, HP 1410, LD 1832, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit the Life of Authorized Bonds." In order to facilitate the implementation of the provisions pertaining to Legislative reauthorization of bonds in the proposed Constitutional Amendment, it is advisable to enact a statute to accomplish this purpose. Since a Constitutional Resolution and a statutory provision cannot be included in the same legislative document, it is necessary to include the proposed statutory provisions in a separate legislative document.

The Committee on State Government requests the Legislative Council to approve the submission of a new bill for consideration by the Legislature to resolve the issue raised by the Constitutional Resolution. A copy of this bill proposal entitled "AN ACT to Require State Agencies Authorized to Expend Proceeds of Bonds Approved by the Electorate to Report the Status of the Bonds to the Legislature Prior to the Date of Deauthorization as Provided in the Constitution," is included with this letter.

We are looking forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

Paul E. Violette
Paul E. Violette
Senate Chairman

Dan A. Gwadosky
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House Chairman

AN ACT to Require State Agencies Authorized to Expend Proceeds of Bonds Approved by the Electorate to Report the Status of the Bonds to the Legislature Prior to the Date of Deauthorization As Provided In The Constitution

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §523 is enacted to read:

§523. Reports of Agencies to the Legislature. No later than 6 months prior to the date that bonds approved by the electorate become deauthorized pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, §14, the department or agency of State Government which has use of the bond proceeds shall report to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bonds a resolve to approve the issue of the authorized but heretofore unissued bonds. In addition, this agency or department shall provide the following information:

1. Total bond issue authorized. The total amount of bonds and the date the bonds were approved by the electorate,
2. Total bonds issued. The total amount of bonds issued, if any, as of the reporting date,
3. Use of Bond proceeds. The use of the proceeds of the issued bonds, if any,
4. Planned use of Unissued bonds. The planned use, amount, and expected date of issue of the authorized, but unissued bonds;
5. Effect of Deauthorization. The effects of deauthorization of the unissued bonds;
6. Any other significant information. Any other information deemed significant by the reporting agency or department for the decision of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §524 is enacted to read:

§524. Report of the Committee To The Legislature. The Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bonds shall study the report required in §523. This Committee may approve the issue of all or any portion of or disapprove the issue of the authorized but heretofore unissued bonds.