

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 4, 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 10:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director  
Brian Blaisdell - Assistant Legislative Research Director  
Richard Sawyer - Assistant Legislative Finance Officer  
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Director  
Haven Whiteside - Assistant Director of Legislative Assistants

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the minutes of April 25, 1984 be approved and placed on file.

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

STUDY BUDGET REQUESTS

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the study budget requests be taken out of order from the agenda.

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

The Council considered budget requests from the Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature whose studies for the interim had previously been approved. The budget requests were discussed and voted upon by the Council. A summary of the council action is attached.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Legislative Administrative Director, Sally Diamond, submitted her report to the Council. It outlined approved staff travel for Helen Ginder to attend the NCSL Executive Committee Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, and merit increases for eligible Legislative employees in the Law Library and Legislative Research.

#### MOTION

Rep. Diamond moved that the director's report be accepted and placed on file.

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

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Committee on Data and Word Processing

The Committee recommended conversion of selected components of the Wang Computer System from rental to purchase based on the completion of a preliminary evaluation of the system's performance during the Second Regular Session and a determination that purchase is less costly than rental of components in the longer term.

#### MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommendation be approved.

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

##### Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

The Committee presented recommendations regarding the reassignment of the Attorney General's State House Office, pursuant to Public Law and assignment of space for use by

the computer system staff for training and office space.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the recommendation be approved.

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

COMMITTEE STUDY REQUESTS

Study requests from Legislative Committees were submitted to the Council and voted upon. (See attached list)

BILL REQUESTS FOR THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

A bill request was presented to the Council for the Third Special Session.

The Council Chair ruled that the request was improperly brought before the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

STUDY BUDGETS APPROVED BY LEGISLAIVE COUNCIL  
AT MAY 4th MEETING

Committee	Study	Subcommittee Meetings*	Full Committee Meetings	Estimate (Per Diem Only)
AGING, RETIREMENT, AND VETERANS	Disability Retirement Under the Maine State Retirement System	3	1	\$980
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	L.D. 1836, "AN ACT to Require the State to Finance a General Assistance Program for Migrant Workers."	2-3 (max)**	1	\$1,355
	Adequacy of Health Care and Insurance Available to Maine Citizens	2-3		
BUSINESS LEGISLATION	Continued Oversight of Developments in the Financial Services Industry	3 ***	Not Specified	\$875
EDUCATION	Authority and Statutory Status of the Maine Secondary School Principals' Association	2	1	\$805
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE	Study of All Nonfish and Nongame Related Duties Performed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Their Financial Impact.	2	1	\$805
MARINE RESOURCES as amended	Limit on Lobster Traps	3	1	\$980
STATE GOVERNMENT	L.D. 2109, "AN ACT to Strengthen the Audit and Program Review Process."	3	1	\$980
	Policies and Procedures of State Economic Development Agencies	3****	1	\$980
TRANSPORTATION	Study of New General Registration Plate Issue	3	1	\$980

Notes: \* No Subcommittee to exceed 5 unless specifically approved  
 \*\* Subcommittee to consist of  
 \*\*\* Represents change from original request  
 \*\*\*\* To be coordinated with Audit Committee in case where overlap

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE STUDY REQUESTS  
CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MAY 4, 1984

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Appropriations	Study of Impact of Exempting State Agencies from Paying Gasoline Tax	Rejected
Transportation	Study of Issues Related to Motor Vehicle Auctions and the Validity of Motor Vehicle Titles	Accepted
Fisheries & Wildlife	Reciprocity in Fish and Wildlife Laws and Regulations Between Maine and Other States and Provinces	Tabled