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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, March 2, 1992

REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of February 4 and February 10, Council Meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Status of Bills in Drafting and Committee

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Education to report out 2 bills. (Note: These would be After Deadline Bills).

Item #2: Correspondence from the Joint Standing Committee on Audit & Program Review regarding the Capitol Planning Commission and the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan.

Item #3: Final Report of the Motorcycle Driver Education Study Committee (submitted pursuant to Ch. 522, P.L. 1991).

Item #4: After Deadline Bill Requests

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

SEN. CHARLES P. PRAY
CHAIR

REP. DAN A. GWADOWSKY
VICE-CHAIR



STATE OF MAINE

115th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tuesday, February 4, 1992

MEETING SUMMARY

Approved March 2, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Senator Pray, called the Legislative Council to order at 5:18 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

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

The Summary of the January 28, 1992, Council meeting was approved and placed on file. (Motion by Representative Mayo; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, suggested that David Kennedy and Martha Freeman provide Council members with a brief report of the status of bills both in drafting and in committee. Mr. Kennedy reported that, prior to the Council's action on After Deadline Requests at this meeting (the item had been taken out of order), his Office had only 11 bills yet to draft. He noted that the additional drafting workload was not an issue in his office at this point, but that it was an issue for Committees, who are working to meet final deadlines for completing work on all bills by February 14 (small workload committees) and February 28 (large workload committees). Ms. Freeman reaffirmed Mr. Kennedy's remarks, noting that Committees were also working, at the request of the Appropriations Committee, on their portions of the Governor's budget in addition to trying to complete their work on bills referred within the established deadlines.

Council members engaged in some general discussion at this point about how to handle after deadline requests from here on, given the fast-approaching deadlines.

No formal Council action was required.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request from the Maine Nordic Ski Council for Use of Capitol Park on March 3 (Tourism Day)

Council members had received copies of the letter from Wende Gray, President of the Maine Nordic Ski Council, requesting use of Capitol Park on March 3 in conjunction with Tourism Day. The Ski Council proposes to give legislators and other state employees an opportunity to try cross country skiing.

Motion: That the Council approve the request and that the Nordic Ski Council be directed to proceed to work out the specific arrangements with the Capitol Police. (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Cahill).

Discussion centered on the following issues:

1. Whether this was an appropriate use of the Park (Speaker Martin). Other Council members expressed concerns related to this issue, including what Workers' Comp issues this activity raised. (Rep. Marsano)
2. Whether it was appropriate for the Council to essentially endorse the activity given the current budget situation. (Speaker Martin)
3. The importance of acknowledging the tourism industry, the third largest industry in Maine. (Sen. Pray; Sen. Clark).

The Motion was adopted 6-4.

Item #2: After Deadline Bill Requests

Requests to introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session were considered by the Legislative Council. A summary of the Council's action on these requests is attached to this meeting summary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Guests from Council of State Government/Eastern Regional Conference

The Chair, Sen. Pray introduced Representative Bob Wertz, a member of the New York Assembly and Chair of the Eastern Regional Conference; Senator Paul White (Massachusetts), former ERC Chair and currently the Chair of the national Council of State Governments; Alan Sokolow, Director of the Eastern Regional Office; and Dan Sprague, Executive Director of the national organization. Both Senator White and Representative Wertz addressed the Council briefly, stressing the importance of Maine's continued participation in CSG -- at both the regional and national levels -- and noting some of the activities CSG has undertaken to support state legislatures. Finally, they both expressed hope that Maine's economic circumstances would improve, allowing the Legislature to consider full financial participation in CSG.

The Chair extended his appreciation to the group for taking the time to visit Maine.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

In response to an inquiry from Senator Clark, the Chair, Sen. Pray, announced that the next meeting of the Budget Subcommittee was Thursday, February 6, at 10:00 a.m. Sen. Pray reported that the Subcommittee appeared to have reached agreement that it would seek to achieve a 6.6% reduction in the Legislature's FY 93 budget, or \$1,192,896, and that it had tentatively approved cuts totalling more than half of this amount. He further noted that he had requested that the Secretary of the Senate, Clerk of the House and the non-partisan directors develop recommendations for reducing administrative costs by 10% pursuant to Chapter 622, P.L. 1991.

No Council action was required.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m., on the motion of Senator Clark.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACTION ON REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
February 4, 1992

	Action
SPONSOR: Sen. Bustin	WITHDRAWN
LR 3727 An Act to Bring Unemployment Compensation Benefit Practices into Compliance with Federal Law	
SPONSOR: Rep. Clark, Herbert E.	ACCEPTED
LR 3756 An Act Concerning Water Utilities	
SPONSOR: Sen. Conley	ACCEPTED
LR 3747 An Act to Rescind Changes in the Driver Education Evaluation Program	
SPONSOR: Sen. Dutremble, Dennis L.	ACCEPTED
LR 3757 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District	
Cosponsors: Rep. Wentworth Rep. Libby	
SPONSOR: Sen. Dutremble, Dennis L.	ACCEPTED
LR 3766 An Act to Require that Sales Tax Exemptions and Tax Credits Benefit the People of this State	
SPONSOR: Sen. Esty, Jr.	ACCEPTED
LR 3738 An Act to Amend the Process for Collecting Costs for Services of the Maine Labor Relations Board, the Panel of Mediators and the Maine Board of Arbitration and Conciliation	
Cosponsors: Sen. Conley Rep. Lipman Rep. Reed, Gary W.	
SPONSOR: Sen. Gauvreau	ACCEPTED
LR 3741 An Act to Repeal the Community Corrections Act	

Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Gray

WITHDRAWN

LR 3604 An Act to Prohibit Improper Influence by Law
Enforcement Officers

SPONSOR: Rep. Holt

ACCEPTED

LR 3748 An Act to Create the Dresden Mills Water District

Cosponsors: Sen. Holloway

SPONSOR: Rep. Jacques

ACCEPTED

LR 3750 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the
Constitution of Maine to Protect Revenues Raised
By the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

SPONSOR: Rep. Kerr

ACCEPTED

LR 3758 An Act to Amend and Clarify the Law Enabling State
Tax Increment Financing

SPONSOR: Rep. Kilkelly

ACCEPTED

LR 3764 An Act to Repeal a State Mandate Requiring a National
Plumbing Code

Cosponsors: Sen. Rich
Rep. Sheltra
Sen. Baldacci

SPONSOR: Rep. Lord

ACCEPTED

LR 3760 An Act to Allow Municipalities to Appeal the New
State Valuation

SPONSOR: Rep. Marsh

ACCEPTED

LR 3739 An Act to Broaden Reporting of Persons Operating
Vehicles Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor
or Drugs

Cosponsors: Rep. Jacques

Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Martin, John L.

ACCEPTED

LR 3759 An Act to Insure the Long Term Stability of
Sheltered Group Homes for Children in this State

SPONSOR: Rep. Reed, William F.

ACCEPTED

LR 3746 An Act to Amend the Law Creating the Dexter Utility
District

SPONSOR: Rep. Rotondi

ACCEPTED

LR 3744 An Act to Create a Somerset County Budget Committee

SPONSOR: Rep. St. Onge

FAILED

LR 3734 An Act to Require the Governor to Respond to
Legislative Inquiries Following Certain Speeches
and Addresses

SPONSOR: Sen. Vose

ACCEPTED

LR 3755 An Act to Grant Immunity for Directors of Rural
Electrification Cooperatives

Cosponsors: Sen. Gauvreau
Rep. Tammaro
Sen. Foster

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Clark, Margaret P.

ACCEPTED

LR 3754 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS AND THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER
OF SAVINGS IN FEDERAL MILITARY ACCOUNTS TO THE
DOMESTIC BUDGET

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SPONSOR:	Rep. Anthony	TABLED 02/4/92
LR 3655	An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Governor's Emergency Budget Curtailment Powers	
SPONSOR:	Rep. DiPietro	TABLED 01/28/92
LR 3742	An Act to Prevent Sexual Exploitation of Minors	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Goodridge	TABLED 01/28/92
LR 3668	An Act Authorizing the Issuance of Limited Licenses for Plumbers	
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SPONSOR:	Sen. Kany	TABLED 01/28/92
LR 3603	An Act Pertaining to Workers Compensation	
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SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell, Elizabeth H.

TABLED
02/4/92

LR 3751 An Act to Amend the Reporting Deadlines of the
Special Commissions to Study the Workers' Compensation
Commission and the Regulation of the Insurance Industry

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell, James

TABLED
01/28/92

LR 3593 An Act Amending the Maine Insurance Code

(Note: This file does not contain sufficient
information to prepare a draft.)

SPONSOR: Rep. Nutting

TABLED
01/28/92

LR 3703 An Act to Forestall the Spread of Rabies in the State
of Maine

(Note: This file does not contain sufficient
information to prepare a draft.)

SPONSOR: Rep. Oliver

TABLED
01/28/92

LR 3357 An Act to Restructure the Division for the Blind and
Visually Impaired

(Note: This request was rejected at initial
screening. This file does not contain
sufficient information to prepare a draft.)

SPONSOR: Sen. Titcomb

TABLED
01/28/92

LR 3733 An Act to Permit the Recovery of Attorney's Fees
in Cases Where Municipal Officers Improperly Refuse
to Put Citizen Initiatives on the Ballot

Cosponsors: Rep. Lord

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Martin, John L.

TABLED
02/4/92

LR 3749 Joint Resolution Memorializing the President
and the Congress of the United States to Reinvest
in Hometown America

Cosponsors: Sen. Clark, Nancy R.
Sen. Cahill, Pamela L.
Rep. Chonko

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SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Monday, February 10, 1992

MEETING SUMMARY

Approved March 2, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Senator Pray, called the Council meeting to order at 3:27 p.m., in the Taxation Committee Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

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 Richard N. Sawyer, Administrative Services Director 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 Edwin Pert, Clerk of the House Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, deferred to David Kennedy and Martha Freeman for a status report on bills in drafting and in committee. Mr. Kennedy reported that there were still 62 bills to be printed, noting that while many of these were currently out for final sponsor review and signature, it could still be a week or more before they were actually in the possession of a particular committee. Ms. Freeman added that most of the smaller workload committees were working to meet the Friday 14 deadline, but that it appeared that several would not make it.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Budget Subcommittee

Senator Pray, who had chaired the Budget Subcommittee, briefly summarized the Subcommittee's actions to date. He noted that the Council needed to address two separate issues: 1) reductions in the Legislature's FY 1993 budget; and 2) the Legislature's plan for reducing administrative costs pursuant to P.L. 1991, ch. 626.

Motion: That the Council Chair send a letter to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations & Financial Affairs indicating that the Council has agreed to a target of 6.6% of its FY 93 budget (\$1,192,896) and that it has agreed to absorb the cost of the Second Special Session, using anticipated savings from the current fiscal year, rather than present a supplemental request. (Motion by Speaker Martin; second by Sen. Clark).

Discussion:

- Rep. Whitcomb requested clarification about the motion.

The Speaker responded that the motion addressed only the total amount of the cuts the Council was proposing at this time and that the motion would not preclude the Council either from taking additional action on the legislative budget or from taking further action on unresolved policy issues.

- Several Council members raised questions about the target:
 1. Clarification that the 6.6% reduction target the Council had set was distinct from the 10% target established in Chapter 626. (Sen. Webster)

The Chair, Sen. Pray responded that this was the case.

2. The process by which the targets had been established.
(Rep. Whitcomb).

The Chair, Sen. Pray, responded that in cases where the reduction would have been "life threatening", the agency's target was lowered. He noted that, while the targets for various departments ranged widely, the Executive Office had been assigned a 6.6% target. Finally, Sen. Pray observed that the Legislature had met and, in some cases, exceeded its targets in all prior cuts, stressing that he was not implying that the Legislature had been singled out by being assigned a higher target, but that the Council should have an opportunity to negotiate its target as do all other state agencies.

Rep. Marsano asked that the Chair clarify with the Appropriations Committee how the Council had come to the 6.6% target.

The motion was then voted on and approved 8-1-1, with Rep. Whitcomb abstaining.

Motion: That the reductions agreed upon by the Budget Subcommittee, in the amount of \$946,946, be approved; and, further, that the costs of the Second Special Session be applied to the 6.6% target. (Motion by Speaker Martin; second by Sen. Clark).

Discussion: Council members again raised several questions in the interest of clarifying the scope and intent of the motion. These included:

1. Whether the 10% in administrative salary savings identified in the Administrative Plan was included in the \$946,946 total.
(Rep. Whitcomb)

Sen. Pray responded that the two were completely separate issues: while the cuts under discussion were cuts in the Legislative budget that the Council was recommending to the Appropriations Committee, the 10% target was a plan as required by Chapter 626, Public Law.

2. Whether the costs of the 2nd Special Session would be taken from the Balance Forward. (Sen. Cahill)

Speaker Martin responded that that was the way that special sessions had been funded in recent years.

3. What the total proposed reduction amount included. (Rep. Marsano and Rep. Whitcomb)

- Rep. Marsano clarified that while he had voted to take the funding from the 2 Analyst positions in the Office of Fiscal & Program Review, he felt that the function assigned to these analysts -- municipal fiscal notes -- was still very important to carry out.

- Sen. Pray clarified that the funds for the currently-vacant and unfunded Stenographer positions were still in the FY 93 budget.

The motion was approved 9-1.

Motion: That the proposed Administrative Plan, which had been developed pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 626, Public Law, be approved. (Motion by Speaker Martin; second by Sen. Clark)

Discussion centered on the following issues:

1. The relationship between the budget reduction target and the Administrative Plan.

The Chair, Sen. Pray, clarified again that the Plan was not an actual budget reduction. Rep. Marsano again expressed concern that his office could negotiate to refund one of the Stenos in the future even though that would affect the 10% savings target.

2. What the law requires

Sen. Webster expressed his opposition to the Plan because it does not propose a 10% reduction in staff which, he asserted, was the intent of the law. Sen. Pray responded that the law requires a plan for reducing administrative costs by 10%. Rep. Gwadosky added that, as the sponsor of the bill, his concern was a 10% reduction in the cost of administrative personnel. He noted, however, that there were many definitions of administrative personnel, as the administrative plans submitted by various departments had clearly demonstrated.

Senator Pray observed that the Legislature has reduced its position count significantly and achieved other savings in the costs of administrative personnel by downgrading positions, converting several from full-time to part-time, and reducing the number of weeks that session employees are paid. Rep. Mayo added that most session employees would be working 3 months or less this year.

The motion was approved 9-1.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Item #1:** Report from the Maine Human Rights Commission Regarding Technical Assistance and Accessibility Standards pursuant to 5 MRSA § 4594-D (11). (Report also submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary).

Motion: That the Report be accepted and placed on file.
(Motion by Speaker Martin; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous)

Item #2: After Deadline Bill Requests

Requests to introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session were considered by the Legislative Council. A summary of the Council's action on these requests is attached to this meeting summary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m., on the motion of the Chair.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACTION ON REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
February 10, 1992

Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Gray

ACCEPTED

LR 3768 An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Payment of
State Mandates

Cosponsors: Sen. Berube

SPONSOR: Rep. J. Martin

ACCEPTED

LR 3779 An Act to Reestablish the Mining Excise Tax Board

SPONSOR: Rep. Mayo

ACCEPTED

LR 3778 An Act Concerning Site Protection at Former Mining
Operations

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SPONSOR:	Rep. Anthony	TABLED 02/04/92
LR 3655	An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Governor's Emergency Budget Curtailment Powers	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Bailey, Harry	TABLED 02/10/92
LR 3767	An Act to Expand the Role of the Chief of State Police	
SPONSOR:	Sen. Berube	TABLED 02/10/92
LR 3776	An Act to License Civil Process Servers	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Boutilier	TABLED 02/10/92
LR 3769	An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$45,000,000 for Infrastructure Improvements and to Create Jobs Cosponsors: Rep. Bailey, Ronald C.	
SPONSOR:	Rep. DiPietro	TABLED 01/28/92
LR 3742	An Act to Prevent Sexual Exploitation of Minors	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Goodridge	TABLED 01/28/92
LR 3668	An Act Authorizing the Issuance of Limited Licenses for Plumbers	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Gwadosky	TABLED 01/28/92
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SPONSOR:	Sen. Kany	TABLED 01/28/92
LR 3603	An Act Pertaining to Workers Compensation Cosponsors: Rep. Mitchell, Elizabeth H.	

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		02/04/92
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SPONSOR:	Rep. Manning	TABLED
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SPONSOR:	Rep. Mitchell, Elizabeth H.	TABLED
		02/04/92
LR 3751	An Act to Amend the Reporting Deadlines of the Special Commissions to Study the Workers' Compensation Commission and the Regulation of the Insurance Industry	
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		01/28/92
LR 3703	An Act to Forestall the Spread of Rabies in the State of Maine	
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SPONSOR:	Rep. Oliver	TABLED
		01/28/92
LR 3357	An Act to Restructure the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Titcomb

**TABLED
01/28/92**

**LR 3733 An Act to Permit the Recovery of Attorney's Fees in
Cases Where Municipal Officers Improperly Refuse to
Put Citizen Initiatives on the Ballot**

Cosponsors: Rep. Lord

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Martin, John L.

**TABLED
02/04/92**

**LR 3749 Joint Resolution Memorializing the President and the
Congress of the United States to Reinvest in Hometown
America**

**Cosponsors: Sen. Clark, Nancy R.
Sen. Cahill, Pamela L.
Rep. Chonko**

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 26, 1992

The Honorable Charles P. Pray
Chair, Legislative Council
Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Chairman Pray:

The Joint Standing Committee on Education requests permission to report out two bills:

1. LR 3781, An Act to Consolidate Noncommercial Public Broadcasting Statewide. This LR has been submitted to the Legislative Council as an after deadline request.
2. A bill consisting of legislation proposed by the report of the Advisory Committee on Medical Education. The report has been submitted in compliance with PL 1991, c. 612, §19 which required the Finance Authority of Maine to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education on the existing programs for financial assistance for postgraduate medical education and to include suggested changes.

The Education Committee views action on these two bills as a priority. Work on both bills can be completed by March 6.

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Estes

Sen. Stephen C. Estes
Senate Chair

Nathaniel J. Crowley, Sr.
Rep. Nathaniel J. Crowley, Sr.
House Chair

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February 28, 1992

Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chair
Legislative Council
Members of the Legislative Council
115th Maine State Legislature


Dear Chairperson Pray and Members of the Legislative Council:


The Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review is considering whether to continue the Capitol Planning Commission under the provisions of the Maine Sunset Law. As you may know, the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan, the Committee has previously continued the Capitol Planning Commission for 2 one year periods. These one year continuations were in recognition of the moratorium on further development in the Capitol area, until the work of the Special Committee has been completed and the Master Plan implemented.

However, the Committee would like to continue the Capitol Planning Commission and statutorily authorize that body to resume its customary responsibilities until the funding for the Special Committee, and the Master Plan, can be restored. Members of the Committee believe that a number of routine projects within the Capitol area need to be promptly addressed.

Given our impending deadline for the completion of the Committee's bill, we respectfully request that the Council consider this proposed recommendation. Please do not hesitate to call on either of us for any further information.

Sincerely,


Beverly M. Bustin
Senate Chair


Phyllis R. Erwin
House Chair

cc: Jon Oxman

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
February 26, 1992

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Baldacci

LR 3792 An Act to Certify Nonprofessionals Working in
Chiropractic Offices

SPONSOR: Sen. Brannigan

LR 3781 An Act to Consolidate Noncommercial Public
Broadcasting Statewide

Cosponsors: Sen. Foster
Rep. Crowley
Rep. Norton

SPONSOR: Sen. Brawn

LR 3780 An Act Authorizing the Town of Rockport to
Refinance Certain Temporary Bond Anticipation
Notes Issued for its Waste Water Project

Cosponsors: Rep. Nash

SPONSOR: Sen. Bustin

LR 3783 An Act to Dedicate Certain Funds

Cosponsors: Rep. Rydell
Rep. Melendy
Sen. Conley

SPONSOR: Sen. Clark, Nancy R.

LR 3795 An Act to Provide that the Maine State Retirement
System be Reimbursed by Employers for Additional
Cost of Benefits Resulting from Retirement Incentives
and from Misinformation Relating to Employees Earnings
or Service

SPONSOR: Rep. Constantine

LR 3793 An Act to Amend the Fee Structure of the Lobster
Promotion Council

SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessis

LR 3790 An Act to Promote Family Preservation

SPONSOR: Sen. Gauvreau

LR 3796 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the
Constitution of Maine Revising Grand Jury
Requirements

Cosponsors: Rep. Paradis, Patrick E.

SPONSOR: Rep. Hanley

LR 3785 An Act Concerning Benefits of Former Commissioners
in Androscoggin County

Cosponsors: Rep. Stevens, Albert G.
Rep. Cote
Sen. Berube

SPONSOR: Rep. Lebowitz

LR 3791 An Act to Eliminate the Position and Office of the
Chancellor of the University of Maine System

SPONSOR: Rep. Luther

LR 3786 An Act to Ensure Fair Cable Fees

SPONSOR: Sen. Matthews

LR 3777 An Act to Create a Retirees Pension Fund to Generate
Economic Growth

(NOTE: This file does not contain sufficient
information to prepare a draft.)

SPONSOR: Rep. McHenry

LR 3789 Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the
Constitution of Maine to Establish a Unicameral
Legislature

SPONSOR: Rep. Paradis, Judy

LR 3788 An Act to Establish the Fort Kent Utilities District

(NOTE: This request is a duplicate of Senator
Theriault's request.)

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SPONSOR: Rep. Powers

LR 2959 An Act to Legalize Marijuana for Medicinal Purposes

(NOTE: This request was previously rejected.)

SPONSOR: Rep. Powers

LR 3799 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Construction of
Utility Lines

SPONSOR: Sen. Theriault

LR 3782 An Act to Create the Fort Kent Utilities District

(NOTE: This request is a duplicate of Representative
Paradis' request.)

SPONSOR: Rep. Powers

LR 3244 An Act to Create the Commission to Review the Laws
Concerning Cannabis

(NOTE: This request was previously rejected.)

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LR 3655 An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Governor's
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LR 3776 An Act to License Civil Process Servers
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LR 3769 An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond
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LR 3603 An Act Pertaining to Workers Compensation
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LR 3737 An Act to Preserve the Benefits of Former Employees
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LR 3751 An Act to Amend the Reporting Deadlines of the Special
Commissions to Study the Workers' Compensation
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LR 3593 An Act Amending the Maine Insurance Code

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SPONSOR: Rep. Nutting **TABLED**
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LR 3703 An Act to Forestall the Spread of Rabies in the State
of Maine

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information to prepare a draft.)

SPONSOR: Rep. Oliver **TABLED**
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LR 3357 An Act to Restructure the Division for the Blind and
Visually Impaired

(NOTE: This request was rejected at initial screening.
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to prepare a draft.)

SPONSOR: Sen. Titcomb **TABLED**
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LR 3733 An Act to Permit the Recovery of Attorney's Fees in
Cases Where Municipal Officers Improperly Refuse to
Put Citizen Initiatives on the Ballot

Cosponsors: Rep. Lord

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LR 3749 Joint Resolution Memorializing the President and the
Congress of the United States to Reinvest in Hometown
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Cosponsors: Sen. Clark, Nancy R.
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SPONSOR: Rep. Gould, Richard A.

LR 3821 An Act to Amend the Date for Compliance with
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SPONSOR: Rep. Martin, John L.

LR 3823 An Act Authorizing Aroostook County to Raise
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LR 3820 An Act to Prohibit Public School Teachers from
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SPONSOR: Rep. Skoglund

LR 3819 An Act to Assist the State's Shellfish Industry

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LR 3818 An Act to Reestablish the Tax Credit for Intrastate
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Cosponsors: Rep. Martin, John L.
Rep. Paradis, Judy