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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AUGUST 11, 1988

REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Summary of July 21, 1988, Council Meeting

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Approved Step Increases

Kevin Madigan, Legislative Analyst (Salary Range 10),  
Office of Fiscal & Program Review, from Step F to  
Step G, effective August 29.

- Approved Out-of-State Travel

- Other Personnel Activity

Resignation

Clair Pacquette, Law & Legislative Reference Library

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

NOTE: Items #1 and 2 originally appeared on the Council's Agenda for its July 21 meeting; however, due to lack of a quorum, no action was taken.

- Item #1: Utilities Committee/Subcommittee to Study Utility Easements Over Existing Rights-Of-Way: (Request to Rep. Marsano, Subcommittee Chair).
- Item #2: Cost-of-Living Increases for Constitutional Officers
- Item #3: Request from Study Subcommittee on Municipal Solid Waste for authorization for additional meetings, including one field trip to New Hampshire. (Letter from Rep. Carter, Study Chair).
- Item #4: Legislative Study on Rehabilitation: Request for authorization to contract for services pursuant to legislation. (Letter from Rep. Ruhlin, Chair).
- Item #5: Request from Commission To Review Overcrowding At AMHI-BMHI for authorization to request technical assistance from NCSL. (Letter from Sen. Beverly Miner Bustin, Co-Chair).
- Item #6: Request from Commission On Marine Research for funds for an additional meeting of the Commission. (Letter from Sen. John Tuttle).

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

JULY 21, 1988

### MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED AUGUST 11, 1988

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 1:13 p.m..

#### ROLL CALL

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

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

**Legislative Officers:**  
Sally Diamond      Executive Director,  
Legislative Council

Noting the absence of a quorum, Sen. Pray announced that those present could take no official action.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.  
(Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).



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**SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY UTILITY EASEMENTS  
OVER EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

June 27, 1988

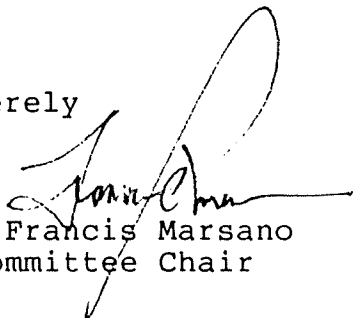
Sen. Charles P. Pray, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House Station #115  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Pray:

The Subcommittee to Study Utility Easements over Existing Rights-of-Way requests permission to hold a meeting on August 19th in Pembroke. The subject of this study is of special concern to some residents in this part of the State, and the subcommittee believes that it would benefit from the opportunity to meet in that area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Rep. Francis Marsano  
Subcommittee Chair

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

July 28, 1988

Senator Charles P. Pray  
President, Legislative Council  
State House  
Augusta, Maine, 04333

Dear President Pray:

I am writing to request the Council's authorization for several additional meetings for the Study Subcommittee on Municipal Solid Waste. The Subcommittee has met three times to date. However, because of overlapping meetings, we have not had to incur all of the normal costs of members' attendance.

While we have been able to productively investigate several aspects of waste recycling, we have found that the state's solid waste problems are more profound than was originally anticipated. The comprehensive legislation of two sessions past laid a good foundation for our work, but much remains to be done.

Specically, we request approval for three additional meetings including one as a field trip to a very successful municipal recycling center in New Hampshire.

I appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald Carter".

Rep. Donald Carter  
Chair, Solid Waste Study

cc: Sally Diamond  
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**LEGISLATIVE STUDY ON REHABILITATION**

August 9, 1988

Senator Charles P. Pray, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Pray:

As chairperson of the Legislature's Subcommittee on Rehabilitation, I am writing the Legislative Council both to update you on our efforts to hire consultants and to receive authorization to make initial payments to these consultants before the Legislative Council officially approves their contracts.

Legislation was passed last session to make much-needed changes to the current Worker's Compensation rehabilitation statutes and to continue a review of the system. The bill included an appropriation to hire two consultants to help the subcommittee complete its charge.

After obtaining approval from the Legislative Council to advertise for two consultants, the Subcommittee on Rehabilitation developed two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to be distributed to potential contractors. Over a dozen firms and individuals responded to advertisements in the Bangor Daily News, Portland Press Herald and the Kennebec Journal and received the RFPs. In addition, RFPs were sent to ten experts in the field of vocational rehabilitation. The submission deadline for proposals is August 17.

The Subcommittee on Rehabilitation plans to meet August 25 to evaluate proposals and hopefully make hiring decisions. To help the Subcommittee meet its deadlines, we would like to have these people on board by September 1. Since the Council meets infrequently during the summer months, we would like to receive authorization to make preliminary payments to our consultants before the contracts are formally approved by the Council. These payments would not exceed \$4000.

We will continue to keep the Legislative Council informed  
on the progress of the study.

Sincerely,

*Rep. Ruhlin jmr*

Rep. Richard Ruhlin  
Chairperson  
Subcommittee on Rehabilitation

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COMMISSION TO REVIEW OVERCROWDING AT  
AMHI - BMHI

August 8, 1988

President Charles Pray  
Chair, Legislative Council  
Maine Legislature  
Augusta, ME

President Pray,

This is a formal request to the Legislative Council for permission to contract with Levon Daniels to act as a facilitator for a two day meeting of the AMHI-BMHI Overcrowding Commission on September 12th and 13th. Levon Daniels has acted as a consultant for NCSL on mental health issues and in particular has worked as a consultant in the development of mental health plans in Vermont and North Dakota.

Due to the shortness of time before the special session on September 15, the Commission will not be able to complete its final written report. We will be in position on an informal and individual basis to convey the findings of the Commission to Legislature at the special session. The Commission may also wish to submit legislation at the special session but this will not be in final form until after our meeting on September 13th.

Sincerely,

*Beverly Miner Bustin (LMB)*  
Beverly Miner Bustin  
Co-Chair



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COMMISSION ON MARINE RESEARCH

August 10, 1988

President Charles P. Pray, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
State House Station 115  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Pray:

As chairman of the Marine Resources Committee and a member of the Commission on Marine Research, I would like to request funds for an additional meeting of the Commission. To date, the Commission has met twice in Augusta, and next week will tour the DMR Lab and Bigelow Lab in Boothbay, and University facilities in South Bristol.

The Commission now has an invitation to visit the Shoals Marine Laboratory in southern Maine. This facility is of interest both because of its southern location and because it is the only marine research facility in the state geared to undergraduate students.

The Commission has a tentative overnight trip scheduled for Sept. 6. Expenses would be needed only for transportation and two days of per diem. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Sen. John Tuttle* <sub>gno</sub>

Sen. John Tuttle  
Chairman, Marine Resources  
Committee