

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 9, 1988

REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Summary of February 2, 1988, Council Meeting

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1. Additional Items for Supplemental Budget Request

Item #2. Requests from Standing Committees for Presentations by  
Non-partisan Staff

~~NEW~~  
~~OLD~~ BUSINESS

Item #1: Maine State Government Financial and Administrative  
Systems Plan: Submission of Executive Summary from  
Jean Mattimore, Commissioner of Finance.

Item #2: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee's Annual  
Report (Memorandum from Rollin Ives, Commissioner  
Department of Human Services)

Item #3: After Deadline Requests

SEN. CHARLES P. PRAY  
CHAIRMAN

REP. JOHN L. MARTIN  
VICE-CHAIRMAN



STATE OF MAINE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
STATE HOUSE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

SEN. NANCY RANDALL CLARK  
SEN. DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE  
SEN. THOMAS R. PERKINS  
SEN. CHARLES M. WEBSTER  
REP. JOHN N. DIAMOND  
REP. DAN A. GWADOSKY  
REP. THOMAS W. MURPHY, JR.  
REP. EUGENE J. PARADIS

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1988**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chamber by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 3:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: Sen. Clark, Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Perkins,  
Sen. Pray, Sen. Webster

Representatives: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Martin,  
Rep. Paradis, Rep. Murphy

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond	Executive Director, Legislative Council
Peter Siegel	Law Librarian
Bent Schlosser	Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
David Silsby	Revisor of Statutes
Helen Ginder	Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
John H. Bailey	Director, Information Systems

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Summaries of the Council's January 6, 7, 19 and 25 meetings were approved and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Request For Additional Staff Assistance For  
Committee On Audit And Program Review.

The letter from Senator Bustin, Senate Chair of the Committee on Audit and Program Review, requested that additional staff be assigned to the Committee to assist in a special study of enforcement within the Department of Environmental Protection.

Brief discussion regarding the request reflected consensus among the members that it was impossible during the legislative session to free any member of the non-partisan staff from other assigned responsibilities for projects such as that proposed by the Audit Committee.

Motion: That the request be denied. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).

Speaker Martin then suggested that the presiding officers meet with both Chairs of the Committee to further discuss the request. (No Council action necessary).

Item #2: Legislature's Supplemental Budget Request.

Ms. Diamond reported that she had just been notified that the Legislature's request for supplemental funds for the current fiscal year had been scheduled for public hearing on Thursday, February 11, at 1 p.m.

In response to a question from Sen. Pray regarding the current status of the request, Ms. Diamond noted that the original request for \$865,000 which the Council had reviewed at its December 22 meeting, was in the Governor's budget. This request will have to be adjusted to reflect any Council action since December that has fiscal implications, and Ms. Diamond reported that she would provide Council members with a revised budget prior to the next Council meeting. (No Council action necessary).

Item #3: Anniversary

Ms. Diamond noted that John Selser, Analyst in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, had completed his eleventh year of legislative service.

Item #4: New Hire

Ms. Diamond reported that she had approved the hiring of Charlene Brann for the position of Secretary (Salary Range 3) in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis to fill a vacant position. Ms. Brann will assume her duties on February 8, 1988.

Motion: That Items 2-4 in the Director's Report be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request from Joint Select Committee on Corrections.

A letter from Sen. Bustin and Rep. Baker, Committee Chairs, requested Council authorization to extend both the Committee's study through December 31, 1988, and the contract with Annika Lane to provide staff assistance to the Committee throughout that period.

Motion: That the request be approved. (Motion by Rep. Martin; WITHDRAWN).

Motion: That the request be approved through June 30, 1988. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Martin, unanimous).

Item #2: Request from the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Regulation of Health Care Expenditures.

A letter from Sen. Gauvreau, Commission Chair, requested Council authorization to hire Annika Lane to provide staff assistance to the Commission on a half-time basis through December, 1988. Ms. Diamond noted that Ms. Lane had been working with John Selser to staff the Commission throughout the interim, and that Mr. Selser's staff assignments during the Regular Session would conflict with the Commission's schedule. Sen. Pray noted that the Legislature was fortunate to have someone with Ms. Lane's experience and skills available to assist with both of these important studies.

Motion: That the Commission's request be approved. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #3: Requests to Extend Reporting Dates.

- Commission on Sport Fisheries, to December 1, 1988.

Motion: That the request be approved (Motion by Sen. Webster; second by Sen. Dutremble, unanimous).

Motion: That the Executive Director be directed to work with the Commission Chair and staff to determine the potential that the extension would incur costs in excess of the Commission's FY 88 budget. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Diamond; unanimous).

- Special Commission To Study School Entrance Age and Preschool Services, to 114th Legislature, First Regular Session.

Motion: That the request be approved. (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark).

Discussion: Rep. Martin raised the issue of authorizing the extension of studies so that the commissions would be reporting to a new Legislature: he noted that the potential turnover in legislative membership on any Commission might diminish the follow-up on studies and any accompanying legislation. In addition, history suggests that a new Legislature which has not been involved in either approving or conducting the study often prefers to restudy the issue.

Rep. Murphy observed that the body of research regarding school entrance age was complete, and that no new information would surface between now and December. Rep. Handy, Commission Co-Chair, noted that the Commission had moved from the issue of entrance age to the broader issue of early childhood and preschool education and felt that the programmatic issues were tied to entrance age.

Rep. Diamond amended his original motion:

Motion: That the Commission be authorized to extend its work until the end of the Session, with a preliminary report due on April 1, and a final report deadline of June 15, 1988. (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

- Joint Standing Committee On Utilities, to February 29, 1988.

Motion: That the request be approved. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).

Item #4: Submission of Interim Study Report.

Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources:  
Study of Paralytic Shellfish Monitoring

Motion: That the report be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).

Item #5: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on Education

A letter from Sen. Estes and Rep. Bost, Committee Chairs, requested Council authorization to conduct two additional site visits to school districts: one to a school in the Unorganized Territory and one to an island school. The Council had previously authorized the Committee to conduct a series of visits to schools throughout the State during the interim.

Motion: That the request be approved. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Diamond).

Amended Motion: Rep. Diamond requested Sen. Clark's approval to amend the motion:

Motion: That the Education Committee Chairs be authorized to appoint two subcommittees of no more than 5 members each to conduct each visit and, further, that these visits be conducted on a Friday.

(Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Rep. Martin; approved 6-4).

Item #6: After Deadline Requests

The Legislative Council considered After Deadline Requests. A summary of the Council's action is attached.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Perkins; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous)



SARAH C. DIAMOND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

February 9, 1988

TO: Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chair  
and Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Sally *Sally*

SUBJECT: Adjustments to Legislature's Supplemental Request

At the December 22 Council meeting I presented budget status information which suggested that we needed a supplement to our original budget for Fiscal Year 1988. Following the discussion at that meeting I requested through Bill Buker that the following amounts be included in the Governor's printed budget:

Personal Services	\$305,000
All Other	<u>\$560,000</u>
TOTAL	\$865,000

Since the December meeting, the Council has approved other decisions which have an impact on our overall budget requirements. I have listed these on the attached page for you information and review.

Attachment

ITEMS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
SUBSEQUENT TO FILING OF SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

PERSONAL SERVICES

Legislative Interns (2)

Salary & Benefits \$ 15,750

Assistant Clerk of the House

Increase to longevity  
step on range 4,000

Increases in House & Senate Staff

(For Session employees;  
effective at beginning of  
2nd Regular Session) 12,000

TOTAL/PERSONAL SERVICES \$ 32,250

ALL OTHER

Contractual Services

Contract with Annika Lane  
as extended through  
June 30, 1988 \$ 21,000

TOTAL/ALL OTHER \$ 21,000

TOTAL: \$ 53,500

2/9/88



STATE OF MAINE  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND CONTROL  
STATE HOUSE STATION 14  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333  
TELEPHONE (207) 289-3781

TO: Sally Diamond, Executive Director  
Legislative Representation

FROM: Administrative Systems Plan Steering Committee

DATE: February 1, 1988

SUBJECT: Financial and Administrative Systems Plan Report

In October 1987, the Department of Finance and the Department of Administration jointly contracted with Price Waterhouse, an international accounting and consulting firm, to assist in the development of a strategic plan for updating the State's administrative and financial systems.

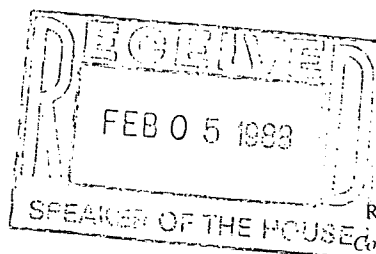
The goal of this project was to provide the Departments with a comprehensive and cohesive approach to meeting the common administrative and financial support system requirements of all State agencies into the 21st century.

The project has been guided by a Steering Committee composed of representatives of the Department of Finance and the Department of Administration as well as representatives of other State agencies. During the project, representatives of Price Waterhouse assisted by personnel from the State's Bureau of Data Processing met with over 100 officials of more than 30 State agencies to gather background information and data for this report. The progress of the project has also been reviewed by the Information Services Policy Board.

Attached is the Executive Summary of the report. The full report, approximately 140 pages, will be available, however we are attempting to limit its' distribution due to the cost of reproduction. The Executive Summary has a discussion of all of Price Waterhouse' findings and recommendations including a description of proposed systems, a timetable for design and implementation, preliminary cost estimates and an analysis of potential cost benefits to the State.

Please circulate the report to members of your agency who participated in the study, and to others who may be interested. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Steering Committee, listed in the Report.

John R. McKernan, Jr.  
Governor



Rollin Ives  
Commissioner

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

February 4, 1988

TO: Honorable Charles Pray, President of the Senate  
Honorable John Martin, Speaker of the House

FROM: Rollin Ives, Commissioner  
Department of Human Services

SUBJECT: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee's Annual Report

In accordance with P.L. 1983, Chapter 464, the Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee is required to submit to the Legislature an annual report. The purpose of this report is to present the legislature both the past and present substance abuse prevention, education, treatment and research activities throughout the State.

The report is now in final draft and will be sent out shortly to the Departments of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Corrections, and Educational and Cultural Services for final review and comment. Once this step is completed, the report will be printed and sent to the Legislature without hesitation. I therefore respectfully request that the legislative leadership extend the presentation date for this report. We anticipate the submission of this report to be the last week of February.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

/drs

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS

FEBRUARY 9, 1988

SPONSOR: Rep. McGowan

AN ACT To Extend The Hours Of The Night  
Coyote Hunting Season

SPONSOR: Sen. Kany

AN ACT Relating To Games Of Chance

AN ACT Creating A Model Ordinance For  
Guidelines For Home Construction Avoiding  
Radon Entry Problems

AN ACT To Require A Study Of Health  
Insurance For Part-Time Workers

SPONSOR: Rep. Holt

(Re a special luekemia research project  
by the Bureau of Health)

SPONSOR: Rep. Rolde

AN ACT to Provide Maine Residents Access  
to Graduate Social Work Education in  
Southern Maine

**SPONSOR: Sen. Dow**

(Re statutes regulating nursing education requirements as they pertain to licensed practical nurses)

**SPONSOR: Sen. Erwin**

AN ACT Concerning the Storage Use and Handling of Hazardous Material

**SPONSOR: Sen. Tuttle**

AN ACT to Extend the Time for Legislative Findings Relating to the 2 Inch Clam Law

**SPONSOR: Rep. Webster**

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District

**CO-SPONSOR: Sen. Gill**

#### **REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

**SPONSOR: Sen. Erwin**

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING OSHA TO INVESTIGATE INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY'S PLANT IN JAY, AND TO MAKE THEIR FINDINGS KNOWN TO THE MAINE PEOPLE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS

PENDING LETTER TO COUNCIL CHAIR

FEBRUARY 9, 1988

SPONSOR: Sen. Brannigan

LR 4817 AN ACT to Provide for a Prohibition on the Sale of  
Subsidiaries for a Limited Time.

SPONSOR: Rep. Martin

LR 4812 AN ACT to Give the Commissioner of the Department of  
Transportation Power to Condemn Existing Rail Lines for  
Transfer to Safe, Reliable and Efficient Rail Operators.

COSPONSORS:: Sen. Pray  
Rep. Carter  
Sen. Dutremble

SPONSOR: Rep. Melendy

LR 4809 AN ACT Concerning Safety Hazards on Maine Lakes.

LR 4815 AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue to Provide Funds to Create  
an Adaptive Equipment Loan Program.

REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Rep. Vose

LR 4811 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CEASE / /  
AND DESIST ALL EFFORTS TO CLOSE TWO COAST GUARD STATIONS IN  
MAINE

COSPONSOR: Rep. Martin  
Rep. Diamond  
Sen. Baldacci