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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1989
REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of May 9, 1989 Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Item #2: Step Increases Requiring Consideration by Personnel
Committee

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Committee on Legislative Automation

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Interim Studies (Tabled at May 9 Council Meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request for Amendment to Contract with Peat Marwick
Main & Co. to Review the State's Individual Income Tax
Withholding Tables. (Letter from Rep. Cashman and
Proposal from Peat Marwick)

Item #2: Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review:
Submission of Draft Reports. (Copies distributed to
members Friday, May 19)

Item #3: Repair of State House Roof. (Letter from Earle
Shettleworth, Chair, State Capitol Commission)

Item #4: After Deadline Requests
(list enclosed)

Item #5: Requests to Carry Bills Over to the
Second Regular Session
(preliminary list enclosed)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

REP JOHN L. MARTIN
CHAIR

SEN DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE
VICE-CHAIR



STATE OF MAINE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MAY 9, 1989

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED MAY 24, 1989

CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council was called to order by the Chair,
Speaker Martin, at 5:10 p.m., in the Legislative Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Rep. Marsano

Legislative Officers:

Sally Diamond	Executive Director, Legislative Council
Lynn Randall	State Law Librarian
John Wakefield	Deputy Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Martha Freeman	Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
David Kennedy	Revisor of Statutes
John H. Bailey	Information Systems Director
Joy O'Brien	Secretary of the Senate

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Summaries of the April 25 and May 3, 1989, Council meetings were accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Item #1: Revisor's Drafting Status Report**

Mr. Kennedy's report indicated that virtually all bills, with the exception of those After Deadline bills approved by the Council at its May 3 meeting, had been completed. Mr. Kennedy estimated that the total number of original bills introduced will exceed 1,720 - about 200 more than were drafted in the 113th Legislature's First Regular Session. Finally, he noted that the statistics reflected a sustained high level of effort from his entire staff as well as an extraordinary level of cooperation and support from both the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis staff and John Bailey and the Information Systems staff.

No Council action required.

Item #2: Approved Step Increases

Ms. Diamond reported that she had approved the following step increase, based on the favorable recommendation of her Office Director:

Norma Gruska, Library Assistant, Law and Legislative Reference Library, (Salary Range 3), from Step E to Step F, effective May 7, 1989.

Motion: That this report be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Mayo; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

Item #3: Resignation of Annika Lane

Ms. Diamond noted that most members of the Council had previously been informed of Ms. Lane's resignation, which was to be effective Friday, May 12. She reported that Sen. Clark, as Chair of the Personnel Committee, had requested that she work with the other Directors to develop proposals for strongly discouraging resignations during the legislative session.

Motion: That Ms. Lane's resignation be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Sen. Clark also observed that she and other members of the Committee believed that the restructuring of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis which Martha Freeman had instituted upon her appointment as Director had helped minimize the impact of Ms. Lane's resignation on the committees' work.

Item #4: Promotion of Hartley Palleschi

Ms. Diamond reported that, on Martha Freeman's recommendation, she had approved the promotion of Hartley Palleschi from the position of Research Assistant to the position of Legislative Analyst, effective immediately. The Analyst position is the one vacated by Annika Lane's resignation. Sen. Clark noted that the Personnel Committee endorsed this recommendation.

Motion: That this report be accepted. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Sen. Clark, Committee Chair, presented the following report:

Longevity Steps

At the request of the Speaker, the Committee considered the addition of a longevity step to the salary scales for leadership staff. The scales for non-partisan staff contain two longevity steps - one available after 8 years of legislative service and the second after 10 years.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize creation of one additional step in each of the salary ranges for leadership staff, which would be available only upon completion of 8 years of service on the House or Senate staff. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Motion: That the Council amend existing policy regarding the eligibility for assignment to longevity steps in the non-partisan salary ranges as follows: provide that, effective June 1, 1989, non-partisan staff be eligible to move into longevity steps which are already a part of their salary ranges upon completion of 8 to 10 years of service on the non-partisan staff, provided that a staff member has been in Step G for 1 year. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Request for Assignment of Staff

• AMHI Oversight Committee

Motion: That the request for staff assistance be tabled pending further developments in that situation. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

• Committee on Audit and Program Review

Sen. Clark reported that the Personnel Committee had discussed the Audit Committee's request and strongly endorsed the action taken by the Council at its May 9 meeting to request the Audit Committee to develop a detailed description of the scope and objectives of the additional work they proposed to do related to Child Protective Services and that this be submitted to the Council for review and approval prior to the initiation of any work.

(No motion required)

Paid Overtime

Sen. Clark reported that this issue had been brought to the Committee's attention because the Senate had concluded that paid overtime was the best way to manage resources in those offices with small staff.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve authorization for payment of overtime in the Senate, only beyond the 80 hour ceiling the Senate has placed on the accrual of compensatory time. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill).

Discussion focussed on whether adoption of this motion would not inevitably result in extension of this policy to the House. Personnel Committee members reflected their discussion in committee that there were significant differences in the staffing levels in the House and Senate, and that this approach seemed to be an appropriate way to address those differences. Speaker Martin expressed his personal concern that it was not good management practice to treat the two chambers differently.

Motion: That this issue be re-referred to the Personnel Committee. (Motion by Sen. Webster; second by Rep. Webster, approved 8-1).

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Medical Malpractice Study: Progress Report

Item #2: Tax Revenue Study: Request for Extension of Final Report Date Until Monday, May 15

The Chair, Speaker Martin, asked for brief reports from the two contracted studies previously approved by the Legislative Council. He reported that the Medical Malpractice Liability Study was still on schedule. Rep. Mayo reported that the Taxation Committee had unanimously agreed to request a one-day extension for the submission of the draft final report for the Tax Revenue Study, pointing out that many members of the Committee would be in Washington on the original deadline date, May 12.

Motion: That the deadline for submission of the final report of the Tax Revenue Study by the contractor, Peat Marwick & Main, be extended to Monday, May 15. (Motion by Rep. Mayo; second by Rep. Webster; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Interim Studies: Issues and Procedures

Rep. Martin suggested that this item be tabled until the next Council meeting. There being no objection, the item was tabled.

Item #2: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m., on the motion of Rep. Mayo.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MAY 24, 1989

Approved Step Increases

James Clair, Principal Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 12), from Step C to Step D, effective May 20, 1989.

Cheryl Ring, Principal Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 12), from Step D to Step E, effective May 20, 1989.

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May 17, 1989

TO: Honorable Nancy Randall Clark, Chair
and Members of the Personnel Committee

FROM: Sally *Gray*

SUBJECT: Studies

At the Committee's last meeting, you asked me to track down some "historical" information regarding the funding and staffing of studies conducted last year.

The Legislative Council was given a "budget" of \$80,000 last spring to fund statutory studies that had been reported out of committee and assigned to the Appropriations Table. A list of these is enclosed. You will note that several studies were approved and funded outside of the "ceiling." In addition, the Council approved 3 studies that had been requested by Joint Standing Committees. These are also included on the attachment.

Finally, I would point out that in addition to those studies initiated last spring, our staff were involved in several studies that had commenced during the 1987 interim.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Enclosure

LEGISLATIVE STUDIES: 1988 INTERIM

STATUTORY STUDIES

Study Name	Budget	Staffing
Funding of Alcoholism & Other Substance Abuse Services (Extended from FY 87 Interim)	\$ 5,365 ^a	OFPR
Commission to Review Overcrowding at AMHI & BMHI (Extended from 1987)	\$ 10,300 ^a 4,520	OPLA
Special Commission on Early Childhood Development & Education (Previously Special Commission on School Entrance Age & Preschool Services)	\$ 8,350 ^a 6,715	OPLA
Commission to Study the Impact of Game & Non-Game Species on Maine's Economy (Extended from 1987)	\$ 7,360 ^a	OFPR
Commission on Sport Fisheries (Extended from 1987)	\$ 3,000 ^a	OPLA
Commission to Review the Laws Relating to Registered Maine Guides (Extended from 1987)	\$ 8,800	OPLA
Blue Ribbon Commission on the Regulation of Health Care Expenditures (Extended from 1987)	\$111,050	Consultant & OPLA
Maine Water Supply Study Commission	\$ 5,720	OPLA
Ways by Which Community Services are Purchased by DHS & DMHMR	\$ 5,990 ^c	OFPR
DEP Advisory Committee	\$ 4,880 ^c	OPLA & OFPR
Commission on Coastal Search & Rescue	\$ 5,570	OPLA
Commission to Study the Status of the Nursing & Health Care Professions in Maine	\$ 9,700 ^b	DEPT. (OPLA & Revisor Drafted Legislation)
Supreme Judicial Court Plan & Design Commission	\$ 10,000 ^c	Silsby
Special Commission on Boating	\$ 5,100	OPLA

Study Name	Budget	Staffing
Study of Anti Trust Laws as they Relate to the Insurance Industry	\$ 7,140	OPLA
Maine Information Commission on Agent Orange	\$ 8,100 ^c	OPLA & Hired R/A
Organization of Maine Blueberry Commission	\$ 3,600	OPLA
Necessity & Feasibility of Establishing a Health Information Record	\$ 14,450	OPLA
Commission to Examine Rent Increases & Other Issues Concerning Mobile Homes (Rural Report due 12/1/89)	\$ 8,800	OPLA
Study of Rehabilitation	\$ 50,935 ^c	OPLA & Technical Consultants
Special Commission to Study School Funding & State Tax Law	\$ 15,140	OPLA
Commission on Children in Need of Supervision & Treatment	\$ 27,040 ^d	Contract (OPLA Drafted Legislation)
Commission on Marine Research	\$ 5,800	OPLA
Municipal Solid Waste Management	\$ 3,575 ^c	OPLA
Highway Maintenance & Safety Implications of Heavy Trucks	\$ 10,815 ^c	OPLA & Hired R/A
Allocation Formulas in the Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 10,815 ^c	OFPR

COUNCIL-AUTHORIZED STUDIES^e

Maine Participation in International Trade & Effects of International Trade on Maine's Economy	\$ 1,815 (4,000)	OPLA
Financial Feasibility of a Public Defender Program and Issues in Implementing a Cost-Effective Program	\$ 1,100 (4,000)	OPLA
Utility Easements over Existing Rights of Way	\$ 825 (2,000)	OPLA

Notes:

- a. Because study and budget had been approved in prior year, not "charged" to the \$80,000
- b. Budget subsequently increased by statutory appropriation
- c. Not included in "Study Allocation"
- d. Legislation creating commission originally passed with no appropriation. Emergency legislation later passed which did appropriate funds.
- e. Traditionally, Council study "budgets" are defined as # of subcommittee members x number of meetings. These were not included in the \$80,000 "budget"

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM - BILL STATUS REPORT FOR STUDIES

As of Wednesday May 3, 1989

LD	HP/SP	Title	Committee	Date	Sponsor	Lawtype	Ch.
55 EMERGENCY	HP0044	Resolve, Reestablishing the Maine Information Commission on Agent Orange and Radiation (Reported Pursuant to P & S Laws of 1987, Chapter 129)	AG/RT/VT	01/31/89			
			Hse:	01/31/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	AG/RT/VT	
			Sen:	02/02/89	REF. IN CON.	AG/RT/VT	
			Pub Hear:	02/21/89	1:30 pm Room 105	St Office Bldg	
91 EMERGENCY	HP0067	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Problems with the Municipal Assessment and Collection of Property Taxes (Reported Pursuant to Public Laws of 1987, Chapter 848)	TAX	02/07/89			
			Hse:	02/07/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	TAX	
			Sen:	02/09/89	REF. IN CON.	TAX	
			Pub Hear:	03/29/89	1:00 pm Room 221	State House	
175 EMERGENCY	HP0131	Resolve, Creating the Special Commission to Study Instructional Time in Schools	EDUC	02/14/89	Crowley of Stockton Springs		
			Hse:	02/14/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	EDUC	
			Sen:	02/15/89	REF. IN CON.	EDUC	
286 EMERGENCY	HP0206	Resolve, to Study the Development of a Farmland Preservation Program for Maine	AGRICUL OTP	02/21/89	Marsh of West Gardiner		
			Hse:	04/24/89	EMER. ENACTED	123-0	
			Sen:	04/25/89	APPROP. TABLE		
			Pub Hear:	03/29/89	1:00 pm Room 122	St Office Bldg	
651 EMERGENCY	SP0261	Resolve, to Study the Impact of Expanding Licensure of Additional Groups of Health Care Professionals on Health Insurance Costs	BANK/INS	03/07/89	Gill of Cumberland		
			Hse:	03/07/89	REF. IN CON.	BANK/INS	
			Sen:	03/07/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	BANK/INS	
			Pub Hear:	04/11/89	1:30 pm Room 113	St Office Bldg	
715 EMERGENCY	HP0530	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Use of Professional Strikebreakers	LABOR	03/08/89	McHenry of Madawaska		
			Hse:	03/08/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	LABOR	
			Sen:	03/13/89	REF. IN CON.	LABOR	
			Pub Hear:	05/10/89	1:00 pm Room 134	State House	

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LD	HP/SP	Title	Committee	Date	Sponsor	Lawtype	Ch.
722 EMERGENCY	SP0276	Resolve, to Redesign the Structure of the Board of Environmental Protection	EN/NAT RS OTP-AM	03/13/89	Kany of Kennebec	EN/NAT RS CA	
			Hse:	03/14/89	REF. IN CON.		
			Sen:	05/02/89	ENG. AS AMENDED BY		
			Pub Hear:	04/03/89	3:00 in Room 120	ST Office Bldg	
Amendments: S-71			CA	S	05/01/89		
750 EMERGENCY	SP0286	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association and the Maine Self-insurance Guarantee Association	BANK/INS OTP-AM	03/14/89	Theriault of Aroostook	PUBLIC	67
			Hse:	04/27/89	EMER. ENACTED	128-3	
			Sen:	04/27/89	EMER. ENACTED	27-0	
			Pub Hear:	03/23/89	1:30 pm in Room	427 State House	
			Governor:	EMER SIGNED	04/27/89		
Amendments: S-64			CA	H S	04/28/89		
Amendments: S-65			SA CA CLARK N	H S	04/28/89		
847	HP0624	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Preservation of Volunteer Ambulance Crews and Volunteer Fire Departments	ST/LOCAL	03/21/89	McCormick, Jr. of Rockport	ST/LOCAL	
			Hse:	03/21/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	ST/LOCAL	
			Sen:	03/22/89	REF. IN CON.	ST/LOCAL	
			Pub Hear:	04/21/89	9:00 am Room 334	State House	
886	HP0652	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Materials Recovery Facility	EN/NAT RS ONTP	03/22/89	Hanley of Paris	ONTP	
			Hse:	04/12/89	ACCEPTED REPORT	ONTP	
			Sen:	04/13/89	ACCEPTED REPORT	ONTP	
			Pub Hear:	04/07/89	9:00 am Room 120	St Office Bldg	
887	HP0653	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections	LEG AFF	03/22/89	Priest of Brunswick	LEG AFF	
			Hse:	03/22/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	LEG AFF	
			Sen:	03/23/89	REF. IN CON.	LEG AFF	
			Pub Hear:	04/21/89	9:00 am Room 437	State House	

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LD	HP/SP	Title	Committee	Date	Sponsor	Lawtype	Ch.
1012	HP0735	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Foreign Ownership and Investment in Maine Land and Business	ECON/DEV	04/03/89	Cathcart of Orono		
			Hse:	04/03/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	ECON/DEV	
			Sen:	04/04/89	REF. IN CON.	ECON/DEV	
			Pub Hear:	04/25/89	1:00 pm Room 124	State House	
1034	SP0389	Resolve, to Establish a Blue Ribbon Task Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the Public School System	EDUC	04/04/89	Clark of Cumberland		
EMERGENCY			Hse:	04/05/89	REF. IN CON.	EDUC	
			Sen:	04/04/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	EDUC	
			Pub Hear:	05/02/89	1:30 pm Room 124	St Office Bldg	
1054	HP0750	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Southern Maine Regional Jetport	ST/LOCAL	04/05/89	Conley, Jr. of Portland		
			Hse:	04/05/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	ST/LOCAL	
			Sen:	04/06/89	REF. IN CON.	ST/LOCAL	
			Pub Hear:	04/26/89	1:00 pm Room 334	State House	
1081	HP0770	Resolve, to Study the Structure and Operations of the Legislature		04/10/89	Carroll of Gray	RESOLVE	15
EMERGENCY			Hse:	04/20/89	EMER. FINALLY PASSED	126-0	
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147 HP0110			Governor:	EMER SIGNED	04/28/89		
1198	SP0445	Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study Public Acquisition of Recreation Rights on Water Company Lands	UTILITIES	04/13/89	Bustin of Kennebec		
			Hse:	04/18/89	REF. IN CON.	UTILITIES	
			Sen:	04/13/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	UTILITIES	
			Pub Hear:	05/03/89	1:30 pm Room 124	St Office Bldg	
1221	HP0878	Resolve, to Assess the Needs of the Equine Industry and to Establish a Commission to Study the Creation of a Statewide Horse Council	AGRICUL	04/18/89	Tardy of Palmyra		
			Hse:	04/18/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	AGRICUL	
			Sen:	04/19/89	REF. IN CON.	AGRICUL	
			Pub Hear:	05/10/89	1:30 pm Room 105	St Office Bldg	

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LD	HP/SP	Title	Committee	Date	Sponsor	Lawtype	Ch.
1252	SP0467	An Act to Establish the Medicaid Advisory Committee on Mental Health	HUM/RES	04/19/89	Bustin of Kennebec	HUM/RES	
			Hse:	04/20/89	REF. IN CON.	HUM/RES	
			Sen:	04/19/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	HUM/RES	
			Pub Hear:	05/08/89	1:30 pm Room 436	State House	
1318 EMERGENCY	HP0950	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Town Supervision of Private Roads	TRANS	04/24/89	Tracy of Rome	TRANS	
			Hse:	04/24/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	TRANS	
			Sen:	04/25/89	REF. IN CON.	TRANS	
			Pub Hear:	05/15/89	1:30 pm Room 122	St Office Bldg	
1334	SP0492	Resolve, to Establish a Select Study Commission to Study Educational Voucher Systems	EDUC	04/25/89	Brawn of Knox	EDUC	
			Hse:	04/26/89	REF. IN CON.	EDUC	
			Sen:	04/25/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	EDUC	
			Pub Hear:	05/08/89	1:00 pm Room 124	St Office Bldg	
1370 EMERGENCY	SP0496	Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Piscataqua River Basin Compact between Maine and New Hampshire	EN/NAT RS	04/26/89	Estes of York	EN/NAT RS	
			Hse:	04/27/89	REF. IN CON.	EN/NAT RS	
			Sen:	04/26/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	EN/NAT RS	
			Pub Hear:	05/10/89	9:00 am Room 120	St Office Bldg	
1417	HP1016	Resolve, to Establish a Study Commission Regarding Incentives for Recycling of Solid Waste by Commercial Facilities		05/02/89	Tracy of Rome	EN/NAT RS	
			Hse:	05/02/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	EN/NAT RS	
			Sen:	/ /00			
1425	HP1024	An Act to Establish the Child Welfare Advisory Committee and to Redesignate the Bureau of Social Services as the Bureau of Child and Family Services		05/02/89	Foss of Yarmouth	HUM/RES	
			Hse:	05/02/89	REF'D TO COMMITTEE	HUM/RES	
			Sen:	/ /00			

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM - BILL STATUS REPORT FOR STUDIES

As of Wednesday May 3, 1989

LD	HP/SP	Title	Committee	Date	Sponsor	Lawtype	Ch.
1440	HP1034	Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study Crab Fishing in Maine		05/03/89	Kilkelly of Wiscasset		
			Sen: /	/00			
1442 EMERGENCY	SP0525	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study the Provision of Services by Schools for Students Leaving Substance Abuse Treatment Centers		05/03/89	Matthews of Kennebec		
			Hse: /	/00			
			Sen: /	/00			
1462	HP1051	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Alternative Education		05/03/89	Pines of Limestone		
			Sen: /	/00			

--- End of Report ---

SENATE

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

May 22, 1989

Honorable John L. Martin
Speaker of the House and
Chairman of the Legislative Council
Augusta, Maine 04333

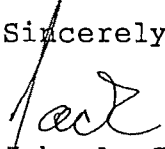
Dear John:

There continues to be a considerable amount of concern amongst employers and accountants in Maine about the State Income Tax Withholdings tables. As you know, the Bureau of Taxation recently issued new tables in an effort to correct an ongoing problem for Maine taxpayers. Several accountants have contacted me in recent weeks and told me that the new tables are not an improvement and may even be a step backwards.

Because of this situation I have asked Bill Hamilton of Peat, Marwick & Main to give me a price on reviewing the State Income Tax Withholding tables and reporting back to us on their effectiveness. Attached is a letter from Peat Marwick & Main proposing to do this work for \$5,000.

I think this would be a very worthwhile expenditure for the legislature to make. They have brought us a long way towards solving a very vexing problem and it seems prudent to spend this amount of money to let them finish the job.

Sincerely,


John A. Cashman
House Chair

JAC/lc

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May 19, 1989

The Honorable Jack Cashman
Chairman
Joint Committee on Taxation
Maine State Legislature
State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Representative Cashman:

As you requested, we have looked at the cost of the Policy Economics Group doing a quick analysis of the Maine individual income tax withholding tables.

Our proposed review would focus on problems with the current tables, especially as they affect two-earner households. Specifically, we would propose to:

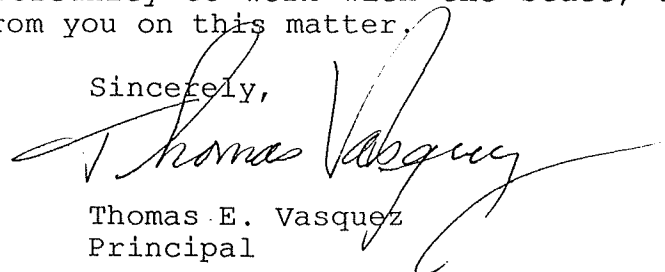
- (1) Look at how the current withholding system affects taxpayers at different income levels and under different tax filing assumptions (single, two-earner, and so on).
- (2) Compare these effects with what was in place under the previous withholding system.
- (3) Look at the issue of withholding under the Option 3 proposal from our report.
- (4) Make recommendations based on this examination.

The cost of this project would be \$5,000.00. It could be completed in about two weeks once we receive authorization to proceed.

As I indicated to you when we presented the report, if you plan to proceed with Option 3 or similar legislation, we would certainly be interested in meeting with you in Augusta or here in Washington to work on details. In fact, there may be a definite advantage to meeting in Washington where we have direct access to our data and models to make any necessary refinements to the option.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to work with the State, and we look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Vasquez
Principal





MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
Augusta, Maine 04333

STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION

May 24, 1989

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

Dear Speaker Martin, Senator Dutemble
and Members of the Legislative Council:

I am writing on behalf of the members of the State Capitol Commission to request the Legislative Council's support for a supplemental appropriation to the Commission for the purpose of replacing the roof on the west wing of the State House.

I think you are aware that there were major leaks in the roof last summer, which caused damage on the 4th floor of the building. Sally Diamond made arrangements to have the roof patched to prevent further leakage; but at the time this was done, we were told that these should be considered very short term and that "the roof has served far beyond its useful life and should be replaced as soon as possible".

In the intervening months, we have received estimates for the replacement of the roof itself, for the structural work required to correct existing conditions and to support the new roof, and for the architectural services required to develop construction documents. These estimates include:

Replacement of roof: \$63,000

The Commission considered four types of roof membranes and has voted unanimously to support specification of a standing seam lead-coated copper roof. This material is more expensive, but has by far the longest life and would have very low maintenance requirements. Our choice is based on our concern that the material not only be suitable, but that the appearance be in character for this landmark building.

Structural Analysis and Architectural Services: \$26,925

We recommend that the firm of Moore/Weinrich Architects be engaged to provide the architectural services in order to take advantage of the knowledge they have gained about the building from their previous work. Preliminary structural analysis has been done in order to prepare these estimates; the amount requested would allow a thorough investigation of the roof area, all existing roof penetrations, and the roof structure.

Asbestos Removal: To be provided

In the course of our preliminary analysis, we worked with the Bureau of Public Improvements to have the west wing roof analyzed for asbestos. We have not yet received a written report of that work, but understand that the roofing material contains asbestos and will thus require a costly removal process. A cost estimate should be available shortly.

Analysis of Remainder of Roof: \$10,000

Although the west wing is the most immediate priority, we are concerned about the condition of the remainder of the roof. We would like to have the analytical work completed this summer so that we can appropriately plan for the future.

I would stress that these are estimates; they are based on preliminary analysis. The total amount required for this project, excluding asbestos removal, is \$99,925.

We sincerely appreciate the Legislative Council's continuing interest in this beautiful and historic building and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Earle Shettlemworth, Jr., Chair
State Capitol Commission

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LR 2438 An Act to Increase the Funds Available
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Issue in the Amount of \$19,110,600 for the
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LR 2441 An Act to Allow Health Screening without
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 Rep. Garland

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SPONSOR: Sen. Brannigan

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Cosponsors: Rep. Mitchell

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 SPONSOR: Sen. Clark	 Tabled 05/09/89
LR 2315 An Act Concerning the Workers' Compensation Laws	
 SPONSOR: Rep. Constantine	 Tabled 05/09/89
LR 2254 An Act Concerning Immunity for Nonprofit Corporations	
 SPONSOR: Rep. Kilkelly	 Tabled 05/09/89
LR 2287 AN Act to Expand and Improve Representative Membership on the Manufactured Housing Board	
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LR 2361 An Act to Provide Adequate Financial Resources for Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Teams	
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LR 2394 An Act to Amend and Clarify School to Community Transition Coordination Services for Handicapped Youth Aged	
Cosponsors: Rep. Martin, John L. Sen. Theriault	

SPONSOR: Rep. Luther

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LR 2275 An Act to Require Proof of Insurance
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SPONSOR: Rep. Melendy

Tabled
05/09/89

LR 2293 An Act to Protect Adults at Risk

SPONSOR: Rep. Melendy

Tabled
05/09/89

LR 2381 An Act Concerning the Use of the
 State's Water Resources

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell

Tabled
05/09/89

LR 2303 An Act Regarding the Diesel Fuel Tax

SPONSOR: Rep. Nadeau, Greogry G.

Tabled
05/09/89

LR 2234 An Act to Establish a Maine Savings Bond Program

SPONSOR: Sen. Perkins

Tabled
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LR 2406 An Act to Create the Deer Isle
 Water District

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SPONSOR: Sen. Clark

Tabled

LR 2317 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS AND THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO URGE THE
RETENTION OF SMALL ISSUE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Cosponsors: Rep. Gwadosky
Sen. Dillenback
Sen. Perkins

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LR 2459 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the
Purchasing of Liquor from Agency
Liquor Stores

Cosponsors: Sen. Brawn

SPONSOR: Sen. Clark

LR 2457 An Act to Amend the Teacher Retirement
System Laws to Allow Contributions for
Associates in Education

Cosponsors: Rep. Rydell
Rep. Priest
Rep. Foss

SPONSOR: Sen. Dutremble

LR 2462 An Act to Amend the Liquor Laws

SPONSOR: Rep. Michaud

LR 2460 An Act Relating to Over the Rail
Transportation of Hazardous Materials

SPONSOR: Sen. Titcomb

LR 2458 An Act to Preserve the Integrity of
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May 24, 1989

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L.D. 881	An Act Regarding the Disposal of Fetal Remains	PARADIS P TAMMARO WEYMOUTH RANDALL
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L.D. 1064	An Act Concerning Jurisdiction over Contested Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings	CONLEY
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