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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1989  
REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Summary of October 30, 1989, Council Meeting  
(Enclosed)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Approved Step Increases

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

- Item #1: Negotiations Regarding Acquisition of City-Owned  
Portion of Capitol Park: Status Report

NEW BUSINESS

- Item #1: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance for an Additional Meeting for the Study on the Feasibility of Creating a State Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund. (Letter from Sen. Theriault and Rep. Rydell enclosed).
- Item #2: Request from the Blue Ribbon Task Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the Public School Systems for an Extension of the Statutory Reporting Date. (Letter from Sen. Clark, Chair, and Rep. Handy, Co-Chair, enclosed).
- Item #3: Request from the Special Commission to Study the Organization of the State's Cultural Agencies for an Extension of the Statutory Reporting Date. (Letter from Richard N. Berry, Chair, enclosed).
- Item #4: Request from Joint Select Committee on Corrections to Make a Site Visit to the Maine State Prison. (Letter from Sen. Bustin and Rep. Melendy, enclosed).
- Item #5: Consideration of Legislators' Appeals of the Council's Initial Action on Bill Requests for the Second Regular Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

**NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

- Item #6: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs for an Extension of the Reporting Deadline for its Study of the Public Advocate (Letter from Rep. Carter, Study Subcommittee Chair, enclosed).
- Item #7: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation for an Extension of the Reporting Deadline for its Study of the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (Letter from Sen. Andrews and Rep. Cashman, Chairs).



REP. JOHN L. MARTIN  
CHAIR

SEN. DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE  
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114th LEGISLATURE

SARAH C. DIAMOND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1989  
MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 10, 1989

CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order by the  
Chair, Speaker Martin, at 12:00 noon.

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

Martha Freeman

David Kennedy

Executive Director,

Legislative Council

State Law Librarian

Director, Office of Policy

and Legal Analysis

Revisor of Statutes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summary of the September 29, 1989, Council Meeting was  
accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Webster; second by Rep.  
Mayo; unanimous).

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## • Approved Step Increases

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, reported that step increases had been awarded to the following employees based on the favorable recommendations of their respective Office Directors:

-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 Assistant 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 Assistant, 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 Assistant II, Law and Legislative Reference Library, (Salary Range 2), from Step A to Step B, effective October 9, 1989.

Jonathan D. Williams, Office Assistant 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.

Motion: That the Executive Director's Report be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Cahill; unanimous).

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

**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.

Council members had received a brief memo from Sally Diamond reporting that this bill, which the Council had approved for carryover at its July 1, 1989 meeting, had inadvertently been Indefinitely Postponed in the closing days of the session.

Motion: That the bill be recalled from the files on the first day of the Second Regular Session and that an order be prepared for this purpose. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

Item #2: Secretary of State's Request to Relocate the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions to Leased Space: Status Report.

Secretary of State Diamond, who was present, distributed additional information to Council members in accordance with the Council's request at its September 29 meeting. Mr. Diamond noted that the space currently assigned to the Bureau in the State Office Building comprised 5200 square feet and accommodated 44 employees (33 permanent, full-time and 11 part-time). With the addition of the 11 new positions approved by the Legislature last spring and the new computer system - also approved and funded by the Legislature during the First Regular Session - BPI estimates that the Bureau will require a total of 8,344 square feet. Secretary Diamond's proposal involves moving the entire Bureau to the new location in order to pursue his previously-defined organizational goals. Finally, he noted that he had asked the lessor to quote a rate based on a 5-year lease rather than a 10-year lease, (as the Council had requested) and that the lessor had extended the shorter-term lease at the original rate - \$11.90/square foot.

Questions from Council members included the following:

1. How many employees would be moved to the new space? (Rep. Webster)

Answer: All of the Bureau's 55 employees. The new space would also accommodate the new computer system, which would otherwise require a significant area within the existing State Office Building space, and allow the department to give up some off-site storage space which it is currently renting.

2. Is the proposed use of the space currently occupied by the Bureau in the State Office Building a recommendation from anyone but the Council? (Rep. Marsano).

Answer: No. Speaker Martin reiterated the need for additional legislative space in the Capitol Complex.

Rep. Webster noted that she would vote to approve a proposal based on renting space for the new employees, but not a move of the entire Bureau for two reasons: 1) other issues have higher priority in terms of the funds available; and 2) her concern about the accessibility of the new location to the general public.

**Motion:** That the Council support the plan to relocate the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions as presented by Secretary Diamond and that the Council Chair inform the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs of its action. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Rep. Mayo; approved 8-2).

- Item #3: Proposal from Peat Marwick to Prepare Revenue Estimates Under Contract to the Legislature.

Speaker Martin asked the Council's approval to Table the item at this time pending the outcome of the effort within the executive branch to hire a consultant to assist in the development of the State's revenue estimating tools. The item was tabled with no objection.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Item #1: Notification of Disposal of Surplus Real Property (pursuant to Statute).

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

- Item #2: Proposed Schedule for Fees for Legislative Document Service for the Second Regular Session.

Speaker Martin noted that the proposed fee schedule for the Second Regular Session was the same as that used during the First Regular Session.

**Motion:** That the Clerk's proposed Fee Schedule for the Legislative Document Service for the Second Regular Session be approved. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Webster; unanimous).

- Item #3: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review to Authorize Expenditures Related to the Committee's Study of Child Protective Services.

Ms. Diamond, responding to a request from the Chair, noted that the total additional cost to the Legislature for this request would be approximately \$100.

**Motion:** That the Committee's request be approved.  
(Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

- Item #4: Request from the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance for an Additional Meeting for the Study of State Insurance Guarantee Funds.

Rep. Webster asked for clarification that the Committee's request would not delay the completion of its work beyond the December 1 deadline previously established by the Council. She was assured that it would not.

**Motion:** That the Committee's request be approved.  
(Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

- Item #5: Correspondence from the State House and Capitol Park Commission regarding State House Museum Display Cases.

**Motion:** That the item be referred to the Council's Committee on the Utilization of Legislative Space and that the Committee be directed to meet with members of the State House and Capitol Park Commission to review the Commission's proposal in greater detail and reach final agreement. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Gwadosky; unanimous).

- Item #6: Request to Develop a Conference Jointly with the Maine Municipal Association.

Sen. Pray brought to the Council members' attention the interest expressed by officials at MMA in working with members of the Legislature to develop a 1-2 day symposium on economic and fiscal matters of concern to municipalities.

**Motion:** That the Chair appoint a 3-member Committee to work with the Maine Municipal Association to plan a 1-2 day symposium. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

- Item #7: Parking Privileges for Custodians on the Night Shift

Sen. Clark reported that she had learned that the night-shift custodians had been told not to park in the designated "Handicapped" spaces on the north and west sides of the State House despite the concerns they had expressed about walking to their cars late at night.



**Motion:** That the Council authorize the use of the Handicapped parking spaces in the immediate vicinity of the State House after regular business hours unless the Legislature is actually in session. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Item #8: Legislators' Requests to Introduce Legislation to Second Regular Session.

The Council considered those requests from legislators that had been filed by the cloture date, October 16. Speaker Martin noted that 722 bill requests had been filed by legislators by the established cloture date, Monday, October 16, at 5 p.m. He pointed out those approved by the Council would constitute one component of the Legislature's "agenda" for the Second Regular Session: other components include 99 carryover bills, approximately 30 bills that would emerge from approved interim and statutory studies, and an estimated 100 bills the Governor expects to file. The Speaker acknowledged the fine efforts expended by David Kennedy and his staff in preparing the material for the Council meeting.

The Council's action on all requests was distributed to all Council members. Copies are available for review in the Law Library, in the Executive Director's Office, and in other legislative staff offices.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council move into Executive Session. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

The Council proceeded to go into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

## RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Sen. Pray, the Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

REP. JOHN L. MARTIN  
CHAIR

SEN. DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE  
VICE-CHAIR



STATE OF MAINE

114th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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SARAH C. DIAMOND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 10, 1989

### Approved Step Increases

Judith A. Armstrong, Senior Legal Proofreader, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 4), from Step 7 to Step 8, effective November 6, 1989.

Judith Pines Blaisdell, Legal Proofreader, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 3), from Step 2 to Step 3, effective November 20, 1989.

John L. Kiermaier, Legislative Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 10), from Step 5 to Step 6, effective November 6, 1989.

Evelyn J. Knopf, Legislative Attorney, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 10), from Step 1 to Step 2, effective October 30, 1989.

Judy A. O'Brien, Senior Secretary, Office of State House and Capitol Park Commission, (Salary Range 4), from Step 8 to Step 9, effective November 20, 1989.

Grant T. Pennoyer, Legislative Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (Salary Range 10), from Step 5 to Step 6, effective November 13, 1989.

Deanne Ricker, Administrative Secretary, Office of the Revisor, (Salary Range 6), from Step 5 to Step 6, effective November 27, 1989.

Donna Sullivan, Senior Legislative Technician, Office of Information Systems, (Salary Range 5), from Step 5 to Step 6, effective November 20, 1989.

Priscilla H. Whitmore, Legislative Indexer, Office of Information Systems, (Salary Range 8), from Step 2 to Step 3, effective November 20, 1989.

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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

October 26, 1989

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

Dear Speaker Martin:

As chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking & Insurance, we would like to request one additional subcommittee meeting for the study on the feasibility of creating a state workers' compensation insurance fund. The subcommittee has just today completed its 4th and final approved meeting but requires an additional meeting to conduct deliberations and finalize its report and any related legislation before meeting with the full Banking & Insurance Committee.

The subcommittee has worked very hard to fully develop the issues of the study within the time frame authorized by the council. We have found it necessary to request the additional meeting in order to adequately address these issues. We look forward to your approval of our request so that we can complete the study on this important and timely issue.

On a second matter, we would like to request that travel expenses be approved for the former members of the "Menario Commission" who graciously agreed to meet and talk with the subcommittee regarding that commission's earlier recommendation that the state establish a workers' compensation insurance fund. Their testimony was valuable to the study subcommittee and entailed some considerable expense by the former commission members. At least one member of the commission traveled from

Presque Isle to speak with the subcommittee and was forced to spend the night in a local motel at his own expense. Although these gentlemen had agreed to speak with the subcommittee at their own expense, we believe that it is only fair for the state to pay their travel and (in one case) lodging expenses in return for their assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Raynold Theriault  
Senate Chair



Charlene B. Rydell  
House Chair



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
Augusta, Maine 04333

November 8, 1989

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

Dear Speaker Martin:


We are writing to request an extension until January 30, 1990 of the reporting deadline for the Task Force to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in the Public School System. The current deadline is December 1.


The Task Force has met twice. In this time, we have hired our consultant, as authorized by the establishing legislation. We have also initiated research into the various obstacles faced by women who seek to be professional administrators in the public school system. The extension will allow time for our consultant to complete the necessary research and for the Task Force to prepare its findings and recommendations.

We have submitted an after-deadline bill request to make the necessary changes in our authorizing legislation should the Council approve.

If this request is granted, we fully expect to be able to complete our study, with accompanying legislation if necessary, by January 30. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Sen. Nancy Randall Clark  
Chair

  
Rep. James R. Handy  
Co-chair

**SPECIAL COMMISSION  
TO STUDY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE  
STATE'S CULTURAL AGENCIES**

**State House Station #5  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
(207) 289-1635**

November 9, 1989

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

Dear Speaker Martin:

Due to the late starting date of the Special Commission to Study the Organization of the State's Cultural Agencies, the Commission will not be able to fulfill its charge within the allotted time. I request an extension of the reporting deadline from December 1, 1989 to December 22, 1989.

The Special Commission has held 3 of 4 scheduled public hearings. The last hearing is scheduled for this coming Monday, November 13th, in Augusta. A three-week extension will be required in order to adequately review the testimony received, hold meetings, discuss this information, and to draft the report and legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Richard N. Berry* (TIP)

Richard N. Berry, Chair  
Special Commission to Study  
the State's Cultural Agencies

SENATE

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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

November 9, 1989

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

Dear Rep. Martin:

The Joint Select Committee on Corrections would like to meet for a site visit at the Maine State Prison in Thomaston. With the Council's approval, the site visit will take place as soon as can be arranged, and certainly before the end of December.

In light of overcrowding concerns and the failure of the bond issue for expanded maximum security capacity in South Warren, the Committee feels a pressing need to gain first-hand knowledge of immediate conditions at Thomaston. This knowledge will inform the Committee as it grapples with short- and long-term policy issues in the Second Regular Session.

Please let us know if a site visit is authorized. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Beverly Miner Bustin  
Senate Chair

Rep. Rita B. Melendy  
House Chair

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SARAH C. DIAMOND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
RICHARD N. SAWYER, JR.  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
DIRECTOR



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November 1, 1989

TO: Lynn, Martha, Bent and David

This "emerged" as an aftermath of Sunday's Council meeting.  
Note that the target for reporting out all carryover bills is  
January 12! John and Charlie are planning to have a meeting for all  
Chairs in mid-December; I will keep you posted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Diamond".

Enclosure





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## 114th Maine Legislature

Charles P. Pray  
President of the Senate

John L. Martin  
Speaker of the House

October 30, 1989

TO: Members of the 114th Legislature  
FROM: Charles P. Pray, <sup>C.P.P.</sup> President of the Senate  
John L. Martin, <sup>J.L.M.</sup> Speaker of the House  
SUBJECT: Legislative Schedule for January, 1990

Now that the Legislative Council has taken its initial action on your bill requests for the Second Regular Session, we have set the schedule for the month of January.

Wednesday, January 3	SESSION: 10:00 a.m. Second Regular Session Convenes  1:00 p.m. Seminar on Legislative Ethics
Thursday, January 4	SESSION: 10:00 a.m.
Friday, January 5	SESSION: 12:00 noon
Monday, January 8	SESSION: 12:00 noon
Tuesday, January 9	SESSION: 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10	(Institute on the Maine Economy)
Thursday, January 11	SESSION: 4:00 p.m.
Friday, January 12	Deadline for Reporting All Carryover Bills out of Committee  (NO SESSION)

Monday, January 15	(HOLIDAY)
Tuesday, January 16	SESSION: 12:00 noon
Wednesday, January 17	HEARINGS AND WORK SESSIONS
Thursday, January 18	HEARINGS AND WORK SESSIONS
Friday, January 19	SESSION: 12:00 noon
Monday, January 22	SESSION: 12:00 noon
Tuesday, January 23	HEARINGS AND WORK SESSIONS
Wednesday, January 24	HEARINGS AND WORK SESSIONS
Thursday, January 25	HEARINGS AND WORK SESSIONS
Friday, January 26	SESSION: 12:00 noon

We expect that the majority of the bills we have accepted will already have been referred to committee by the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and the balance will be available for reference to committees by the first week in January. We have structured the Session schedule so that committees have ample opportunity to get off to a fast start. We expect committees to use ALL days we are not in session to schedule hearings and work sessions.

Please note that these times are tentative; and are subject to change, depending on workloads.

SENATE

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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

November 9, 1989

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

Dear Speaker Martin:

On behalf of the Public Advocate Subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, I would like to request an extension of our reporting deadline from December 1, 1989 to December 29, 1989.

Our subcommittee was not able to hold its first meeting until September 26, 1989. Although we have been making good progress on our review of the Public Advocate Office's funding and management structure, I would estimate that we will need to meet one or two additional times in order to conclude our work.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 1989. At that we will be reviewing various recommendation options. The remainder of our extended time will be needed to finalize our recommendations, draft a final report and draft any legislation that may be necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donald V. Carter,  
Subcommittee Chair

cc. Members, Legislative Council

SENATE

THOMAS H. ANDREWS, DISTRICT 30, CHAIR  
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JEROME A. EMERSON, DISTRICT 9

KEVIN M. MADIGAN, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

November 9, 1989

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

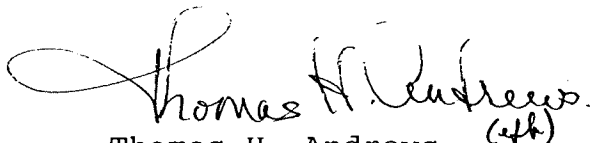
Dear Speaker Martin:


The Subcommittee of the Taxation Committee formed to Study a Taxpayers' Bill of Rights for State Taxpayers will not be able to complete its work prior to December 1, 1989. We would, therefore, like to request an extension of the reporting deadline from December 1, 1989 to January 31, 1989.

The Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on November 16th in conjunction with a meeting of the full Taxation Committee. This was the first opportunity for the members to meet due to various travel and work requirements. We would greatly appreciate the chance to continue our work through January so as to compare other states' activities in this area with our own experiences. Draft legislation could then be presented to the full Taxation Committee for their consideration.

We hope you will act positively on our request for our extension.

Sincerely

  
Thomas H. Andrews  
Senate Chair

  
John A. Cashman  
House Chair