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

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| 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 Dusen. **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.

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