129TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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 129th 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 23rd 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:

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Submitted by:  
Date:          
Vote:  

LR 2532  
Submitted by: Senator Paul Davis  
Date: May 28, 2019  
Vote: 7-3-0-0 Passed (with Reps. Fecteau, Dillingham and Stewart opposed)

LR 2515  
Submitted by: Senator James Dill  
Date: May 28, 2019  
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

LR 2499  
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  
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)
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)

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)

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 Kent

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

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 100th 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
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**June 17, 2019**

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