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124TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
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MEETING SUMMARY
APRIL 6, 2010
APPROVED MAY 26, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Legislative Council Chair, Speaker Pingree called the April 2010 Legislative Council meeting to order at 1:18 P.M. in the Legislative Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Senate President Elizabeth Mitchell, Sen. Philip Bartlett, Sen. Lisa Marraché, Sen. Kevin Raye, Sen. Jonathan Courtney

Representatives: Speaker Hannah Pingree, Rep. John Piotti, Rep. Seth Berry, Rep. Joshua Tardy, Rep. Philip Curtis

Legislative Officers: Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House
Michael Cote, Assistant Clerk of the House
David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Patrick Norton, Director, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library
Scott Clark, Director, LIS

Chair Pingree convened the meeting at 1:18 P.M. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 25, 2010 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary of March 25, 2010 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Bartlett. Second by Representative Berry. **Motion passed unanimous.**
(10-0)

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report
(No Report)

Fiscal Report
(No Report)

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

(No Report)

2. State House Facilities Committee

(No Report)

3. Budget Subcommittee

(No Report)

4. CSG Annual Meeting Planning Subcommittee

(No Report)

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 1: Legislative Council Actions Taken by Ballot

A copy of the list of actions taken by ballot by the Legislative Council since its March 25, 2010 meeting was included in the Council's packet of information. No further action by the Legislative Council was required.

Chair Pingree then proceeded to **Item 1** under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests / Addendum

The Legislative Council considered and acted on two after deadline bill requests. The Legislative Council's actions on these requests are included on the attached list.

ITEM #2: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests

Mr. Boulter reviewed the suggested protocol for authorizing legislative studies and the policy matters that require a council decision, as follows:

- The Council will review study requests alphabetically by policy area.
- Voting will be by a show of hands, and each Legislative Council member's vote on each study will be recorded. The record of each vote will be made available for public inspection following the meeting. A 2/3rd majority is required to authorize any study reporting to a subsequent Legislature.

- Unless otherwise specified by the Legislative Council, authorized studies are to be drafted consistent with applicable standards and policies approved by the Council. Floor amendments to authorized studies making Council-authorized changes will be prepared in the name of the Senate Majority Leader.
- **Number of authorized meetings and meeting location:** Unless otherwise specified by the Legislative Council, the number of study meetings is not to exceed four (4) and meetings are to be held in the Augusta area.
- **Studies conducted using non-General Fund sources:** When a study committee is required to be funded by outside funds, the study committee may not convene until sufficient funds are received to pay for the study.
- **Interim committee meetings:** Unless authorized by law or joint order, joint standing committees may not meet during the interim for any purpose without the prior written approval of the presiding officers. Committees wishing to meet must submit a written request to meet to the presiding officers indicating the number of meetings requested, the purpose of the meetings and the date of the meeting. Committee clerks will not be authorized for interim committee meetings.

Motion: That the suggested protocol be adopted. **Motion passed, unanimous (10-0).**

Ten (10) legislative study and interim committee requests were reviewed and decided by the Legislative Council. Results are attached.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M. Motion by Senator Bartlett. Second by Representative Berry. **Motion to adjourn passed, unanimous. (9-0)** [Representative Tardy absent for vote.]