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STATE OF MAINE

114th LEGISLATURE

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JUNE 16, 1989;

JUNE 18, 1989*

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED JUNE 21, 1989

*(Council was in recess)

CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council was called to order by the Chair,
Speaker Martin, at 6:44 p.m., in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Rep. Gwadosky

Legislative Officers:

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Legislative Council

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and Legal Analysis

Information Systems

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Principal Analyst, Office of

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Principal Attorney, Office

of Revisor of Statutes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the June 8, 1989, Council meeting was accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Advisory Committee on Legislative Structure and Operations: Progress Report from Senator Clark and Mr. MacLeod, Committee Chairs

Council members had received a letter from the Co-Chairs of the Advisory Committee reporting that the Advisory Committee had had its initial meeting on June 14. Both Senator Clark and Mr. MacLeod were present at the Council meeting. They reported that the Committee had reviewed and approved with minor changes a draft of the Request for Proposals to be sent to potential bidders for the study. The Committee also approved a preliminary list of potential bidders and set a deadline for receipt of proposals of July 10, at 10:00 a.m. Both invited Council comments and suggestions.

Speaker Martin thanked the Chairs for their willingness to serve and for organizing the work of the Committee so promptly.

Motion: That the letter from the Chairs of the Advisory Committee be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Webster; unanimous).

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.

Item #3: Requests to Carry Bills Over to the Second Regular Session

A list of the requests considered by the Council with the Council's action noted is attached.

Item #4: Request from Judiciary Committee for Authorization to Hold Public Hearings this Fall

This item was Tabled until later by the Chair, without objection.

Item #5: Interim Study Requests

The Legislative Council considered requests from Joint Standing Committees to conduct interim studies. A list of the proposed studies and a summary of the Council's action is attached.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

RECESS

The Chair moved that the Council stand in recess until a time to be determined later. The Council was recessed at 7:16 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Council was brought to order by the Chair on Sunday, June 18, at 7:10 p.m.

All members of the Council were present, as were Sally Diamond, Executive Director; Martha Freeman, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis; David Kennedy, Revisor of Statutes; John Bailey, Information Systems Director; and Tim Glidden, Principal Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis.

TABLED ITEMS

Item #1: Interim Study Requests

The Council resumed its consideration of requests to conduct interim studies, focussing at this time on a review of those proposed statutory studies that are still pending. The Chair pointed out to Council members that most of these studies have appropriation sections; in addition, the majority would require staff assistance from the Legislative Council. The Chair noted that both financial and staff resources were limited.

A summary of the Council's action is attached (2 lists: "Approved Study Requests" and "Summary of Denied Study Requests").

Item #2: Request from Judiciary Committee for Authorization to Hold Public Hearings this Fall.

Motion: That the request be approved, provided that the public hearings are scheduled in conjunction with a fall special session should one be called. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Marsano; approved 9-1).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request to Introduce a Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution Memorializing the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, and the Interstate Commerce Commission to Restore Passenger Rail Service to the State of Maine.

Sponsor: Rep. McKeen; Cosponsors: Sen. Pray
Rep. Martin, John
Rep. Melendy

ACCEPTED

Item #2: After Deadline Request

AN ACT Concerning Immunity from Liability for Incorporators of Certain Hospitals

Sponsor: Rep. Melendy

ACCEPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council was adjourned on the motion of the Chair at 9:35 p.m.