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STATE OF MAINE

115th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JUNE 11, 1991

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED JUNE 13, 1991

CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order by the Chair, Sen. Pray, at 3:15 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

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| Senators: | Sen. Pray, Sen. Clark, Sen. Webster, Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Cahill |
| Representatives: | Rep. Martin, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Whitcomb, Rep. Mayo, Rep. Marsano |
| Legislative Officers: | Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Martha Freeman, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis David Kennedy, Revisor of Statutes Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate |

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion: That the Summary of the June 5, 1991, Council meeting be approved and placed on file. (Motion by Speaker Martin; second by Rep. Mayo; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, reported that of the bills remaining in committee, about half had been recommitted in the course of the previous day's session. There was brief discussion about the specific bills that remained in committee and the prognosis for getting them out on the floor.

No Council action required.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Sen. Pray reported that he had received a letter from Jim Sanders, the General Manager of WGME-TV, who reported that having looked at his newly-assigned space carefully, he did not think that it would be possible to share the dark room with Mike Brown of the Ellsworth American.

This was an informational item; no Council action was required.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Requests to Carry Over Legislation to the Second Regular Session

Motion: That the pending requests be approved. (Motion by Speaker Martin; second by Rep. Mayo, unanimous).

NOTE: A list of the bills carried over by this action is attached to these minutes.

Item #2: After Deadline Requests

A summary of the Council's action on After Deadline Requests is attached.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Sen. Pray notified members that the Council would meet the next day (Wednesday, June 12) to consider proposed studies, noting that the Council's primary focus was on the funding and legislative staff requirements. Speaker Martin noted that his Legal Counsel, Jon Hull, had identified several study bills that raised policy issues, the foremost being the funding mechanism. Due to the budget situation, committees have sought other means to fund studies than a General Fund appropriation; however, some of these raise potential conflict issues which need to be looked at more carefully. These bills have subsequently been tabled in the House.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m., on the motion of Sen. Dutremble.