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131<sup>ST</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
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REP. AMY ARATA

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
February 16, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jackson called the February 16, 2023 meeting of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislative Council to order at 2:26 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Stewart and Senator Keim

Representatives: Speaker Talbot Ross, Representative Terry, Representative Cloutier, Representative Faulkingham and Representative Arata

Legislative Officers: Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate  
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House  
Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
Ed Charbonneau, Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review  
Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

President Jackson convened the meeting at 2:26 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF JANUARY 26, 2023 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for January 26, 2023 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Speaker Talbot Ross. Second by Senator Vitelli. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

President Jackson asked if there was any objection to taking items out of order. There was no objection. The Chair then moved on to Item #1 under **New Business**.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests and Joint Resolutions

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on eight (8) after deadline bill requests and five (5) Joint Resolutions. The Legislative Council accepted for introduction eight (8) after deadline bill requests, and rejected five (5) Joint Resolutions. The Legislative Council's action on the requests is attached to this meeting summary.

Following the Legislative Council's consideration of requests for after deadline bills and joint resolutions, the President returned to the printed agenda.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTORS

### Fiscal Report

Christopher Nolan, Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, presented the fiscal report found in the agenda packet.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

## OLD BUSINESS

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

#### Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

**LR 2439      An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath**

Submitted by: Senator Eloise Vitelli  
Date: February 13, 2023  
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

**LR 2453      An Act to Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley to Allow for Workforce Housing**

Submitted by: Senator Russell Black  
Date: February 14, 2023  
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

## NEW BUSINESS

### Item #2: Acceptance of the Report of the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program

The Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State submitted its report for acceptance by the Legislative Council.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council accept and place on file the report of the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program. Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by Representative Cloutier. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-1).**

**Item #3: Acceptance of the Report of the Committee to Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder**

The Committee to Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder submitted its report for acceptance by the Legislative Council.

**Item #4: Acceptance of the Report of the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole**

The Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole submitted its report for acceptance by the Legislative Council.

**Item #5: Acceptance of the Report of the Washington County Development Authority**

The Washington County Development Authority submitted its report for acceptance by the Legislative Council.

**Item #6: Acceptance of the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee**

The Right to Know Advisory Committee submitted its seventeenth annual report for acceptance by the Legislative Council.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council accept and place on file the reports of:

- The Committee to Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder;
- The Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole;
- The Washington County Development Authority; and
- The Right to Know Advisory Committee.

Motion by Senator Stewart. Second by Representative Terry. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-1).**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

Senator Stewart expressed his thanks to the members of the Legislative Council who had attended the Aroostook Day reception held the previous evening.

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.