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STATE OF MAINE

115th LEGISLATURE

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JUNE 13, 1991

### MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED JUNE 17, 1991

### CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order by the Chair, Sen. Pray, at 11:02 a.m., in Room 436, the Human Resources Committee Room.

### ROLL CALL

Senators:	Sen. Pray, Sen. Clark, Sen. Webster, Sen. Cahill Absent: Sen. Dutremble
Representatives:	Rep. Martin, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Whitcomb, Rep. Mayo, Rep. Marsano
Legislative Officers:	Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council Martha Freeman, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Meg Matheson, Principal Attorney, Office of the Revisor Tim Glidden, Principal Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Motion:** The Summary of the June 11, 1991, Council meeting be approved and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Mayo; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Item #1: Proposed Study Commissions: Analysis of Staffing Requirements**

Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, drew Council members' attention to a list of all the proposed statutory studies that had either been enacted or are still under "live" consideration by the Legislature. The list included information about the provisions for staffing and an estimate of the level of effort required to staff each type of study. In response to a question from the Chair, Sen. Pray, Martha Freeman, Director of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, reported that there were a total of 98-100 weeks of professional (analyst/attorney/research assistant) time available in her office - after vacation and compensatory time were figured in.

Sally Tubbesing reminded Council members that the law establishing the Special Committee on Governmental Restructuring, which has already begun its work, provides that the Legislative Council shall be the primary staff resource to the Commission. Based on the ambitious work plan that the Commission has developed, Ms. Freeman estimates that at least 6 of her staff members (on a full-time equivalent basis) will be required to staff that one Commission, leaving about half of the total time available -- or approximately 45-50 weeks -- for other studies. Speaker Martin questioned the estimates of staff effort that had been assigned to each of the proposed studies. Ms. Freeman responded that these estimates were averages, based on past experience and that it was entirely possible that the estimates might be high -- or low -- in any specific case. She added that study titles may be deceptive, and that the scope of a study and level of staff effort required will vary according to the size of the study commission, the diversity of interests represented on the commission, and the specific appointments to the commission.

The Council proceeded to review the entire list; the primary purpose of the discussion was to better inform members about the respective study proposals. No final Council action was taken.

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Item #1: After Deadline Requests

The list included three requests which had previously been tabled. No Council action was taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

The Chair, Sen. Pray, notified members that due to the lack of a quorum at this point, the Council would resume its discussion of both study requests and the legislative budget at a meeting to be scheduled early in the week.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m., on the motion of the Chair.