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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1988
PRELIMINARY AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Summary of March 30, 1988, Council Meeting

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Item #1: Submission of Report pursuant to P.L. 1987, ch. 341 regarding Uncompensated Injured Persons (from George Storer, Motor Vehicle Division).
- Item #2: Request for Support from Maine Association of American Mothers, Inc. (Letter from Lillian H. Crowell, Secretary of the Association).
- Item #3: Request to Introduce Joint Resolution

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1988

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Speaker's Office by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 3:11 p.m..

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Rep. Paradis

Legislative Officers:

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the Council's March 22, 1988, meeting was approved and placed on file (Motion by Sen. Perkins; second by Rep. Martin; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Diamond, Executive Director of the Legislative Council, noted that the coming Friday, April 1, was Good Friday. The Council has, in previous years, authorized all legislative offices to maintain telephone coverage only after 12 noon on Good Friday. This year, however, Good Friday occurs at a peak in the legislative session when the emphasis is on redrafting. She recommended that Council members adopt a modified policy.

Motion: That the Executive Director and the presiding officers be authorized to work out a schedule for Good Friday. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous)

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on the Effective Utilitization of Legislative Space

Sen. Pray reported that although the entire committee had not met at one time, all members had seen the preliminary estimates for various projects under discussion. The estimates, prepared by the architect at the Committee's request, are "ball park"; none of the projects has been worked out in detail, and there are many unknowns. Sen. Pray pointed out that the Appropriations Committee was aware that the Council had been discussing a variety of projects and that it was important for the Council to submit a request to the Committee for inclusion in the Part II Budget.

Motion: That the concepts represented by each of the listed projects be adopted. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins; TABLED).

Discussion concerned both the specific projects and the best way to submit a request to the Appropriations Committee. Specific points included the following:

- Until the Committee and the Council have a better fix on the overall budget, it would be inappropriate to submit the entire request.
- Timing: projects of the scope contemplated can only be undertaken during the "long" interim; therefore, if the Council chooses to take no action this year, the work would be delayed for at least two years.

- Some members questioned the assumptions underlying some of the proposed projects. These included:
 - a) The decision to move all committee offices (for chairs and clerk) to the State House.
 - b) The proposal to provide work space for members of the rank and file. The Committee had placed a high priority on this project; but other members questioned whether this would only hasten the Legislature's evolution to a full-time body.
 - c) Location of the Press in the State House. Rep. Murphy asked whether the press had been consulted about the desirability of renovating the paint shop for a new press area. Ms. Diamond responded that members of the Press Corps had not been formally surveyed, but that there was general consensus that they would prefer that location to space in the State Office Building.

There being no further discussion, Sen. Pray put the tabled motion before the Council for consideration. The motion failed
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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: After Deadline Requests

After deadline requests were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

ADJOURNMENT


The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:55 (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

STATE OF MAINE

Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date March 30, 1988

To Sarah C. Diamond, Executive Director

Dept. Legislative Council

 George Storer, Director, Driver License
and Control

Dept. Motor Vehicle Division

Subject Uncompensated Injured Persons Data Collection

The enclosed lists of injury data for the months of Janauary and Febraury 1988 are forwarded in accordance with P.L. 1987, c. 341.

The list contains the names of those injured in an uninsured accident, other than the operator, along with the persons date of birth and address. Accident date and accident location have been added to the list in the event that such information may be useful in conducting the survey.

encl.

UNCOMPENSATED INJURED PERSONS DATA COLLECTION

Prepared by Secretary of State
Motor Vehicle Division

Injury Data

Name of Injured

Accident Data

Month of January 1988

Name	Date of Birth	Address	Acc.Date	Location	Police # Reel & frame
			1-2-88	Windham	
			1-2-88	Windham	
			1-1-88	Parson Falls	
			1-4-88	Alfred	
			1-3-88	Lewiston	
			1-3-88	Acton	
			1-5-88	Baileyville	
			1-5-88	Baileyville	
			1-5-88	Baileyville	
			1-5-88	Edmunds	
			1-4-88	Madison	

[illegible]

UNCOMPENSATED INJURED PERSONS DATA COLLECTION

Prepared by Secretary of State
Motor Vehicle Division

Injury Data

Name of Injured

Accident Data

Month of February 1988

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11 Odiorne Lane

Eliot Maine 03903

March 29, 1988

Chairman

Legislative Council of Maine

State House, Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention that though the 1987 Maine Mother of the Year, Rosanne Boutin, expressed her appreciation for the generous assistance given to her by the Legislature, no acknowledgement or thanks were sent to the donors by the Maine Association of American Mothers, Inc..[®] This is regretted.

In the early years of the Association, a yearly amount was given by the Legislature to aid in the expenses of the Mother of the Year as she attended the national conference. At a time of fiscal necessity, this annual allotment was eliminated from the budget. Inasmuch as the Mother of the year is in effect a representative of her State at the conference, we have hoped that an annual allotment might be reinstated. Not necessarily as generous as the assistance given last year.

Both Geraldine R. Waddell of York Harbor, the 1988 Mother of the Year, and the Merit Mother, Lorraine M. Desjardins of Van Buren, are eminently qualified to represent the State of Maine.

Most sincerely,

Lillian H. Crowlee

Secretary (and Past President) of

Maine Association of American Mothers, Inc. [®]



STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

April 5, 1988

Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chairman
Legislative Council

Dear President Pray:

I am hereby submitting for the consideration of the
Legislative Council a Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress
to release Federal Highway Trust Funds. I would ask that
approval be granted for introduction into this Legislative
Session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

Joseph W. Mayo

Repr. Mayo
JOINT RES
HW DRAFT 4-05-87
Doc. #4087

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO
RELEASE FEDERAL HIGHWAY TRUST FUNDS

WE, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Legislative Session now assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body, as follows:

Whereas, the federal government imposes a tax of 9 cents per gallon on motor fuel, and that tax is deposited in the federal Highway Trust Fund; and

Whereas, that trust fund by law may only be used for specified purposes: primarily the construction and maintenance of federal-aid highways and urban mass-transit; and

Whereas, the states, including Maine, rely upon funds from that trust fund to pay a fair share of the cost of maintenance and necessary improvements to federal-aid highways, highways that are an essential part of the infrastructure on which the people and businesses of the state depend; and

Whereas, the Federal-Aid Highway Act covering fiscal year 1988-1992, cut back authorizations from that fund: Maine's share dropped significantly from \$142 million for fiscal year 1987 to \$119 for fiscal year 1988; and

Whereas, Maine had planned a highway budget of \$167 million for state fiscal year 1988-89, including the \$119 million of federal funds, matched by State and local funds; and

Whereas, later federal action in the Continuing Appropriation Act of 1988 held back \$10 million even from this reduced funding for fiscal year 1988, and the President's budget proposal suggests that even more than \$10 million will be held back the next year as part of the federal budget balancing package; and

Whereas, the failure of the federal government to release the full amount from the Highway Trust Fund will unfairly require the state to make up for the shortfall, despite the fact the the Federal Highway Trust Fund is entirely paid for by user fees, not general tax revenues, in effect requiring the people of Maine to pay twice for the same purpose; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the federal government release the funds which have been held back from the Federal Highway Trust Fund and distribute it to the States, including Maine's share of approximately \$20 million for fiscal years 1988 and 1989; and be it further

Resolved: That a duly authenticated copy of this Memorial be immediately submitted by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of the Congress of the United States and to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States from this State.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

APRIL 5, 1988

REQUEST TO INTRODUCE JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Mayo

Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress
To Release Federal Highway Trust Funds

Cosponsors:

Rep. Diamond