

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
December 29, 1994  
AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 14 COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Item #1: Committee to Study the Operations of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf: Submission of Final Report pursuant to statute
- Item #2: Request from Senator Goldthwait for Assignment of Office Space
- Item #3: Proposal from David Brown, Director, Maine Emergency Management Agency, to install a Monitor in the State House

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #4: Request for Clarification of Legislative Council Policy  
Regarding Custody of Computer Programs and Documents of a  
Non-Confidential Nature**



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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

December 14, 1994

Approved December 29, 1994

### CALL TO ORDER

The First meeting of the 117th Legislative Council was called to order by Senate President Jeffrey H. Butland at 3:53 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

### ROLL CALL

**Senators:**

Jeffrey H. Butland, President of the Senate  
Leo R. Kieffer, Senate Majority Leader  
Mark W. Lawrence, Senate Minority Leader  
Jane A. Amero, Senate Assistant Majority Leader  
Beverly Miner Bustin, Senate Assistant Minority Leader

**Representatives:**

Dan A. Gwadosky, Speaker of the House  
Paul F. Jacques, House Majority Leader  
Walter E. Whitcomb, House Minority Leader  
Elizabeth H. Mitchell, House Assistant Majority Leader  
Joe Carleton, House Assistant Minority Leader

**Legislative Officers:** May Ross, Secretary of the Senate  
Pam Cahill, Assistant Secretary of the Senate  
Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House  
Millie MacFarland, Assistant Clerk of the House  
Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council  
Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian  
John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review  
David Boulter, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes

Senate President Butland, declaring that a quorum was present, proceeded to read excerpts from the Rules of Procedure that had been adopted by the 116th Legislative Council that pertained to the election of the Council Chair and Vice-Chair. His opening remarks were followed by discussion among Council members regarding how to proceed. The major points of discussion included:

1. Whether the adoption of Joint Rules, which include the designation of the Joint Standing Committees for the 117th Legislature, was not a higher priority than the formality of organizing the new Council (Speaker Gwadosky).
2. Whether there was any controversy or dispute about what the new Council's Rules of Procedure should be (Rep. Carleton). (None was expressed)

After agreeing that members of the Council would continue to meet as Leadership following adjournment of the Council meeting, the following motion was offered:

**Motion:** That the 117th Legislative Council adopt the Rules of Procedure of the 116th Legislative Council to govern its operations (Motion by Rep. Carleton; second by Speaker Gwadosky).

**Discussion:** Sen. Kieffer noted that adoption of the Rules prior to the election of Council officers appeared to vary from the printed agenda and questioned why. Sen. President Butland responded that there appeared to be an interest in resolving the Joint Rules before the Council elected its officers; and Rep. Carleton offered to withdraw his motion if that was desirable. He did not withdraw it, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Council tabled all other items on the printed agenda.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m., on the motion of Sen. Bustin (second by Rep. Jacques; unanimous).

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PRESENTATION

## AGENDA

[Thursday, December 29, 1994, 9:00 a.m., Room 334]

- Cable channel 21 monitor screens located in:
  - ✓ State House  
3rd floor Rotunda  
or  
1st floor (snack bar or west elevator area, or Labor committee/west entrance/elevator foyer)
  - ✓ State Office Building  
1st floor elevator waiting area
- Legislative Information Office will insert and update the following information for display:
  - ✓ Legislative committee hearings [schedules and changes]  
dates/times/locations/LDs
  - ✓ Work sessions [schedules and changes]  
dates/times/locations/LDs
  - ✓ Senate and House sessions [schedules and changes]
  - ✓ Legislative Council meetings [schedules and changes]
  - ✓ Reminders/Notices for Legislators: Legislative Tours, Meetings, etc.
  - ✓ Other information as requested by Legislative Council
- Demonstration
- ☺ MEMA has the 2 monitors and <sup>can</sup> will afford the wiring.
- ✻ Legislative notices/information screen will sequence with other screens on a timer schedule, ie. weather, emergency notices, etc.