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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JULY 19, 1989

REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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- Ted Potter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 19, 1989

Approved Step Increases

Joan G. Levesque, Proofreader, Office of the Revisor, from
Step A to Step B (Salary Range 3), effective May 22, 1989

Approved Out-of-State Travel

NCSL Annual Meeting, Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 5-11, 1989

Dick Sawyer
Meg Matheson
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Deborah Friedman
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Sally Diamond

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

July 18, 1989

Honorable John L. Martin, Chairman
Legislative Council
State House Station #115
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Representative Martin,

The Legislative Council is sponsoring a study that tracks legislation reported out of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee as LD 722. This study, a review of the structure and function of the Board of Environmental Protection, was reported out of committee as a seven member panel. The Council has suggested that the panel consist of five members.

I would like the Council to reconsider sponsoring seven members for the study. Our mandate is to do a comprehensive review of the role, structure and effectiveness of the Board. We can save the Energy and Natural Resource committee precious time by working with a broad cross-section of our members and addressing their concerns during the interim. This may be a controversial issue during the next session.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Sen. Judy Kany

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE

AND OPERATIONS

Report to the Legislative Council

July 19, 1989

Motion: That the Legislative Council enter into a contract with the firm of Peat, Marwick & Main for the purpose of conducting a study of the structure and operations of the Legislature as provided in the Resolves of 1989, Chapter 15; and, further,

That the Legislative Council authorize an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the award of this contract with the understanding that the proposal originally submitted by Peat, Marwick be amended to provide that the firm shall retain someone who has extensive experience working directly with the Maine Legislature to advise them throughout all phases of the study and to participate actively in selected phases of the study; and further

That the contract document that is developed include specific provisions regarding the confidentiality of all materials and working papers developed in the course of this study and designating the Advisory Committee on Legislative Structure and Operations as the sole authority for dissemination of all information and reports pertaining to the study.



STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE PLANNING OFFICE

JOHN R. McKERNAN, JR.
GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

RICHARD H. SILKMAN,
DIRECTOR

July 6, 1989

TO: Sarah C. Diamond, Executive Director, Legislative Council

FROM: Rich Silkman, Director, State Planning Office

SUBJECT: Request for Staff and Space for Reapportionment Mapping

The Legislative Council has assigned the Planning Office the task of preparing Legislative reapportionment maps for the 1990 census. The Planning Office lacks the staff and space needed for this work. This is a request, therefore, for three thousand four hundred (\$3,400) to employ a project person to prepare the maps and for temporary space in the State House to do the work. The space will be needed for approximately a month and a half this summer. Also needed will be a large work table, three or four feet by six or eight feet.

The Legislative Council in 1985 asked the U.S. Census Bureau to compile population counts of State Electoral districts when it takes the 1990 census. These counts will be used to reapportion the Legislature and county commissioner districts in 1993.

The Census Bureau requires states wanting 1990 electoral district counts to prepare electoral district maps, computer codes and computer labels for use during the census. The Legislative Council assigned the Planning Office these tasks in 1985 when it asked the Census Bureau to compile the electoral district counts. This was done despite the Planning Office's objection that the work ought to be the responsibility of the State's lead census affiliate, the Maine Department of Labor.

The Census Bureau is requiring the Planning Office to map electoral districts onto the Bureau's 1990 base maps. The Bureau sent the first base maps on June 19th and will send the remainder over the next few weeks. There will be a total of five to six hundred maps and all work must be completed before the end of January 1990.

As you know, the Planning Office has many fewer staff and much less space today than it did in 1985. The creation of the new Department of Economic and Community Development has left the Planning Office at only half its former size. Because of this, we lack the staff and space needed to prepare the 1990 electoral district maps. Therefore, I'm asking the Legislative Council to provide the funds required to employ a project person to prepare the maps and to provide space for this person to do the work.

I estimate the work will take one person seven weeks (35 work days). While it will not require a professional cartographer, it will demand someone used to working with maps. Hence, I propose employing a Planner II (Range 22, Step A). The cost of employing a Planner II for seven weeks will be \$3,400 (\$2,800 salary and \$600 fringe benefits).

We have a potential candidate who is willing to consider short-term employment of this nature. The required paperwork is being put together now to clear appropriate channels; we would, however need a quick decision on your part to ensure that this person maintains interest.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

RHS/jmb

cc: Sharon Miller

SENATE

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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

July 13, 1989

Speaker John L. Martin, Chair
Legislative Council
114th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Martin:

As you will recall, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs recommended in the "Part 2" budget, and the Legislature subsequently enacted, a restructuring of the Public Advocate's Office. Effective January 1, 1990, four employees in the Public Advocate's office that are currently funded by the General Fund will be funded by a new public utilities assessment. A floor amendment was accepted that sunsets this assessment on June 30, 1990.

Sufficient questions remain in our minds, and in the minds of fellow Committee members, concerning how the Public Advocate's Office should be structured and financed that we would like to propose a five-member subcommittee of Appropriations Committee to be authorized to conduct an organizational and financial review of that office. We envision four meetings of the subcommittee being needed to conduct the study, as well as one meeting of the full committee to review the findings and recommendations of the subcommittee. It would be our intent to conclude the study and submit our report and any draft legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature by December 1, 1989. We envision the total cost of this study to be no more than \$5,000. We would further request that we be authorized to utilize our current staff in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review to assist us in conducting the study.

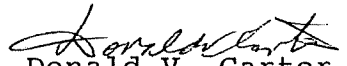
Speaker John L. Martin
July 13, 1989
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Given the relatively short amount of time available to conduct such a study, we would appreciate the Legislative Council's earliest review of our request. Please contact either of us or Jim Clair in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Pearson,
Senate Chair



Donald V. Carter,
House Chair

cc: Members, Legislative Council
Sally Diamond, Executive Director of
the Legislative Council

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

July 19, 1989

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Cahill

AN ACT to Adjust the Compensation for
Active Retired Judges

SPONSOR: Rep. Mayo

AN ACT Concerning Reimbursement to
Municipalities with Certain State
Facilities