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129<sup>TH</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
June 17, 2019  
Approved July 10, 2019 by ballot**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jackson called the June 17, 2019 meeting of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council to order at 3:49 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Libby, Senator Vitelli and Senator Dow  
Absent: Senator Timberlake (arrived late)  
Representatives: Speaker Gideon, Representative Moonen, Representative Fecteau, Representative Dillingham and Representative Stewart  
Legislative Officers: Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House  
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director  
Jackie Little, Human Resources Director  
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review  
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library

President Jackson convened the meeting at 3:49 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF APRIL 25, 2019 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for May 23, 2019 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Stewart. Second by Speaker Gideon. **Motion passed unanimously (9-0-0-1, with Senator Timberlake absent).**

**REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES**

There were no reports from the Executive Director and Council Offices.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### Personnel Committee

Speaker Gideon reported that the Personnel Committee met on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to consider the following matter:

- Political Activity of Committee Clerks

The committee reviewed the *Personnel Policies and Guidelines* regarding political activity of committee clerks and also nonpartisan staff. The committee provided direction to Mr. Pennoyer and Ms. Little for how to proceed. It is expected that these changes will be discussed during the Interim as part of the personnel policy updates.

### State House Facilities Committee

No Report

## OLD BUSINESS

### Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

#### Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

#### **LR 2532      An Act Regarding the Baiting of Deer**

Submitted by: Senator Paul Davis

Date: May 28, 2019

Vote: 7-3-0-0 Passed (with Reps. Fecteau, Dillingham and Stewart opposed)

#### **LR 2515      Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Indian Purchase Township the Detective Benjamin Campbell Bridge**

Submitted by: Senator James Dill

Date: May 28, 2019

Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

#### **LR 2499      Resolve, To Increase Funding for Evidence-based Therapies for Treating Emotional and Behavioral Problems in Children**

Submitted by: Representative Colleen Madigan

Date: May 28, 2019

Vote: 6-4-0-0 Passed (with Sens. Dow and Timberlake and Reps. Dillingham and Stewart opposed)

#### **LR 2482      An Act To Provide a Workers' Compensation Tax Credit for Certain Businesses**

Submitted by: Representative Michael Sylvester

Date: May 28, 2019

Vote: 6-4-0-0 Passed (with Sens. Dow and Timberlake and Reps. Dillingham and Stewart opposed)

**LR 2519      An Act To Require the Negotiation of a Per-megawatt Fee for the Energy Transmitted over the Central Maine Power Company Hydro Quebec Corridor Line**

Submitted by: Representative Jeffrey Hanley  
 Date: May 28, 2019  
 Vote: 3-7-0-0 Failed (with Sens. Jackson, Libby, Vitelli and Timberlake and Reps. Moonen, Fecteau and Dillingham opposed)

**LR 2547      An Act To Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department Employees**

Submitted by: Judicial Department  
 Date: May 29, 2019  
 Vote: 8-2-0-0 Passed (with Sen. Timberlake and Rep. Dillingham opposed)

**LR 2539      An Act To Provide Funds to Continue the Statewide Online Advanced Placement Course Program Provided by the Department of Education in Partnership with the University of Maine at Fort Ken**

Submitted by: Senator Matthew Pouliot  
 Date: May 30, 2019  
 Vote: 8-2-0-0 Passed (with Reps. Fecteau and Dillingham opposed)

**LR 2560      Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy**

Submitted by: Office of Marijuana Policy  
 Date: June 5, 2019  
 Vote: 9-1-0-0 Passed (with Sen. Timberlake opposed)

**Legislative Council Decisions:**

**Motion:**      **That the Legislative Council approve the Commission to Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues established in LD 1001 An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021 that will incur \$2,750 in costs to the Legislature in fiscal year 2019-20. And further that the Legislative Council approves this commission as non-conforming with the provisions of Joint Rule 353.**

Motion by: President Jackson    Second by: Speaker Gideon  
 Date: June 14, 2019  
 Vote: 7-3-0-0 Passed (with Sens. Dow and Timberlake and Rep. Dillingham opposed)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #1: Placement of the Honorable Service Plaque**

Mr. Pennoyer reviewed the proposed placement of the Honorable Service Plaque. It is recommended that the plaque be placed in the Hall of Flags next to the Plaque Honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Legion on the wall above the posting board next to the Governor's office.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approves the recommended placement of the Honorable Service Plaque in the Hall of Flags. Motion by Speaker Gideon. Second by Representative Stewart. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

**Item #2: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests**

The Legislative Council considered and voted on the legislative study requests in accordance with the established protocol. Of the 19 studies listed, the council authorized 15 studies, 3 were held for carryover and 1 was previously approved by ballot. The Legislative Council's actions on the legislative studies are included on the attached list.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

**Legislative Council**  
**Action Taken on Legislative Studies**  
**June 17, 2019**

<b>HP 1307</b>	Joint Order, Establishing the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act	Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>LD 40</b>	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Children's Mental Health	Commission To Study Children's Mental Health	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>LD 592</b>	Resolve, To Establish a Background Check Consolidation Commission	Background Check Consolidation Commission	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>
<b>LD 636</b>	An Act to Require Law Enforcement Officers to Wear Body Cameras	Work Group to Study the Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>
<b>LD 829</b>	Resolve, To Reestablish the Commission To Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners	Commission To Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners	<b>PASSED AS AMENDED</b>
<b>LD 852</b>	Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Disabilities	Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Disabilities	<b>PASSED AS AMENDED</b>
<b>LD 1001</b> Pt BBBBB	An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021	Commission to Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues	<b>APPROVED BY BALLOT (Included in the Budget)</b>
<b>LD 1229</b>	Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study and Develop Recommendations To Address Guardianship Challenges That Delay Patient Discharges from Hospitals	Committee To Study and Develop Recommendations To Address Guardianship Challenges That Delay Patient Discharges from Hospitals	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>
<b>LD 1602</b>	Resolve, Establishing the Working Group on Mental Health	Working Group on Mental Health	<b>PASSED AS AMENDED</b>
<b>LD 1614</b>	Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry	Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>LD 1342</b>	An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute	Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute Steering Committee	<b>PASSED AS AMENDED</b>
<b>LD 1679</b>	An Act to Establish the Maine Climate Change Council to Assist Maine to Mitigate, Prepare for and Adapt to Climate Change	Maine Climate Change Council Scientific and Technical Subcommittee Working Groups (6 groups)	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>LD 1778</b>	An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning the Children's Cabinet and Its Advisory Councils	Child Care Advisory Council (repealed) Maine Children's Growth Council (repealed) Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council	<b>PASSED</b>

<b>HP 1277</b>	Joint Order, Requiring the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety To Study the Stabilization of Funding for the County Jails and the Regional Jail	Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety	PASSED
<b>LD 1001 Pt VVVV (LD 512)</b>	Resolve, To Create the Task Force To Study and Plan for the Implementation of Maine's Early Childhood Special Education Services	Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs	PASSED (Included in the Budget)
<b>LD 945</b>	An Act To Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission To Study and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems	Blue Ribbon Commission To Study and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems	PASSED AS AMENDED
<b>LD 764</b>	Resolve, To Create the Criminal Records Review Advisory Committee	Criminal Records Review Advisory Committee	PASSED
<b>LD 1036</b>	Resolve, Establishing a Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System To Support Workforce Development	Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System	PASSED AS AMENDED
<b>LD 1324</b>	Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security	Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security	PASSED