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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MARCH 14, 1989

REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Summary of February 23, 1989, Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Approved Step Increases

Item #2: Legislature's Part I Budget Request for Fiscal Years
1990-1991

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Responses to Request for Proposals to Conduct a Study
of Medical Malpractice Liability
(Authorized by the Legislative Council 2/23/89)

Item #2: Report from David Silsby, Director, State Capitol
Commission

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Maine High Risk Insurance Organization: Submission of
Annual Report. (Copy of Report attached).

Item #2: After Deadline Requests

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

REP. JOHN L. MARTIN
CHAIR

SEN. DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE
VICE-CHAIR



STATE OF MAINE

114th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1989

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED MARCH 14, 1989

SEN. CHARLES P. PRAY
SEN. NANCY RANDALL CLARK
SEN. CHARLES M. WEBSTER
SEN. PAMELA L. CAHILL
REP. DAN A. GWADOSKY
REP. JOSEPH W. MAYO
REP. MARY CLARK WEBSTER
REP. FRANCIS C. MARSANO

SARAH C. DIAMOND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Speaker Martin, at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Representatives: Rep. Mayo, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Martin, Rep. Marsano, Rep. Webster

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond

Lynn Randall

Cheryl Ring

Martha Freeman

David Kennedy

Helen Ginder

Executive Director,
Legislative Council
State Law Librarian
Principal Analyst, Office
of Fiscal and Program Review
Director, Office of Policy
and Legal Analysis
Revisor of Statutes
Director, Legislative
Oversight

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the Council's February 15, 1989, meeting was approved and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Rep. Mayo; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, reported that she had no items requiring Council action. She drew members' attention to the Revisor's Status Report and noted that he was present to answer any questions. There were none.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Sen. Clark, Committee Chair, reported that the new Committee had met on two occasions and presented the following recommendations to the Council in the form of motions:

Motion: That John D. Wakefield, Deputy Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, be awarded a step increase retroactive to his anniversary date. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the proposed evaluation criteria for use in considering eligible staff for promotion into the Senior Analyst classification. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

Sen. Clark noted that the Senior Analyst classification had been a part of the original classification structure proposed by NCSL and adopted by the Council in 1986. On adoption, however, the Council agreed to consider recommendations for promotion into this class only after a uniform performance appraisal system had been developed. She noted that the evaluation tool represented a collaborative effort by Martha, Bent and Sally, and that members of the Committee had found the approach to be a very creative one. Finally, Sen. Clark stressed that this evaluation tool is not a general performance evaluation tool, but one that has been specifically designed to assist in selecting candidates for promotion to the position of Senior Analyst.

Automation Committee

Rep. Mayo, Committee Chair, reported that the requests for individual work stations previously approved by the Council for use by Reps. Gwadosky, Mayo, Webster and Marsano, had all been withdrawn. He also reported that the House Majority Office's request for an additional printer had been filled through reallocation of an existing printer, at no additional cost to the Legislature.

(No Council action required).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request for Authorization to Hire Two Non-legislators to Represent the Legislature and the Oversight Committee during the Study of the Augusta Mental Health Institute

Speaker Martin noted that part of the agreement negotiated with the Governor regarding the AMHI situation was that the funds for the two non-legislative members of the Committee would be provided through the Legislative Council.

Motion: That the Council Chair be authorized to negotiate with the two individuals to be appointed regarding payment. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

Item #2: Request for Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals to Study the Effects of Federal Income Tax Changes and the Resulting Effects on State Revenues

Speaker Martin drew members' attention to the letter from Sen. Andrews and Rep. Cashman, Chairs of the Taxation Committee. Sen. Andrews, who was present, noted that the Committee Chairs had concluded that the issues surrounding the State's tax policies and formulas were both complex and sensitive and that an objective independent analysis appeared to be the only constructive way to proceed.

Motion: That the Council Chair be authorized to issue a request for proposals on behalf of the Council to accounting firms. (Motion by Rep. Mayo; second by Sen. Clark).

Discussion: Council members' discussion centered on the following points:

- Clarification of who would do the analysis and projections (Sen. Cahill)

There was general agreement that the intent was to enter a contract with an independent firm which had technical expertise in the area of tax policy and revenue estimating.

- Clarification that the motion at this time was solely to authorize issuance of an RFP, and that a vote in support of the motion to issue an RFP did not necessarily imply support of the future contract award. (Rep. Marsano; Sen. Cahill and Dutremble). Council members were assured that those who were interested would be welcome to participate in the review of proposals and in the interviews of prospective consultants.
- Discussion of potential costs of the study (Rep. Webster).

Sen. Andrews reported that he did not have a reliable estimated cost, but noted that it was important to evaluate the cost, of the proposed study in the context of the cost of continuing tax revenue surpluses: in 1988, the State had spent approximately \$150,000 to process each of the two tax rebates and the cost of 2 Special Sessions of the Legislature. Speaker Martin noted that this study was not included in the legislative budget at this time.

Rep. Mayo withdrew his motion.

Motion That the Council Chair proceed with developing and issuing a Request for Proposals on behalf of the Council and meet with members of the Taxation Committee for the purpose of reviewing the proposals and submitting a recommendation to the Legislative Council. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; Approved 7-3).

Item #3: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary to conduct a Study of Medical Malpractice Insurance Premiums

The Chair recognized Rep. Paradis, House Chair of the Judiciary Committee, who reported that both his committee and the Committee on Banking and Insurance were concerned that they needed some independent analysis of the tort reform legislation that had been passed before they could effectively deal with some related legislative proposals that have been introduced this session. Of particular concern are a number of issues surrounding medical malpractice liability insurance rates. Rep. Paradis distributed copies of a proposal abstract for members' review.

Motion: That the Chair be authorized to enter a contract on behalf of the Council for the purposes of conducting an independent analysis of the effects of current legislation on medical malpractice liability insurance rates. (Motion by Sen. Clark; no second).

Discussion: Sen. Pray noted this study fell within the purview of the guidelines the Council had previously established regarding oversight of studies and commissions, and that the Council should proceed in conformance with those guidelines.

Sen. Webster noted that his support of the study would be contingent upon requiring completion of the study, including submission of a final report, so that the findings and recommendations could be applied to the consideration of bills this session.

Motion: That the Chair be authorized to proceed with issuing a Request for Proposals, in accordance with guidelines previously adopted by the Council, with the final report to be submitted no later than May 15, 1989. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray).

Amendment to the Motion: That the motion be amended to establish a maximum contract award of \$37,900. (Motion by Rep. Webster; second by Sen. Dutremble).

The vote on the amended motion was unanimous.

Item #4: After Deadline Bill Requests

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m., on the motion of the Chair.

SARAH C. DIAMOND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JOHN H. BAILEY
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
DIRECTOR

RICHARD N. SAWYER, JR.
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
DIRECTOR



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MARCH 14, 1989

Approved Step Increases

Elaine Choate, Senior Secretary, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 4) from Step F to Step G, effective March 7, 1989.

Jennifer Locke, Library Associate, Law and Legislative Reference Library, (Salary Range 5) from Step A to Step B, effective March 14, 1989.

Robert Michaud, Associate Law Librarian, Law and Legislative Reference Library, (Salary Range 10) from Step E to Step F, effective March 5, 1989.

The following employee has completed another year of service but is at Step G and has not been employed the required length of time to advance to Step Q:

Elizabeth Bartlett, Administrative Secretary, Office of Fiscal and Program Review.

The following employee has completed another year of service but is topped out at Step X:

Haven Whiteside, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis.

DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT
to
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
First Regular Session of the 114th Maine Legislature

P A R T I

HEARING DATE March 16, 1989 L.D. No. 93
DEPARTMENT Legislature
PROGRAM NAME Legislature
APPROPRIATION NUMBERS 1050.1/1050.3/3050.1/4050.1/ PAGES IN LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT 134
4050.2 PAGES IN BUDGET DOCUMENT 510/511

	CURRENT APPRO./ALLOCATION		DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST		RECOMMENDATION	
	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						
Positions	(82)	(82)	(82)	(82)	(82)	(82)
Personal Services	6,605,599	7,711,017	8,677,709	9,737,204	8,677,709	9,737,204
All Other	4,988,003	4,684,490	5,545,353	6,788,785	5,545,353	6,788,785
Capital	120,000	90,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
Unallocated	550,000	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL	12,263,602	12,485,507	14,408,062	16,710,989	14,408,062	16,710,989
<u>GENERAL FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other						
Capital						
TOTAL						
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services	---	---				
All Other	2,000	1,000				
Capital	---	---				
TOTAL	2,000	1,000				
<u>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>						
Positions	(82)	(82)	(82)	(82)	(82)	(82)
Personal Services	6,605,599	7,711,017	8,677,709	9,737,204	8,677,709	9,737,204
All Other	4,990,003	4,685,490	5,545,353	6,788,785	5,545,353	6,788,785
Capital	120,000	90,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
	550,000	---	---	---	---	---
GRAND TOTAL	12,265,602	12,486,507	14,408,062	16,710,989	14,408,062	16,710,989

(Attach a separate sheet justifying your program, requests and recommendations)
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The "legislative account" includes funds for payment of legislators' salaries and expenses, staff salaries, and all other expenses incurred by the Legislature in the course of its general operation.

Increases in the request for the 1990-91 biennium are attributable to a statutory increase in legislators' salaries; addition of staff authorized by the 113th Legislative Council to support operation of the Legislature; and increases in general operating costs including telecommunications and printing.

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HEARING DATE March 16, 1989

L.D. No. 93

DEPARTMENT Legislature

PROGRAM NAME Study Commissions - Funding

APPROPRIATION NUMBERS 1052.3/1052.6/1053.2/1053.3
1053.4/1053.5/1053.6/1053.7
1053.9/4053.1/4053.9/5053.9

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PAGES IN BUDGET DOCUMENT 512/513

	CURRENT APPRO./ALLOCATION		DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST		RECOMMENDATION	
	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1989-90	1990-91
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services	53,470	37,270	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
All Other	226,835	404,700	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Capital	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL	<u>280,305</u>	<u>441,970</u>	<u>15,100</u>	<u>15,100</u>	<u>15,100</u>	<u>15,100</u>
<u>GENERAL FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other						
Capital						
TOTAL	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services	3,685	3,630				
All Other	18,150	18,000				
Capital	---	---				
TOTAL	<u>21,835</u>	<u>21,630</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services	57,155	40,900	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
All Other	244,985	422,700	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Capital	---	---	---	---	---	---
GRAND TOTAL	<u>302,140</u>	<u>463,600</u>	<u>15,100</u>	<u>15,100</u>	<u>15,100</u>	<u>15,100</u>

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STUDY COMMISSIONS

Study Commissions have been set up in a separate appropriation account for the purpose of clearly distinguishing them from the Legislature's general operations. Study Commissions are established by legislation; most are established for limited periods and carry budgets only in the biennium in which they are established.

The request for the 1990-1991 biennium is for the two commissions which represent the exception to the rule: the Committee to Advise DHS on Aids, which was originally established by ch 711, P.L. 1985, and the Special Select Committee on Access to Health Care, which was created in ch 347, P.L. 1987. The requested appropriations for both of these commissions will cover meeting expenses and miscellaneous printing and postage. The request represents funding required for these commissions to carry on their work at current levels.

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HEARING DATE March 16, 1989

L.D. No. 93

DEPARTMENT Legislature

PROGRAM NAME State Capitol Commission

APPROPRIATION NUMBERS 1053.8

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	CURRENT APPRO./ALLOCATION		DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST		RECOMMENDATION	
	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1989-90	1990-91
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other	---	15,000	16,500	18,150	16,500	18,150
Capital	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL		15,000	16,500	18,150	16,500	18,150
<u>FEDERAL FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other						
Capital						
TOTAL						
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other						
Capital						
TOTAL						
<u>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other	---	15,000	16,500	18,150	16,500	18,150
Capital	---	---	---	---	---	---
GRAND TOTAL	---	15,000	16,500	18,150	16,500	18,150

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STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION

The State Capitol Commission was created by ch 816, P.L. 1987 to approve architectural, aesthetic, and decorative alterations to the State Capitol Building and to develop plans to preserve and develop the aesthetic and historical integrity of the building and its adjacent grounds.

The Commission has met several times since it was initially convened last November, and is actively involved in trying to sort out the priorities for preservation and development. Funds in the initial year have been used for meeting expenses and to assemble a variety of publications and documents related to this building. The balance will probably be used to obtain some technical evaluations of various aspects of the building.

The request for the 1990-1991 biennium will maintain the Commission's current level of operation.

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HEARING DATE March 16, 1989 L.D. No. 93
 DEPARTMENT Legislature
 PROGRAM NAME Commission on Interstate Cooperation
 APPROPRIATION NUMBERS 1052.2 PAGES IN LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT 135
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	CURRENT APPRO./ALLOCATION		DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST		RECOMMENDATION	
	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						
Positions	---	---	---	---	---	---
Personal Services	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Other	108,884	114,991	117,430	124,342	117,430	124,342
Capital	---	---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL	<u>108,884</u>	<u>114,991</u>	<u>117,430</u>	<u>124,342</u>	<u>117,430</u>	<u>124,342</u>
<u>FEDERAL FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other						
Capital						
TOTAL						
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other						
Capital						
TOTAL						
<u>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>						
Positions	---	---	---	---	---	---
Personal Services	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Other	108,884	114,991	117,430	124,342	117,430	124,342
Capital	---	---	---	---	---	---
GRAND TOTAL	<u>108,884</u>	<u>114,991</u>	<u>117,430</u>	<u>124,342</u>	<u>117,430</u>	<u>124,342</u>

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COMMISSION ON INTERSTATE COOPERATION

The Commission is the vehicle through which Maine participates in a number of national organizations of State legislatures, including the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the New England Caucus of State Legislatures.

The increase in the Commission's budget request is necessary to cover the State of Maine's annual membership dues to these 3 organizations.

	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
CSG	\$ 42,800	\$ 45,800	\$ 48,500
NCSL	50,316	53,530	56,742
Caucus of New England Legislatures	7,500	7,500	7,500
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	\$100,616	\$106,830	\$112,742

Funds are also requested to cover the travel expenses of Commission members to meetings of these organizations.

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to
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HEARING DATE March 16, 1989 L.D. No. 93
DEPARTMENT Legislature
PROGRAM NAME Commission on Uniform State Laws
APPROPRIATION NUMBERS 1052.1 PAGES IN LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT 135
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	CURRENT APPRO./ALLOCATION		DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST		RECOMMENDATION	
	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	9,700	11,000	12,400	11,100	12,400	11,100
Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	<u>9,700</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>11,100</u>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>11,100</u>
<u>FEDERAL FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other						
Capital						
TOTAL	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services						
All Other						
Capital						
TOTAL	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>						
Positions						
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	9,700	11,000	12,400	11,100	12,400	11,100
Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	<u>9,700</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>11,100</u>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>11,100</u>

(Attach a separate sheet justifying your program, requests and recommendations)
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COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

The Commission is Maine's affiliate to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, which is responsible for examining subjects on which uniformity of legislation among the states is desirable. The funds appropriated to the Commission are used to pay Maine's annual dues to the National Conference and to pay commission members' travel to the annual national meeting.

The increase in the Commission's request is required to cover the increase in annual dues to the National Conference and related operational costs.

SENATE

BARRY J. HOBBS, DISTRICT 31, CHAIR
N. PAUL GAUVREAU, DISTRICT 23
MURIEL D. HOLLOWAY, DISTRICT 20

PEGGY REINSCH, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
TODD BURROWES, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
PAULA ASHTON, COMMITTEE CLERK



HOUSE

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

March 14, 1989

Honorable John L. Martin, Chair
and Members of the Legislative Council
114th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Martin:

At your request, the following members of the Legislature met with you to review the Proposal for a Study of Medical Malpractice Liability: Rep. Charlene Rydell, Rep. Mary McBride, Rep. Francis Marsano and myself. Senator Hobbins, who was invited, did not attend.


As you know, we received only one proposal in response to the Request for Proposals which was advertised in the newspapers following the Council's authorization at its February 23 meeting.

On behalf of those present, we would like to recommend that the Legislative Council authorize approval of a contract with Public Health Resource Group, Inc., of Portland, Maine, for the purpose of conducting a study of Medical Malpractice Liability in accordance with their proposal for a total cost not to exceed \$35,380.

Those of us who met this morning are unanimous in our concern that the current malpractice premium rate structure is causing physicians to give up their practices, particularly in the rural areas of the State. We feel it is essential to have an independent analysis of medical malpractice insurance premium payments and payouts in the State of Maine in order to deal with pending legislative proposals in a responsible manner.

We are continuing our review of the proposal to identify questions and issues that need to be clarified in the contract negotiation process. These questions, however, in no way affect our unanimous support of the contract award.

Sincerely,



Rep. Charlene B. Rydell,
House Chair
Joint Standing Committee
on Banking and Insurance



Rep. Patrick E. Paradis,
House Chair
Joint Standing Committee
on Judiciary

114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LIABILITY STUDY

Legislative Council
State House Station 115
Augusta, Maine 04333

March 3, 1989

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Thursday, March 9, 1989

Office of the Executive Director
Legislative Council
State House Station 115
Augusta, ME 04333
Telephone (207) 289-1615

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LIABILITY STUDY

The Maine Legislature is requesting proposals to indentify reforms which show the greatest likelihood of stabilizing the premium rates for medical malpractice liability insurance.

Consultants interested in submitting a proposal should direct all questions relative to the Request for Proposal to Sarah C. Diamond, Executive Director of the Legislative Council, State House Station 115, Augusta, Maine 04333 (Telephone: 207-289-1615).

I. Introduction

The medical malpractice insurance "crisis" of the 1970's was characterized by the withdrawal of insurance availability. As a result the Maine Legislature created the legal environment which prompted Maine physicians to own and operate their own malpractice insurance firm. The medical malpractice insurance "crisis" of the 1980's has been characterized by escalating costs of insurance premiums - allegedly driving some providers, particularly those doing obstetrics, from the market. Anecdotal evidence suggests that many physicians who continue to practice obstetrics have become selective of the patient populations they serve, avoiding those with Medicaid or no insurance. This has resulted in reduced access to care in both rural and urban areas of the State, with more acute effects occurring in rural areas.

The Legislature responded to the current malpractice crisis by passing tort reforms aimed explicitly, or implicitly, at stabilizing premium costs and maintaining access to medical care. Maine Public Law 1986, Chapter 804, included six tort reforms, each designed to reduce the frequency of claims in Maine, the amount of settlement and awards, and the length of time it takes to dispose of claims once notice is made.

Despite these reforms, the cost of malpractice insurance premiums has continued to climb along with reports of medical providers changing their practice by dropping obstetrical services or refusing to provide these services to Medicaid patients. This has resulted in calls for additional changes in the tort system, even though it is still too early for many of the tort changes of 1986 to have had an effect on premiums.

The Legislature will be asked to address the problem of rising and unstable malpractice premium rates during the current Legislative session. However, it must do so with the clear objective of reversing the decline in access. Three public policy areas that impact on this problem include 1) changes in the tort system; 2) changes in insurance rate setting methods and regulations; and 3) changes in policies affecting the medical care system (Medicaid fees, physician license rules and quality of care practices).

II. Scope of Work

The Legislative Council seeks proposals from qualified applicants to conduct a study which addresses the policy options available to the Legislature for stabilizing the premium rates for medical malpractice liability insurance without reducing access to medical care. The consultant will be required to prepare a report which includes options in all three areas outlined above: tort system changes, insurance system changes and medical care delivery system changes and include detailed evidence of the efficacy of each option in reducing or stabilizing medical malpractice insurance rates and improving access to care. The final report shall be submitted in camera-ready form to the Legislative Council no later than May 15, 1989.

Project Management

The consultant will be employed by the Legislative Council of the Maine Legislature. The project will be directed by the House Chairs of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committees on Judiciary and Banking and Insurance.

III. Proposal Requirements and Conditions

Issuance of this RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the State of Maine to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request or to procure a contract for services or supplies. The Legislative Council reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to negotiate with all qualified sources, or to cancel this RFP in part or in its entirety if it is in the best interest of the Legislature to do so.

The Legislative Council may require the consultants selected to participate in negotiations, including interviews, and to submit such price, technical, or other revisions of their proposals as may result from negotiations.

The Technical Proposal shall include:

1. A statement of the offeror's understanding of the work to be performed and a description of the methodology to be employed in conducting the study, including a time schedule for completion of the project.
2. Information regarding the offeror's background and work experience related to the subject of this RFP and references for each project cited.
3. Resumes of the professional staff to be assigned to the project.
4. A clear statement of all estimated costs to complete the project, including hourly rates, overhead rates, travel and per diem costs for all personnel assigned to the project, and estimates of any other costs related to the project.

Submission

Sealed packages containing 25 copies of the proposal, must be delivered on or before 5:00 p.m. local time, March 9, 1989 to:

Office of the Executive Director
Room 340, State Capitol Building
State House Station 115
Augusta, Maine 04333

Proposals should be clearly identified "Proposal for Medical Malpractice Liability Study". Proposals will be publicly opened and made available for inspection at the time and place specified above. Proposals received after this date and time cannot be considered for contract award and will be returned.

IV. Evaluation of Proposals

The Legislative Council intends to evaluate proposals within 10 days of the closing date of the RFP. Once proposals have been evaluated and a vendor selected, the Legislature and the vendor will enter contract negotiations.

Proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee, which will judge the merit of each proposal based on the following criteria:

FACTOR

MAXIMUM POINTS

A.	Demonstrated understanding of the problem. This will be determined by evaluation of adequacy of estimates of time to perform the work, and a review of the offeror's description indicating how the work will be accomplished.	25
B.	Qualifications of persons assigned This will be determined from resumes submitted. Education, position in the firm, years and types of experience will be considered. Also considered will be the overall supervision and review mechanisms.	25
D.	Demonstrated experience of the project team providing consulting or related services regarding medical malpractice liability and access to medical services.	30
E.	Price.	<u>20</u>
	Maximum Points	100

PART EE

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA c. 31 ~~is enacted to read:~~

CHAPTER 31

STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION

§901. State Capitol Commission

The State Capitol Commission, as established in Title 5, section 12004, subsection 10, in this chapter called the "commission," shall consist of 10 voting members and 5 ex officio, nonvoting members who shall be appointed and shall serve as described in this section.

1. Voting members; appointment. Voting members of the commission shall be appointed as follows:

A. The Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, who shall be the permanent chairman of the commission;

B. Six members of the public, 4 of whom shall be appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, and 2 by the Governor; and

C. The Governor, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate or their representatives.

D.
2. Ex officio nonvoting members. The ex officio nonvoting members of the commission shall be as follows:

A. The Director of the Maine State Museum;

B. The Director of the Maine Arts Commission;

C. The Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements;

D. The Chairman of the Capitol Planning Commission; and

E. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

3. Purpose. The commission shall approve any architectural, aesthetic and decorative alterations to the State Capitol Building and shall develop plans to preserve and develop the aesthetic and historical integrity of the State Capitol Building and adjacent grounds.

4. Terms. Each public member shall be appointed to serve a term of 2 years. A member shall serve until a successor is appointed. A vacancy shall be filled as soon as practicable by appointment for the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

5. Reimbursements. Members shall serve on the commission without pay, but shall be reimbursed for their expenses and travel upon application to the Legislative Council and in accordance with Title 5, chapter 379.

6. Meetings; decisions; quorum. The commission shall meet at least quarterly on the call of the chairman. Decisions shall be made by a majority of those present and voting. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members of the commission.

7. Rules. The commission, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, shall adopt all rules necessary or desirable for it to carry out the functions assigned it by sections 901, 902, 904 and 905. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission shall serve as the secretariat in exercising the administration of the State Capitol Commission.

§902. Duties of the commission

1. Plan. The commission, with the assistance of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, shall develop a plan for the preservation and development of the aesthetic and historical integrity of the State Capitol Building and adjacent grounds. During the first week in January, 1989, the commission

shall submit an interim report indicating its progress on the plan to the Legislative Council and Governor. Upon receipt of the commission's completed plan, the Legislative Council may submit the plan to the Legislature for adoption and enactment as the official state plan for the preservation and development of the aesthetic and historical integrity of the State Capitol Building. From time to time the commission may submit additional amendments for inclusion in the plan which may be submitted to the Legislative Council for adoption and enactment by the Legislature.

2. Jurisdiction. With respect to section 901, subsection 3, the commission shall have jurisdiction over the entire exterior and interior of the State Capitol Building and its immediate grounds, except that the private office of the Governor, at the Governor's discretion, shall be exempt from this chapter.

3. Alterations. The Bureau of Public Improvements shall make no architectural, aesthetic or decorative addition, deletion or change to any external or internal part of the State Capitol Building or its immediate grounds under the jurisdiction of the commission unless the commission has approved the change in writing in conformance with the plan adopted by the Legislative Council. The Governor and Legislative Council shall be notified before the commission votes on any change.

4. Research; publication. The commission shall conduct research into the history of the State Capitol Building, the results of which will guide the commission in the preservation and development of the building's aesthetic and historical integrity. The commission shall publish and distribute this research to enhance public understanding and appreciation of the State Capitol Building.

§903. Advice and assistance to commission

The commission may request the assistance and advice of any state agency in the administration of its duties. Any state agency receiving a request shall render any assistance and advice to the commission.

§904. Report to the Legislature and the Governor

The commission shall report biennially to the Legislative Council and the Governor facts and recommendations relating to the work and needs of the commission. The commission shall list all activities and projects initiated, completed or proposed during the next biennium which concern the preservation and development of the aesthetic and historical integrity of the State Capitol Building.

§905. Contributions

The commission may accept gifts, bequests and federal funds for purposes consistent with the objectives of this chapter. These gifts, bequests and federal funds shall be used solely to carry out the purposes for which they were made. Gifts may include furnishings or other artifacts.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §298, 5th ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 598, §1, is amended to read:

The Director of Public Improvements shall serve as the secretariat of the commission in exercising its administration. The commission may, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 375, make adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as it deems necessary, except rules relating to the State Capitol Building under the jurisdiction of the State Capitol Commission, as it deems necessary for the purposes of carrying out this chapter. These rules shall have the full force and effect of law.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §299, first ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 647, §1, is further amended to read:

The commission shall establish and maintain a master plan for the orderly development of future state buildings and grounds in the Capitol Area of the City of Augusta, with the exception of the State Capitol Building and ~~its~~ immediate grounds. In maintaining the master plan, the commission shall take the following factors into consideration:

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§10, ¶A, sub-¶(74-A) is enacted to read:

(74-A)	<u>State</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>3 MRSA</u>
	<u>Government</u>	<u>Capitol</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>\$901</u>
		<u>Commission</u>		

Sec. 6. 27 MRSA §86-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 401, §1, is amended to read:

The Maine State Museum shall hold title, as trustee for the State, to all historical materials, other than documents or other library or archival items under the administrative jurisdiction of the Maine State Library or the Maine State Archives, which are or may become the property of the State and are or may be housed in the public buildings of the State. Such historical materials shall include the banners and flags presently housed in the State House Hall of Flags and may include, but shall not be restricted to, paintings, sculptures and other works of art dealing with historic subjects or executed by historically significant artists; flags, banners, insignia, medals, firearms, edged weapons, uniforms and other accoutrements relating to Maine military personnel or units; furnishings, utensils, implements, tools, machinery and other devices having particular historical significance to the State. The State Capitol Building shall be in the jurisdiction of the State Capitol Commission.

Sec. 7. 27 MRSA §404, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 485, §2, is amended to read:

4. Works of art. To act in an advisory capacity relative to the creation, acquisition, construction or erection by the State of any work of art, to file with the Governor, within 30 days, its opinion of such proposed work of art together with such suggestions and recommendations as it may deem proper. The term "work of art" as used in this subsection shall include any painting, portrait, mural, decoration, stained glass, statue, tablet, bas-relief, ornament, fountain or other article or structure of a permanent character intended for decoration or commemoration, but shall not include "historical materials" administered by the Maine State Museum Commission nor the State Capitol

RESOLVE, Concerning the Development of
a Master Plan for the Capitol Area

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, an updated master plan is urgently needed to guide future development of the Capitol Area which is held in sacred trust for the people of Maine; and

Whereas, this plan must serve as a blue print for the future, recognizing reasonable growth with a commitment to protect and preserve our valued inheritance; and

Whereas, the District plan requires active participation from the highest levels of the City and each of the three coequal branches of government to inspire the best usage and appreciation; and

Whereas, all development should cease, pending the completion of this vital document to permit further erosion of the District; and

Whereas, it is desired to select the planning consultant through a competitive search; and

Whereas, a special commission is necessary to oversee the first revision of the State's Master Plan for the Capitol Area in twenty years; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore be it

Master plan; development. Resolved: That work on the development of a master plan for the orderly development of future state buildings, grounds, and traffic routes in the Capitol Area of the City of Augusta shall be initiated as soon as possible after the passage of this resolve by a nationally recognized master planner. This planner shall be required to have available in sufficient time to be included in legislation presented to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature a master plan; and be it further

Selection of master planner. Resolved: That selection of the planning consultant shall be by means of a competitive search with no geographic limitation as to entrants. The selection of the planning consultant shall be approved by the Commission.

Commission established. Resolved: That there is established the Commission on the Capitol Area Master Plan.

1. Membership. The Commission shall consist of 19 members as follows: The President of the Senate or the President's designee, who shall be a member of the Senate and one member of the Senate whose district shall include the City of Augusta; the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the Speaker's designee, who shall be a member of the House of Representatives, and one member of the House of Representatives who shall represent the City of Augusta; the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, or the Chief Justice's designee; the Governor or the Governor's designee; the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development; the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements; the Executive Director of the Historic Preservation Commission; the Director of the State Planning Office; two members of the Supreme Judicial Court Plan and Design Commission who shall be appointed by the Chair of that Commission; two members of the State Capitol Commission, who shall be appointed by the Chair of that Commission; the Director of the State Capitol Commission; two representatives from the City of Augusta, to be appointed by the Mayor of Augusta, one of whom shall be a member of the Augusta City Council; and a licensed architect who shall be appointed by the board of the Maine Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Only the individuals defined in this section shall have the authority to vote. All appointments shall be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall be notified by all appointing authorities of their selections.

2. Chair. The Chair of the Capitol Planning Commission shall serve as chair of the Commission and shall call all meetings of the Commission.

3. Duties of the Commission. The duties of the Commission shall be as follows:

- A. Oversee the competition for selection of the master planner and participate in all aspects of the selection process, including review of criteria for selection, screening and final selection of candidates for this role.
- B. Participate actively in all phases of the development of the master plan, and ensure coordination of this effort with other concurrent planning efforts within the Capitol Area.
- C. Present to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature a report which contains the Master Plan for the Capitol District and recommendations regarding implementation of the plan. The report shall include any necessary legislation.

4. Report. In addition to other reports required in this section, the Commission shall report to the Legislative Council at the completion of each stage of the development of the master plan.

5. Assistance. The Commission shall be authorized to hire staff, who shall work under the direction of the Chair. Additional assistance from the legislative staff may be requested from the Legislative Council.

6. Compensation. All members of the Commission shall receive reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. Legislative members shall receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes Title 3, ch. 2, for each day's attendance at Commission meetings.

7. Moratorium on development. No person may sell, transfer, develop or begin construction on any parcel of land within the Capitol Area or on any land currently owned by the State of Maine within the city limits of Augusta, or within a one mile radius of the Capitol Area before March 1, 1990, unless a specific exception is authorized by the Legislative Council upon the recommendation of the Commission on the Capitol Area Master Plan.

Appropriation. Resolved: The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF	1989-90
All Other	\$150,000
Provides funds to contract with a Master Planner to provide assistance to the Commission on the Capitol District Master Plan. These funds shall not be expended for this purpose until the Commission has voted to approve the selection of the Master Planner.	
Total	<hr/> \$150,000

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Commission on the Capitol District Master Plan

All Other	\$ 30,000
Provides funds to hire one staff person on a contractual basis and for the meeting, advertising and printing costs of the Commission. These funds shall not lapse, but remain in this account until expended for the purposes described.	
Total	<hr/> \$ 30,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$180,000
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.



February 28, 1989

The Honorable John L. Martin, Chair
Legislative Council
State House, Station 115
Augusta, ME 04333

Attention: Sally Diamond, Executive Director

Dear John:

It is my pleasure to submit the Maine High Risk Insurance Organization's annual report. Enclosed you will find twelve copies for your distribution to the council members.

The Board of Directors has implemented this insurance program as of September 1, 1988.

Please contact me at 945-7061 if you have any questions or require further information. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with the Legislature.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Hews
Chairman

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copies of annual report
also submitted to:

Governor's Office
Appropriations & Financial Affairs Committee Chairs
Banking & Insurance Committee Chairs
Human Resources Committee Chairs

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MAINE HIGH RISK INSURANCE ORGANIZATION
FEBRUARY 27, 1989

The Maine High Risk Insurance Organization was created by the Legislature in 1987 to provide health insurance to persons who are otherwise unable to obtain coverage for medical reasons. On August 26, 1987, Governor John McKernan appointed the following individuals to the Board of Directors:

Ronald Deprez
Richard Diamond
James DiVirgilio
Kenneth Hews, Chairman
Elizabeth Kilbreth
Robert Mitchell
Michael Reardon

Robert Mitchell resigned from the Board effective June 1, 1988, and Governor McKernan appointed Catherine Cutler of Bangor on June 17, 1988 to fill the vacant position.

The Board of Directors has met on the following dates during the past year:

March 25, 1988
April 14, 1988
April 29, 1988
May 25, 1988
June 21, 1988
July 25, 1988
September 12, 1988
November 7, 1988
February 2, 1989

Mutual of Omaha was selected by the Board as the administering insurer for the MHRIO program, and the insurance plan was brought online on September 1, 1988. No significant problems are being encountered in the administration of the plan. During the period of September 1, 1988 through December 31, 1988, 61 applications were received with 2 rejected, 49 approved, and 10 pending as of December 31. An average of 15 applications are being received per month.

Of the 49 policies issued, 33% are issued to females and 67% are issued to males. Individuals age 50 and over account for 35% of the total policies issued.

As of December 31, 1988, 5 policyholders (10%) are having their premium subsidized. There were no policy terminations and no

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claim payments made during the period. There were assessments of \$668,126 deposited during 1988. It should be noted that a few hospitals have experienced difficulty in remitting their assessments because of financial hardships. The Board remains concerned that this amount may be inadequate to meet future claims for those insured.

The Board has developed a list of changes which are suggested to be implemented in 1989 to fine tune this legislation. The following is a summary of the proposed changes:

1. Language is needed to declare the MHRIO to be an instrument of the state of Maine, in order to clarify the tax status of the organization.
2. Concern continues regarding the financial risk to the plan of limited income (revenues capped by the law), and the potential for payout far exceeding the resources available.
3. A provision for staff support to the MHRIO needs to be added.
4. The term "resident" needs to be defined for purposes of being qualified for this insurance plan.
5. Clarification is needed regarding the definition of eligibility for this program.
6. The reporting requirements need to be changed from the calendar year to the fiscal year in order to provide audited reports on a timely basis.

These proposed changes are important to the future of this program. The Board stands ready to work with the Legislature in terms of accomplishing these amendments.

In closing, the Board of MHRIO would like to thank those who have assisted the MHRIO during the last year. We look forward to the first full year of insuring Maine citizens under this plan. The Board remains committed to significant efforts to ensure that the plan is properly administered and that the people of Maine who are unable to obtain health insurance for medical reasons will be able to have access to this program.

JOHN DAVID KENNEDY
Revisor of Statutes

MARGARET E. MATHESON
Principal Attorney

EVELYN KNOPF
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Legislative Attorneys

ELIZABETH H. GOSSELIN
Technical Services



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
STATE HOUSE STATION 7
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(207) 289-1650

MEMO

TO: Members of the 114th Legislative Council

FROM: David Kennedy *DK*
Revisor of Statutes

RE: Drafting Status Report as of March 14, 1989

DATE: March 14, 1989

I.	REQUESTS FOR DRAFTING	
	a. Request Received Before Cloture	2063
	b. Request Received After Cloture	<u>211</u>
	TOTAL	2274
II.	REQUESTS IN PRODUCTION	
	a. Drafted and in Preliminary Production	169
	b. In Final Production	<u>146</u>
	TOTAL	315
III.	VOIDS, WITHDRAWS AND DUPLICATES	321
IV.	DRAFTING COMPLETED	
	a. Awaiting Sponsor/Cosponsor Signature	91
	b. Requests Released to House, Senate or Study Commission	<u>805</u>
	TOTAL	896

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REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
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TABLED REQUESTS

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Gauvreau

TABLED
02/23/89

LR 2179 An Act to Improve the Standards
of Care at the Augusta
Mental Health and Bangor Mental
Health Institute

COSPONSOR: Rep. Manning

SPONSOR: Rep. Merrill

TABLED
02/23/89

LR 2178 An Act to Set-Aside 100 Moose
Permits for Hunters 65 Years
of Age and Older

SPONSOR: Rep. Sheltra

TABLED
02/23/89

LR 2198 An Act Regarding the Composition
of the Real Estate Commission

NEW REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Andrews

LR 2285 An Act to Create the Individual
Income Tax Windfall Fund

COSPONSOR: Rep. Cashman
Sen. Pray
Rep. Martin, John

SPONSOR: Sen. Brawn

LR 2259 Resolve, Authorizing the Director
of Parks and Recreation to Convey
the Interest of the State in
Certain Parcels of Real Property
in the Town of Lincolnville and
the County of Penobscot

SPONSOR: Sen. Bustin

LR 2257 An Act to Ban the Use of Tape
Recorders for Reporting Work
Delinquency

SPONSOR: Sen. Bustin

LR 2260 An Act to Respond to the Augusta
Mental Health Institute Hearings

SPONSOR: Rep. Butland

LR 2236 An Act to Maintain the Confidentiality
of all Juvenile Offenders until after
the Determination has been made to
Try as a Juvenile or an Adult

SPONSOR: Sen. Clark

LR 2261 An Act Providing for Amendment to
the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program

SPONSOR: Sen. Clark

LR 2262 An Act to Amend the Law Governing
the Maine Committee on Aging

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Clark

LR 2263 An Act Concerning Municipal
Regulation of Shellfish Resources .

SPONSOR: Rep. Conley, Jr.

LR 1674 Resolve, to Create a Commission to
Study the Need for Establishing
Limits on Campaign Spending for
Candidates Seeking State Office

SPONSOR: Rep. Conley, Jr.

LR 1675 Resolve, to Create a Commission to
Study the Feasibility of a Southern
Maine Regional Jetport

SPONSOR: Rep. Constantine

LR 2254 An Act Concerning Immunity for
Nonprofit Corporations

SPONSOR: Rep. Curran

LR 2203 An Act to Provide a Fund for
Preparation and Training of Class
I and Class II Drivers

(NOTE: Previously requested at 2/15
Council meeting; voted on at 2/23
meeting and failed)

SPONSOR: Rep. Curran

LR 2253 An Act Concerning Class I and
Class II Tractor-trailer Licensing

SPONSOR: Rep. Gould

LR 2249 An Act to Authorize the Placement
of a Directional Sign on Interstate
95 for Unity College

COSPONSOR: Rep. Stevenson
Sen. Twitchell
Rep. Macomber

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Kany

LR 2238 An Act to Allow Vanity Registration
Plates for Boat and Truck Trailers
and Trailers

COSPONSOR: Sen. Erwin
Sen. Twitchell

SPONSOR: Sen. Kany

LR 2250 An Act Relating to Sidewalks

COSPONSOR: Sen. Twitchell

SPONSOR: Rep. Luther

LR 2237 An Act Regarding Sludge Spreading

SPONSOR: Rep. Martin, J.L.

LR 2235 An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle
Insurance Surcharges Due to License
Suspension

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell

LR 2255 An Act Regarding the Transportation
of Students

SPONSOR: Rep. Murphy

LR 2251 An Act Increasing Indebtedness
of the Berwick Sewer District

SPONSOR: Rep. Murphy

LR 2252 An Act to Require the Bureau
of Purchases to Purchase only
United States made Products

SPONSOR: Rep. Nadeau, G.G.

LR 2234 An Act to Establish a Maine
Savings Bond Program

Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Paradis, J.

LR 2247 An Act to Authorize a Cooperative
Agreement for the Construction
and Operation of a Vocational Center
Located in Maine School Administrative
District Number 33

COSPONSOR: Rep. McHenry
Sen. Theriault
Rep. Martin, Hilda

SPONSOR: Rep. Paradis, E.J.

LR 2248 An Act Concerning Property Abandoned
by Tenants

COSPONSOR: Sen. Webster

SPONSOR: Rep. Rand

LR 2258 An Act to Exempt Commercial Fishermen
from the Sales Tax on Materials and
Fuel Necessary to that Occupation

SPONSOR: Rep. Rolde

LR 2256 An Act to Change the Premium on
Alcoholic Beverages

COSPONSOR: Sen. Bustin
Sen. Matthews
Rep. Norton

SPONSOR: Rep. Tracy

LR 2197 An Act Authorizing Reallocation
of Surplus Franklin County Funds

COSPONSOR: Rep. Pineau
Sen. Erwin
Rep. Heeschen

JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Holt

LR 724 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE
 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO
 GRANT COMPENSATION TO ATOMIC VETERANS
 WITHOUT REGARD TO LATENCY PERIODS

SPONSOR: Rep. Ketover

LR 2207 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING
 THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF
 THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT
 MOVEMENT AND THE LEAGUE OF THE
 RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES
 TO FULLY RECOGNIZE THE MAGEN DAVID
 ADOM SOCIETY

COSPONSOR: Rep. Rolde
 Rep. Martin, John
 Rep. Rydell

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Action

SPONSOR: Clark, Margaret

An Act to Strengthen the Office of
Advocacy for Mental Health Services

COSPONSOR: Rep. Rolde

SPONSOR: Rep. Dexter

LR 2268 Resolve, Concerning Africanized Bees

SPONSOR: Sen. Kany

REVISED TITLE

LR 2250 An Act to Allocate Highway Funds
for Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance

SPONSOR: Rep. Paradis, P.

LR 2267 An Act Concerning the Right to Die

JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

SPONSOR: Rep. Holt

LR 723 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO RESTORE FULL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
TO MAINE VETERANS WHO BORE ARMS IN DEFENSE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COSPONSOR: Sen. Titcomb