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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1989
REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of September 29, 1989, Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Approved Step Increases

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

- Item #1: L.D. 943, AN ACT To Provide Needed Services Identified by the Task Force on Incapacitated and Dependent Adults, and Required by the United States Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987. (Memo enclosed)
- Item #2: Secretary of State's Request to Relocate the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions to Leased Space: Status Report. (Letter from Secretary of State Diamond)
- Item #3: Proposal from Peat Marwick to Prepare Revenue Estimates Under Contract to the Legislature.

NEW BUSINESS

- Item #1: Notification of Disposal of Surplus Real Property (pursuant to Statute). (Memo from John Cashwell, Director, Bureau of Forestry)
- Item #2: Proposed Schedule for Fees for Legislative Document Service for Second Regular Session. (Memo from Ed Pert)
- Item #3: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review to Authorize Expenditures Related to Committee's Study of Child Protective Services. (Letter from Sen. Bustin and Rep. Rolde)

Item #4: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance for an Additional Meeting for the Study of State Insurance Guarantee Funds. (Letter from Sen. Theriault and Rep. Rydell)

Item #5: Correspondence from State House and Capitol Park Commission regarding State House Museum Display Cases. (Letter from Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Chair)

Item #6: Legislators' Requests to Introduce Legislation to Second Regular Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT



REP. JOHN L. MARTIN
CHAIR

SEN. DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE
VICE-CHAIR

STATE OF MAINE

114th LEGISLATURE

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

SEPTEMBER 29, 1989

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED OCTOBER 29, 1989

CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order by the Chair, Speaker Martin, at 3:20 p.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

Bent Schlosser

Martha Freeman

David Kennedy

David Silsby

Executive Director,

Legislative Council

State Law Librarian

Director, Office of Fiscal
and Program Review

Director, Office of Policy
and Legal Analysis

Revisor of Statutes

Director, State Capitol
Commission

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the August 21, 1989, Council meeting was accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Webster; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Personnel Actions

Resignations

- Andrew Newman, Proofreader, Office of the Revisor
- Lars Rydell, Legislative Analyst, OPLA
(Information previously provided to Council members)
- Mary Lou Smith, Proofreader, Office of the Revisor
- Selene Schach-Depackh, Proofreader, Office of the Revisor

Motion: That these resignations be accepted and that appropriate letters of appreciation be sent to each of the employees. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Recommendations for Promotions

- Gerald Thibault, from the position of Computer Programmer to the position of Information Systems Manager.

Ms. Diamond noted that the position of Information Systems Manager had been created to replace the Director position, from which John Bailey had resigned in July.

Rep. Webster inquired whether Ms. Diamond had reviewed the reorganization of the Information Systems function with the Personnel Committee. Ms. Diamond responded that she and Mr. Bailey had met with the Personnel Committee before his departure for this purpose. She further stressed that her recommendation is designed to provide effective support to offices through the Second Regular Session and noted that she would be working with the staff offices and the Personnel Committee to re-evaluate the organization of various information - related functions following adjournment of the Second Regular Session.

- Paul J. Saucier, from the position of Research Assistant to the position of Legislative Analyst, OPLA.

Ms. Diamond reported that Mr. Saucier, who had only recently been hired as a Research Assistant, quickly emerged as one of the top candidates for the Analyst position based both on his prior experience and on his work in the brief time he has been a member of the OPLA staff.

- Cynthia L. Jackson, from the position of Technician to Sr. Technician, Office of the Revisor.

Ms. Diamond reminded Council members that the Senior Technician class is one of the "promotional classes", established when the Council adopted its new classification plan following the NCSL study in 1986, to recognize sustained superior performance in the position.

Motion: That the recommended promotions be approved.
(Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Recommendations to Hire

Ms. Diamond noted that the following recommendations from Martha Freeman, Director of OPLA, had emerged from the review of more than 140 resumes and interviews with at least 10 of the applicants for two vacant Analyst positions.

- Patrick Norton, Cumberland Center, to the position of Legislative Analyst, OPLA
- Jill Ippoliti, Greenville, to the position of Research Assistant, OPLA

Motion: That the recommendations to hire be approved.
(Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Cahill; approved 9-1).

Approved Step Increases

Ms. Diamond reported that step increases had been awarded to the following employees on their anniversary dates based on the favorable recommendations of their respective Office Directors:

Kimberly Morrow Allen, Paralegal Assistant, Revisor's Office, (Salary Range 7), from Step C to Step D, effective September 25, 1989.

Gilbert W. Brewer, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, (Salary Range 10), from Step E to Step F, effective September 11, 1989.

Rosemarie Fredette, Legislative Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 10), from Step B to Step C, effective September 4, 1989.

Valarie Parlin, Senior Secretary, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, (Salary Range 4), from Step E to Step F, effective September 18, 1989.

Dorothy Rollins, Administrative Coordinator, Information Office, (Salary Range 7), from Step G to Step Q, effective September 18, 1989.

Kathryn Van Note, Legislative Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 10), from Step B to Step C, effective September 4, 1989.

Ms. Diamond also noted that although she is not eligible for a step increase, the following employee had completed another year of legislative service and merited recognition of this accomplishment:

Diane M. Maheux, Accounting Technician, Office of the Executive Director.

Item #2: Approved Out-of-State Travel

Ms. Diamond reported that she had approved out-of-state travel for staff as follows:

- Eastern States Legislative Fiscal Officers Association, Annual Meeting, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, September 19-22:

Bent Schlosser
Jim Clair
Tim Leet
Kevin Madigan
Grant Pennoyer

- NCSL Seminar on Legislative-Judicial Relationships, Denver, Colorado, October 1-3: David Kennedy
- CSG/ERC Executive/Legislative Task Force, Annual Seminar, Washington, D.C., October 10-13: Julie Jones
- Assembly on the Legislature, Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 18-21: Sally Diamond, Kevin Madigan
- NCSL Management Development Seminar "Evaluating and Motivating Employees", Panama City Beach, Florida, November 8-11: Dick Sawyer, John Wakefield, and Teen Griffin.
- NCSL Labor Issues Seminar, Honolulu, Hawaii, November 30-December 2: Gilbert Brewer

She also noted that she had approved Cheryl Ring's request to attend a national conference on Child Abuse in Salt Lake City, as part of a grant awarded to the Department of Human Services. This trip would involve no cost to the Legislature.

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Supreme Judicial Court Plan & Design Commission:
Request for Clarification of Council Position on the
Scope of the Planning Effort with regard to the Law
Library.

Sen. Dutremble, in Rep. Martin's absence, called on Rep. Foster, Commission Chair. Rep. Foster reported that the Commission had met to discuss the recent letter from the Council requesting that the final report submitted by the consultant, Dr. Michael Wong, include specifications and cost estimates for locating the Law Library in the proposed court building. She noted that the consultant's preliminary plan, which has been submitted to the Commission, includes a library for the sole use of the courts.

Rep. Foster conveyed the Court Commission's concern that, while it wished to be responsive to the Council's request, this would require expanding the scope of the current contract with the consultant and, possibly, an extension of time. Both would entail additional cost in excess of the funds currently available to the Commission for its work. Mr. Wong has informed the Commission that the proposed study would require \$43,000 beyond his current contract.

The key points of the ensuing discussion among Council members included:

- Concern that it is essential to maintain a library facility in the State House itself for the Legislature's own use.
- Concern of the feasibility of completely merging the type of library facility required by the courts and the State Law Library (which is accessible to the general public). Rep. Foster noted that Mr. Wong's expertise is as court facilities planner, and that the expanded scope of work proposed by the Council would require the involvement of a library planner.

Motion: That the Commission proceed with the study and that the Legislative Council authorize the expenditure of the additional funds required to do this. (Motion by Rep. Webster; second by Rep. Mayo; approved 7-2, with Rep. Marsano abstaining from the vote).

Item #2: Schedule for Review of Bill Requests for Second Regular Session:

Monday, October 23 5 p.m.	Filing Deadline for Legislators
Sunday, October 29 12 noon	Legislative Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 1	Notification to Legislators for Council action
Tuesday, November 7 5 p.m.	Deadline for letters of Appeal
Friday, November 10 3 p.m.	Legislative Council Meeting: Appeals
Friday, December 1	Filing deadline for Study legislation all bills from executive agencies.

Motion: That the schedule be approved and sent to all legislators. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Letter from Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources regarding the Van Buren Hospital Closing. (Item referred to the Committee at the August 21 Council meeting)

Motion: That the letter be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #2: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary to expand the membership on Study Committees.

The Chairs' letter requested approval to expand the membership on each of the Committee's two study subcommittees from 5 to 6.

Motion: That the request be approved. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Marsano; approved 8-2).

Item #3: Study Requests

Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources: Delivery of Adult Protective Services to Dependent and Incapacitated Adults

Discussion centered on the following issues:

1. At least 2 statutory study commissions on which members of the Human Resources Committee serve are addressing aspects of this very complex issue. Coordination with these efforts is important.
2. The complexity of the issue would require significant staff support. OPLA staff are fully - committed to previously-authorized Council studies and statutory study commissions.

Motion That the request be tabled and that the item be re-referred to Sen. Gauvreau and Rep. Manning for further consideration in view of the Council's discussion. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

Joint Standing Committee on Labor: The Use of Professional Strikebreakers

Motion: That the request be approved with the provision that the Committee conduct the study during the month of January, after the Second Regular Session has been convened. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Mayo; approved unanimously).

Item #4: Notification of Proposed Disposal of Surplus Real Property in Dedham (Hancock County).

Motion: That Mr. Cashwell's report be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

Item #5: Request from Rep. Cashman to Retain Peat Marwick Main & Co. for the Purpose of Assisting the Legislature in Revenue Projections.

Rep. Martin noted that the Governor has now advertised to solicit proposals for the development of a revenue estimating model. He further observed that while it is important for state government to develop this capacity in the executive branch, it is equally important for the Legislature to develop an independent capacity to review and test revenue projections developed by the executive branch. He reported that Peat Marwick had indicated it could provide this service to the Legislature through Fiscal Year 1990 for about \$50,000.

The following issues were raised in the ensuing discussion:

1. Who would review and oversee Peat Marwick's work? (Sen. Cahill).

Rep. Martin clarified that the Oversight Committee for the original Peat Marwick Study is no longer in existence: the entire Legislative Council would be the "client" for the proposed work.

2. The possible dilemma that might result from having two sets of revenue estimates - - 1 from the Department of Finance and 1 from Peat Marwick. (Rep. Webster).

Rep. Martin reiterated his earlier point of the importance of having a basis for independently testing the Department's projections.

3. The accuracy of Peat Marwick's projections in other states. (Rep. Webster).

Sen. Pray responded that the firm's estimates have consistently been within 2% of actual revenues in the State of California.

Motion: That the Council approve Rep. Cashman's request to seek a complete proposal from Peat Marwick to provide revenue projections for the Legislature through the remainder of Fiscal Year 1990. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Dutremble; approved 6-4).

Item #6: Request from Secretary of State to Obtain Office Space in Downtown Augusta.

The letter from Secretary of State Diamond requested Council support to relocate the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions to rental space in downtown Augusta.

Rep. Martin clarified that this request has actually been submitted at his urging, so that the Legislature could obtain additional space for committee hearing rooms and offices.

The ensuing discussion raised the following points:

1. The Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions has 56 positions, including 15 new positions approved by the Legislature during the First Regular Session. Relocation would allow the entire Bureau to operate out of a single location, which is critical, according to Mr. Diamond, if his reorganization is to proceed effectively. It would also assure that the Bureau had adequate power for its new computer system, also authorized and funded for by the Legislature.

2. The Secretary of State has an option on 8000 square feet of space at \$11.90/sq. ft., based on a 10-year lease. The cost to the State through June 20, 1991 (the current biennium) would be \$178,500.

Rep. Martin noted that the availability of additional hearing space would reduce costs to the Legislature, which is now forced to rent space at the Civic Center for large hearings.

Concern was expressed about the term of the lease (10 years) (Rep. Marsano) and the cost (Rep. Webster).

Motion: That the Secretary of State be authorized to proceed with his investigation of renting space for the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions and to return to the Council at a later date with a full proposal, which includes turning the existing space in the State Office Building over to the Legislature. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Mayo; approved 8-2).

- Item #7: NCSL Legislative Staff Management Institute: Request from the University of Southern Maine (a finalist) for legislative support.

The Council had received a letter from Richard Barringer, Director of USM's Public Policy and Management Program, announcing that USM was one of four universities selected by NCSL to make final presentations regarding a proposed annual Legislative Staff Management Institute. In order to respond affirmatively to NCSL's request that each of the 4 finalists try to pare their cost proposals, Mr. Barringer requested that the Legislative Council commit to sending two staff members to the Institute in each of the first two years of the program.

Motion: That the Council approve Mr. Barringer's request and express its congratulations to Mr. Barringer and his colleagues for their fine effort. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

- Item #8: Student Financial Aid Transition Advisory Committee: Status Report. (Letter from Sen. Bost, Advisory Committee Chair).

Motion: That the letter be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

- Item #9: Notification from NCSL of Availability of Technical Assistance Related to AIDS Education or Policies.

The letter from NCSL announced that it had received a grant jointly with the National Association of State Boards of Education from the Centers for Disease Control to provide technical assistance to five states.

Motion: That the letter be referred to the Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on AIDS. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

- Item #10: Adjustments in Salaries of Constitutional Officers pursuant to Ch. 501, P.L. 1989.

Motion: That each of the Constitutional Officers be placed in the range and step authorized by the Legislature in its First Regular Session and that the issue be referred to the Compensation Commission for further consideration with particular focus on making the remuneration for these positions comparable to that of commissioners in the executive branch.

(Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Mayo; approved 7-0. Reps. Webster and Gwadosky and Sen. Cahill were absent at the time of the vote).

- Item #11: Request for Drafting Assistance

Sen. Clark requested that the Council authorize the Revisor's Office and/or OPLA to provide drafting assistance to the Commission on Maine's Future to transform the legislative recommendations contained in its report into bill form.

- Item #12: Negotiations for City-Owned Portion of Capitol Park: Status Report (at request of Sen. Cahill).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: That the Legislative Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the disposition of certain properties. (Motion by Sen. Cahill; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

The Council went into Executive Session at 5:06 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened on the motion of the Chair at 5:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:28 p.m.

SARAH C. DIAMOND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

RICHARD N. SAWYER, JR.
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
DIRECTOR



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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OCTOBER 29, 1989

Approved Step Increases

Jane E. Edwards, Principal Law Librarian, Law and Legislative Reference Library, (Salary Range 12), from Step B to Step C, effective October 2, 1989.

David C. Elliott, Principal Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, (Salary Range 12), from Step D to Step E, effective October 9, 1989.

Molly Gallant, Office Assistance II, Law and Legislative Reference Library, (Salary Range 2), from Step A to Step B, effective October 9, 1989.

William T. Glidden, Jr., Principal Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, (Salary Range 12), from Step D to Step E, effective October 9, 1989.

Judith L. Hayes, Paralegal Assistance, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 7), from Step A to Step B, effective October 2, 1989.

Julie S. Jones, Principal Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, (Salary Range 12), from Step D to Step E, effective October 9, 1989.

Jeanne C. Morang, Office Assistance II, Law and Legislative Reference Library, (Salary Range 2), from Step A to Step B, effective October 9, 1989.

Jonathan D. Williams, Office Assistance II, Law and Legislative Reference Library, (Salary Range 2), from Step C to Step D, effective October 23, 1989.

The following employee has completed another year of service but has not been employed the required length of time to advance to Step Q.

John B. Knox, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis.

SARAH C. DIAMOND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

RICHARD N. SAWYER, JR.
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
DIRECTOR



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 24, 1989

TO: Honorable John L. Martin, Chair
and Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Sally *Sully*

SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS Item #1: L.D. 943, AN ACT To Provide Needed
Services Identified by the Task Force on Incapacitated
and Dependent Adults, and Required by the United States
Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987.

L.D. 943 was on the Appropriations Table at the end of the session. Your decision as leadership was to approve the bill for carryover since funds were not available in June. Through a slip, the bill was Indefinitely Postponed rather than carried over. I think that you should take formal action at this point to restate your intent that the bill be carried over.

October 2, 1989

STATE OF MAINE

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Sara Diamond, Ex. Director Legislative Council
FROM: John Cashwell, Director Conservation
 Bureau of Forestry
RE: SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL, 12 MRSA §8003 §§3, Par. M,
 as Amended by P.L. 1987, Ch. 308

The Director of the Bureau of Forestry, with the consent of the Commissioner of Conservation, proposes to dispose of the surplus real property located in Blue Hill, Hancock County as described on the enclosed information sheet.

Notification is hereby made with respect to the proposed disposition of the property.

October 2, 1989

STATE OF MAINE

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

To: Various Agencies & Bureaus and
Town of Blue Hill and Maine State Housing Authority

From: Fred Bartlett, Director *FJB*
Engineering & Realty Division Dept. of Conservation

RE: REAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL

The Maine Department of Conservation is considering disposal of the following real property. If your bureau, or department is interested in acquiring the property please contact:

Department of Conservation
Engineering & Realty Division
State House Station #22
Augusta, ME 04333
Tel. 289-4970

All inquiries must be submitted prior to November 15, 1989.

LOCATION: Town of Blue Hill, Route 173, Hancock County

SITE DESCRIPTION: 2.30 Acres[±], Rectangular in shape
423 feet on Route 172
350 feet on McHeard Brook

UTILITIES: Electricity, telephone, spring water, septic,

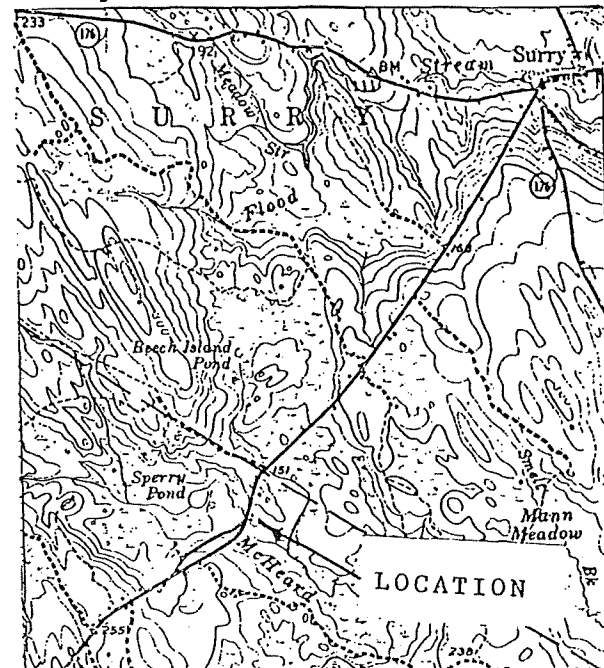
IMPROVEMENTS: former Maine Forest Service facility
42 ft x 20 ft - 1 story - Ranch style house
36 ft x 20 ft - garage/office
14 ft x 8 ft - storage building

ZONING: Rural

RESTRICTIONS: None-Apparent

APPRAISED VALUE: \$35,000.00 9/27/89

NOTE: Subject property occupied
by Forestry personnel until
May, 1990





State of Maine
House of Representatives
Augusta 04333

Ed Pert
Clerk

October 27, 1989

The Honorable John L. Martin
Chairman
The Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The following proposed schedule of fees for Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature is hereby submitted for the consideration of the Legislative Council.

	<u>113th Rate</u>	<u>Proposed 114th Rate</u>
1. Bills and Resolves FIRST CLASS MAIL - Mailed Daily	\$250.00	\$250.00
2. Bills and Resolves FIRST CLASS MAIL - Mailed Twice Weekly	200.00	200.00
3. Bills and Resolves THIRD CLASS MAIL - Mailed Twice Weekly	150.00	150.00
4. Bills and Resolves PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	75.00	75.00
5. Amendments (As a combination with any Legislative Document Service) Mailed Weekly	50.00	50.00
6. Amendments PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	20.00	20.00
7. Legislative Record FIRST CLASS MAIL - Mailed Weekly	60.00	60.00
8. Legislative Record PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	42.00	42.00
9. Public and Private and Special Laws, Resolves, and Constitutional Amendments FIRST CLASS MAIL - Mailed Weekly	100.00	100.00

The Honorable John L. Martin

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10. Weekly Computer Printout - Status of Bills FIRST CLASS MAIL	\$125.00	\$125.00
11. Weekly Computer Printout - Status of Bills THIRD CLASS MAIL	65.00	65.00
12. Weekly Computer Printout - Status of Bills PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	30.00	30.00
13. Advance Notice of Public Hearings on Bills FIRST CLASS MAIL	10.00	10.00
14. Weekly Listing of Bills Printed and Enacted FIRST CLASS MAIL	10.00	10.00
15. Joint Resolutions FIRST CLASS MAIL	50.00	50.00

These rates are the same as those charged for the Second Regular Session of the 113th Maine Legislature.

I will be happy to respond to any questions the Council may have on this proposed schedule which has been discussed with appropriate legislative support agencies.

Sincerely,



Edwin H. Pert
Clerk of the House

EHP/mmm

SENATE

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND PROGRAM REVIEW

October 22, 1989

Representative John L. Martin, Chair
Legislative Council
State House Station 115
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Martin and Council Members,


The Joint Standing Committee of Audit & Program Review is requesting authorization from the Legislative Council to conduct a day long (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) seminar at the Bangor Hilton Hotel on Monday, November 13, 1989. During the Committee's current review of Child Welfare Services, which was authorized by the Legislative Council, the Committee has developed several significant proposals relating to child abuse investigations and substitute care facilities. The purpose of this seminar will be to further develop and refine a proposed pilot project to be first implemented and administered in Penobscot County.


As conceived by the Committee, this seminar would be a large scale effort to gather together a wide variety of specialists in the field of child abuse investigations whose expertise is critical to the completion of the Committee's final proposals. These specialists include law enforcement professionals, SCAN Team members, physicians with expertise in child abuse and social workers. It is necessary to hold this seminar in Bangor to ensure the full participation of the many specialists who would be involved in administering the pilot project in Penobscot County.

In requesting your authorization to hold this seminar, we are also asking your permission to invite those specialists who are not state employees to this seminar and to be able to provide lunch for them.

The Committee believes that this seminar will be crucial to the final development of a carefully conceived pilot project which will serve as a model by which significant improvements can be made to the current child welfare system. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us with any questions or concerns that you might have.

Sincerely,


Beverly M. Bustin
Senate Chair


Neil Rolde
House Chair



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

G. William Diamond
Secretary of State

October 23, 1989

Hon. John L. Martin
Speaker of the House
P.O. Box 250
Eagle Lake, Maine 04739

Dear John,

As directed by you and the Legislative Council I have prepared a detail proposal for moving Corporations, Elections and Commissions to an alternate site because of space needs. I am prepared to present this plan to the Legislative Council at the time of your pleasure. It should be noted that our "first refusal" option at the Water Street site is limited to the month of October.

If after hearing the proposal you and the Council gave initial support I am sure we could extend our option with the building owner. However, due to time constraints it would be important to get Council direction as soon as possible.

This presentation should take no longer than 10-15 minutes so we could fit it into whatever schedule you may have already planned.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill".

G. William Diamond
Secretary of State

SENATE

RAYNOLD THERIAULT, DISTRICT 1, CHAIR
BEVERLY MINER BUSTIN, DISTRICT 19
DONALD F. COLLINS, DISTRICT 2

DEBORAH FRIEDMAN, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
HAVEN WHITESIDE, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

October 24, 1989

Honorable John L. Martin
Chairman, Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Chairman Martin,

We are writing to request authorization for an additional meeting of the Banking & Insurance Committee's Subcommittee to Study the Current Operation of State Insurance Guarantee Funds. As we began looking into the issue of covering claims of policyholders in the event of insurance company insolvencies, we found that the issue became broader and more complex than we had first imagined when we initially requested a total of three subcommittee meetings. For example, we found that it is as important for us to improve our oversight of insurers writing policies in the state as it is to provide for coverage when companies fall into insolvency. We have used two of our authorized meetings to receive background information on these issues, and we plan to use our third meeting making decisions on recommendations for changes to the statute. We need one additional meeting for the subcommittee to examine the draft report before the report is presented to the full committee. We would plan to hold this meeting in mid-November to enable us time to revise the report and present it to the full committee before the December 1st deadline for reporting to the full Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for one additional meeting of the Subcommittee to Study the Current Operation of State Guarantee Funds.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Raynold Theriault
Senate Chair
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STATE HOUSE AND CAPITOL PARK COMMISSION

October 25, 1989

John L. Martin, Chair
Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear John:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the State House and Capitol Park Commission has looked into the use of display cases on the 1st floor of the South Wing of the State House and makes the following recommendations.

1. Remove the large awkward and nonfunctioning case formally the trout pond in the old museum days. This area could best serve the needs of this building, temporarily, as open space providing an enlarged area for free standing displays and a staging area for bus loads of visiting school children, bands, etc. Eventually the front of the building should play a greater role as the entrance for the visiting public.
2. The hallway cases in the South Wing corridor should be retained, upgraded and house more appropriate, as well as, more permanent displays.
3. The Klair Beck Exhibits should be retained, for now, even though they are not as valuable as they once were and are showing serious signs of wear.

Can you please advise us as to how you want the Commission to proceed in implementing these recommendations?

Sincerely,

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Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Chair
State House and Capitol
Park Commission

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