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STATE OF MAINE

115th LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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REP. FRANCIS C. MARSANO

SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 29 - 30, 1992

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED APRIL 14, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Council to order at 12:30 p.m., on March 29, in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	Sen. Pray, Sen. Clark, Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Cahill Absent: Sen. Webster
Representatives:	Rep. Martin, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Whitcomb, Rep. Mayo, Rep. Marsano
Legislative Officers:	Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council David Kennedy, Revisor of Statutes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Summary of the March 19, 1992, Council meeting was approved and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Mayo; second by Rep. Marsano; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing deferred to David Kennedy for a brief report on the work remaining in his office; Mr. Kennedy observed that the workload at this point was primarily amendments. The Chair, Senator Pray, extended his compliments to the staff in all of the staff offices for the work they had done this session.

No Council action was required.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Requests to Carry Bills Over to the Third Special Session

Council members had a list of the pending requests from Committees to carry bills over to the Third Special Session. The Chair, Senator Pray reported that it was his understanding that each of the requests had received bi-partisan support from the requesting committees. Rep. Marsano asked where the Council derived either express or implied authority to carry legislation beyond sine die. Sen. Pray replied that the ultimate authority was not the Council's, but required action by the entire Legislature (joint order). He further observed that the Legislature had already enacted a bill that implies that the Legislature will convene in special session in the fall to consider recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission to Examine Alternatives to the Workers' Compensation System. Sen. Cahill then asked why LD 2220 was being carried over; and the Chair responded that the interested parties agreed that they could work out their differences between now and a special session. Finally, the Chair reminded Council members that approval of a carryover bill does not imply any authority for a Committee to meet.

Motion: That all of the carry over requests be approved to the next special session. (Motion by Speaker Martin; second by Rep. Mayo; approved 8-1).

A list of the bills approved for carry over is attached to this Meeting Summary.

Item #2: Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary for Approval of a Staff Study for the Purpose of Analyzing the Confidentiality Provisions in Maine Statutes.

Rep. Whitcomb asked if there would be an opportunity for other committees to request studies; and the Chair, Sen. Pray, affirmed that the Council would be considering other requests at a future meeting.

Motion: That the Judiciary Committee's request be approved. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Speaker Martin; unanimous).

Item #3: 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 recessed, on the motion of the Chair, at 12:56 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the Council meeting on Monday, March 30, at 9:55 p.m. All Council members were present except Rep. Mayo.

The Council resumed its consideration of items under **NEW BUSINESS.**

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

Item #4: Requests to Carry Bills over to the Third Special Session

Motion: That the additional requests to carry bills over to the next special session be approved. (Motion by Speaker Martin; second by Sen. Clark; approved 6-3).

A list of the bills approved for carry over is attached to this Meeting Summary.

Item #5: Consideration of Study Requests

The Chair, Sen. Pray, stated that the proposed studies that the Council would be considering were those incorporated in bills that were currently on the Appropriations Table. The Table included 3 such study requests. Sen. Pray drew members' attention to the Summary that staff had prepared and reminded Council members that they had several options:

1. Voting to pass the bill out in their current form.
2. Approving the language in the bill, but amending out the appropriations.
3. Voting to "kill" the bill outright.
4. Voting to kill the bill, but approving a study on the same topic to be performed under the Council's direct oversight.

A summary of the Council's action on the proposed statutory studies is attached to this Meeting Summary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m., on the motion of the Chair.