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STATE OF MAINE

114th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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February 26, 1990

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED MARCH 5, 1990

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Representative Martin, at 10:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers:

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and Legal Analysis
David Kennedy, Revisor of Statutes
David Silsby, Director, State House &
Capitol Park Commission
Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Summary of the February 12, 1990, Council meeting was accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Mayo; unanimous).

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

Council members reviewed the weekly report, which indicated that only 9 bills were still in the production process and an additional 16 were awaiting final signatures.

No Council action required.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS**Item #1: Correspondence from Jon Oxman, Chair, Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan**

Council members had copies of the letter from Mr. Oxman, which expressed concern that the Commission's appropriated budget was not adequate to support the work of an experienced planner through all phases of the development of a master plan for the Capitol Area.

Rep. Martin had prepared a draft reply to Mr. Oxman for consideration by the Council. The letter reiterates the Council's unanimous support for the development of a master plan, but reminds Mr. Oxman that the State's current financial situation mitigates against seeking additional funding for the Special Committee at this time.

Motion: That the Chair be authorized to send the letter as drafted. (Motion by Rep. Marsano; second by Sen. Pray; unanimous).

Sen. Clark inquired whether it would be appropriate to ask David Silsby to review with Council members the status of the various projects in which he has been involved. Council members expressed general agreement that this should be arranged for a future Council meeting.

Item #2: After Deadline Requests

In response to a question from Sen. Pray, David Kennedy reported that many of the bill requests which had just been accepted for introduction did not have sufficient information to proceed with drafting. Council members discussed briefly the need to establish rules governing these bill requests.

Motion: That sponsors be given until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, to provide complete information and to identify cosponsors and that any bill requests which did not meet these criteria by that time be considered dead; and, further, that the Revisor be directed to inform all sponsors of this deadline in writing. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Rep. Webster; unanimous).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned by the Chair, without objection, at 11:20 a.m.