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**June 24, 2025
3:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

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		CALL TO ORDER	
		ROLL CALL	
1		SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 24, 2025 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	Decision
		REPORTS FROM STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS	
		None	
		OLD BUSINESS	
7	Item #1	Council Actions Taken by Ballot (No Action Required)	Information
		NEW BUSINESS	
Separate Notebook	Item #1	Consideration of Legislative Study Request <ul style="list-style-type: none">Suggested Protocol for Considering Proposes StudiesConsideration of Proposed Legislative Studies	Decision Roll Call Vote
9	Item #2	Proposed Second Session Cloture Schedule and Related Dates (Ed Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes)	Decision
12	Item #3	Consideration of Use of Social Media to Expand Access to Legislative Proceedings	Decision

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
April 24, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Fecteau called the April 24, 2025 meeting of the 132nd Legislative Council to order at 1:44 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Daughtry, Senator Pierce, Senator Duson, and Senator Harrington
Representatives:	Speaker Fecteau, Representative Moonen (via Zoom), Representative Gramlich, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Smith
Absent:	Senator Stewart and Representative Faulkingham
Legislative Officers:	Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director, 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

Speaker Fecteau convened the meeting at 1:44 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

Speaker Fecteau announced his intention to take items out of order, and hearing no objection, moved to **New Business Item #1**.

NEW BUSINESS

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

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on nine (9) after deadline bill requests and two (2) Joint Resolutions. With respect to the after-deadline bill requests, the Legislative Council accepted for introduction four (4), rejected four (4), and tabled one (1). In addition, the Council rejected two (2) requests for 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 Speaker returned to the printed agenda.

SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2025 MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for February 27, 2025 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by President Daughtry. Second by Senator Harrington.
Motion passed (7-0-0-2, with Senator Stewart, Representative Moonen and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent).

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 2430 An Act to Amend Maine's Good Samaritan Laws

Submitted by: Senator Rachel Talbot Ross

Date: March 12, 2025

Vote: 6-1-0-3 Passed (with Representative Smith recorded as voting against and Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

LR 2496 An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2025-26

Submitted by: Representative Kristen Cloutier
Date: March 25, 2025
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Representative Smith, Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

LR 2510 An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings Conducted by the City of South Portland

Submitted by: Senator Anne Carney
Date: April 1, 2025
Vote: 6-1-0-3 Passed (with Senator Harrington recorded as voting against and Representative Smith, Senator Stewart, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

LR 2482 An Act to Ensure Public Access to Conservation Land by Providing Protections from Liability to Landowners

Submitted by: Senator Stacy Brenner
Date: March 24, 2025
Vote: 7-2-0-1 Passed (with Representative Fecteau and Representative Smith recorded as voting against and Representative Gramlich recorded as absent)

NEW BUSINESS.

Item #2: Adoption of the *Legislative Council Policy on Legislative Studies for the 132nd Legislature*

Ms. Gresser reviewed the *Legislative Council Policy on Legislative Studies for the 132nd Legislature* and explained that this policy is required under the Joint Rules.

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the *Legislative Council Policy on Legislative Studies for the 132nd Legislature*. Motion by President Daughtry. Second by Senator Pierce. **Motion passed unanimously (7-0-0-3**, with Senator Stewart, Representative Moonen and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

Item #3: Reimbursement to Legislators for Postal Boxes

Speaker Fecteau explained that a number of House members have conveyed their wish to obtain postal boxes in order to have the postal box listed as their address on the Legislature's website, and that some members asked about the possibility of reimbursement for the cost associated with the postal box. Speaker Fecteau noted that, if the Legislative Council were to authorize the expenditure of funds for such reimbursement, receipts could be required. President Daughtry suggested referring the item to the Legislative Budget Subcommittee.

Motion: That the issue of reimbursement to Legislators for the costs of postal boxes be referred to the Legislative Budget Subcommittee of the Legislative Council. Motion by President Daughtry. Second by Senator Duson. **Motion passed (6-1-0-3**, with Senator Harrington recorded as opposed, and Senator Stewart, Representative Moonen, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

With no other public business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

**132nd Maine State Legislature
First Regular Session, First Special Session**

**Legislative Council Actions Taken on Requests to
Introduce Legislation and Joint Resolutions at
Legislative Council Held on April 24, 2025**

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR: Rep. Amy Arata

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2513	An Act to Delay Implementation of the 2021 Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Until No Earlier than January 20, 2029	Failed
2535	An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of PFAS	<u>Action</u> Passed

SPONSOR: Sen. Sue Bernard

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2494	An Act to Provide Funding to Address the Management of Spruce Budworms	Failed

SPONSOR: Rep. Stephan M. Bunker

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2491	An Act to Extend the Probationary Period for Public Safety Dispatchers	Failed

SPONSOR: Rep. Jim Dill

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2509	An Act to Fund MaineCare	Passed

SPONSOR: Rep. Valli Genevieve Geiger

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2515	An Act to Allow the Plantation of Matinicus to Issue a Revenue Bond for Urgently Needed Repairs to the Plantation's Electrical Grid	Passed

SPONSOR: Rep. Tavis Rock Hasenfus

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2534	An Act to Update the State of Mind Requirement for Certain Provisions of the Law Governing the Crime of Gross Sexual Assault	Tabled

SPONSOR: Rep. Holly B. Stover

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2492	An Act to Protect Maine's Coastal Heritage and Economy by Supporting the Maine Sea Grant Program Within the University of Maine System	Passed

SPONSOR: Rep. David Woodsome

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2512	An Act Regarding Posting of Legal Notices and Legal Advertising	Failed

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SPONSOR: Rep. Mana H. Abdi

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1978	JOINT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT	Failed

SPONSOR: Rep. Anne P. Graham

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2521	JOINT RESOLUTION, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXTEND ENHANCED TAX CREDITS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT	Failed

Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
April 24, 2025 Council Meeting

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 2541 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development

Submitted by: Department of Environmental Protection
Date: May 9, 2025
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Smith recorded as absent)

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That the Legislative Council extend the end date of one limited-period Grade 6 position from June 7, 2025 through the end of the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature, to be implemented by allotting unspent balances in the Legislative General Fund account; and further, that the Legislative Council direct the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing documentation reflecting this decision of the Legislative Council to the Bureau of the Budget.

Motion by: President Daughtry
Date: June 9, 2025
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

Motion: That, upon recommendation of the Legislative Budget Subcommittee, the Legislative Council authorize and increase in the number of weeks of one Executive Secretary position in the Office of the Clerk of the House from 42 weeks to 52 weeks; and further,

The Legislative Council authorize an adjustment to the position count for the position from .808 FTE to one legislative position count in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1664; and further,

The Legislative Council directs the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting the decisions of the Legislative council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor's budget bill, LD 210.

Motion by: President Daughtry
Date: June 9, 2025
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

Motion: That, upon recommendation of the Legislative Budget Subcommittee, the Legislative Council authorize the following changes to the baseline budget for the Legislature:

Reduce funding for the Miscellaneous Studies – Legislative General Fund account by \$4,500, and increase funding for the Legislative General Fund account by \$4,500, for the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination; and further

That the Legislative Council directs the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting the decisions of the Legislative Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor’s budget bill, LD 210.

Motion by: Speaker Fecteau
Date: June 9, 2025
Vote: 10-0-0 Passed

Motion: That, upon recommendation of the Legislative Budget Subcommittee, the Legislative Council authorize the following adjustments to the Legislature’s budget:

Appropriate \$422,126 in FY 26 and \$432,331 in FY 27 for video and audio streaming, video conferencing, software subscriptions and other technology costs, and lapse an amount in each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 biennium from unspent balances in the legislative accounts sufficient to offset the additional General Fund appropriation; and further

That the Legislative Council directs the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting the decisions of the Legislative Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor’s budget bill, LD 210.

Motion by: Speaker Fecteau
Date: June 9, 2025
Vote: 10-0-0 Passed



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To: Members of the Legislative Council of the 132nd Legislature
From: Edward A. Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes
RE: Proposed Second Session Cloture Schedule and Related Dates
Date: June 24, 2025

Pursuant to Joint Rule 203, the Legislative Council is charged with establishing the cloture date and procedures for submission of legislation for each second regular session. Attached for your review and consideration is a proposed schedule that establishes dates and deadlines for cloture and related events for the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature; this schedule is based on the schedule used for at least the last 4 second regular sessions to align with the previously scheduled Council meetings.

Consistent with the Joint Rules and past Legislative Council practice and policy, the schedule requires that:

- Bill requests be accompanied on or before the cloture date by sufficient instructions from which a bill may be fully drafted;
- If a bill is to be drafted by an outside source, the final draft must be submitted to the Revisor's Office by the cloture date; and
- Departments and agencies must submit final drafts by the cloture date.

During the time between cloture and the meeting of the Legislative Council to undertake the initial screening of Legislators' bill requests, the Revisor's Office will prepare and distribute a packet that lists all of the requests filed by Legislators that are subject to the Council's vote. Each request to be voted upon will be indexed by subject matter and given a brief summary by the Revisor's Office. The office, with the assistance of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, will also identify requests that appear to be closely related to other requests, to bills carried over to the Second Regular Session, or to bills that might be considered finally rejected in the First Regular Session or First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature. The packet also includes a list of those bills carried over and a list of bill titles submitted by executive and independent agencies, which, traditionally, have not been subject to the screening process.

After the initial screening of Legislators' requests and decision by the Legislative Council, the Revisor's Office will compile the results and notify each individual Legislator of the Council's actions and provide instructions on the procedure to follow if a Legislator wishes to appeal a decision of the Legislative Council regarding that Legislator's bill request.

A supplemental volume will be prepared and distributed between the appeal deadline and the meeting of the Council to hear those appeals.

The schedule also includes the option of a bill signing day, which is traditionally scheduled in mid-December prior to the convening of the Second Regular Session to ensure that all bills that have been drafted will be signed and ready for introduction when the Legislature convenes in January. The proposed schedule suggests a mid-December bill signing day in order to enable the coordination of this year's bill signing day with any Legislator training sessions that may be scheduled, but does not suggest a specific day.

For an idea of the number of bill requests that you may encounter this fall, in the 131st Legislature, out of 290 pre-cloture Legislator-filed bill requests, the Legislative Council accepted 100; in the 130th Legislature, out of 339 pre-cloture Legislator-filed bill requests, the Legislative Council accepted a total of 154. In the 129th Legislature, out of 397 pre-cloture Legislator-filed bill requests, the Legislative Council accepted a total of 159. In the 128th Legislature, out of 289 pre-cloture Legislator-filed bill requests, the Legislative Council accepted a total of 96. In the 127th Legislature, out of 414 pre-cloture Legislator-filed bill requests, the Legislative Council accepted a total of 91. For all of those years, most of the bills were completed and signed on the applicable bill signing day and transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House for printing and referral to committees before the Second Regular Session convened. Departments and agencies were also subject to the bill signing day, and most of their pre-cloture bill requests were also completed and sent to the chambers before the session convened.

If I can provide you any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

cc: Suzanne M. Gresser, Executive Director

132nd LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF LEGISLATOR REQUESTS
TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION

September 26th (Friday) 4 p.m.	Filing Deadline (Cloture) * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislators (with sufficient information to fully draft; OR if outside entity is providing draft, with the final draft) Departments/Agencies (final drafts)
October 23rd (Thursday) 10 a.m.	Legislative Council meeting – Consideration of Legislators’ requests
October 24th (Friday)	Notice of Council’s action sent to sponsors
November 5th (Wednesday)	Deadline for filing appeals*
November 20th (Thursday) 10 a.m.	Legislative Council meeting to consider appeals
Mid-December (tentative)	Bill Signing Day (subject to approval by Presiding Officers)
January 7th (Wednesday)	Legislature convenes

* Legislators are encouraged to file bill requests well in advance of this deadline.

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10/13: Indigenous Peoples Day 11/11: Veterans Day
11/27-11/28: Thanksgiving 12/25: Christmas Day

STATE OF MAINE

In House_____

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Office of the Executive Director of the Maine Legislature shall develop a series of recommendations for using social media to expand public access to proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives and to meetings of committees. The recommendations must include the development of applications to make the proceedings and meetings available on streaming platforms such as Roku and Amazon as well as broadcast and simulcast of proceedings on social media platforms, including, but not limited to, Facebook and X, formerly known as Twitter, while ensuring the security of the broadcast against unauthorized access or control. In developing the recommendations, the office shall explore the reintroduction of broadcast and simulcast of committee YouTube channels that were established during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Office of the Executive Director shall submit its findings and recommendations, including an estimate of the cost and time needed to implement the recommendations, to the Legislative Council no later than December 15, 2025.

SPONSORED BY: _____

(Representative TUELL, W.)

TOWN: East Machias