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130TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
October 25, 2021
Approved November 18, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Fecteau called the October 25, 2021 meeting of the 130th Legislative Council to order at 11:05 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Timberlake and Senator Pouliot

Representatives: Speaker Fecteau, Representative Dunphy, Representative Talbot Ross, Representative Dillingham and Representative Stetkis

Legislative Officers: Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House
Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director
Edward Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Nik Rende, Director, Director, Legislative Information Technology
Jackie Little, Human Resources Director

Speaker Fecteau convened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 7, 2021 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for October 7, 2021 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by President Jackson. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, submitted the written report found in the agenda packet.

Studies Report

Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, submitted the written studies report found in the agenda packet.

Speaker Fecteau indicated, without objection, that he would present the Personnel Committee's report later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for 130th Legislature, Second Regular Session

Ms. Gresser presented the proposed Document Service fee schedule submitted by Clerk of the House, Robert Hunt, for the Second Regular Session. The fees remain the same as the First Regular Session.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approves proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for the 130th Legislature Second Regular Session. Motion by Representative Talbot Ross. Second by Representative Dillingham. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

Item #2: Legislative Council meeting schedule for 2022

Ms. Gresser reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the Legislative Council for 2022.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the 2022 Legislative Council meeting schedule. Motion by Senator Vitelli. Second by Representative Dunphy. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0-0-0).**

Item #3: Procedures for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests and Consideration of Bill Requests for the Second Regular Session.

Ms. Gresser reviewed the procedures for the review of Legislative Bill Requests and the proposed protocol for deciding those requests.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approves the proposed protocol for deciding Legislative Bill Requests. Motion by Senator Timberlake. Second by Representative Talbot Ross. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on three hundred twenty-nine (329) bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized one hundred seven (107) bills for introduction in the Second Regular Session, and tabled four (4) bill requests. Three (3) bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsors prior to the Legislative Council's vote. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

Speaker Fecteau returned to an agenda item that had been deferred, and presented a report from a Council Committee.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Speaker Fecteau reported that the Personnel Committee met earlier today to consider Collective Bargaining. Ms. Gresser briefed the committee about recent collective bargaining negotiations with MSEA. This item will be discussed later in today's meeting.

The Legislative Council then returned to the other items on the agenda.

Item #4: Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Matters and Employment Terms and Conditions for Certain Legislative Employees

Motion: That in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405, sub§ 6, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations. Motion by Speaker Fecteau. Second by Representative Dunphy. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

The Legislative Council entered into an executive session at 12:49 p.m. At the conclusion of its executive session, on a motion by Rep. Daughtry, seconded by Representative Dillingham, the Legislative Council voted unanimously to end its executive session at 1:03 p.m. and reconvene its regular meeting during which the following motion regarding collective bargaining was made.

Motion: That pursuant to its authority under 26 MRSA, §979-A, sub-§5, the Legislative Council of the 130th Legislature ratify the collective bargaining agreement for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 that was negotiated and tentatively agreed to by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Maine Service Employees Association on October 14, 2021. Further, that the Legislative Council authorize the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to carry out the terms of this Agreement; Further, that upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council exercise its right to adopt the revisions to its personnel policies, pending agreement from the respective authorities, to apply personnel policies and benefit provisions that are comparable to those contained in the aforementioned ratified collective bargaining agreement; and direct its Executive Director to incorporate as appropriate and administer those provisions. Motion by Speaker Fecteau. Second by Rep. Dillingham. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Senator Vitelli asked for clarification on the upcoming dates for appeal. Speaker Fecteau confirmed with staff that November 1st is the deadline for bill sponsors to file appeals of bills that were not accepted by the Legislative Council at today's meeting, and the Legislative Council would meet to consider appeals on November 18th.

President Jackson asked staff if they could provide regular updates on sales tax revenue generated by sales of adult use marijuana and medical marijuana.

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.