

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



REP. MICHAEL V. SAXL
CHAIR

SEN. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD
VICE-CHAIR

SEN. BEVERLY C. DAGGETT
SEN. MARY E. SMALL
SEN. PAUL T. DAVIS, SR.
SEN. SHARON ANGLIN TREAT
REP. PATRICK COLWELL
REP. JOSEPH BRUNO
REP. WILLIAM S. NORBERT
REP. WILLIAM J. SCHNEIDER

DAVID E. BOULTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

120th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**MEETING SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 13, 2001
APPROVED DECEMBER 19, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Michael V. Saxl, called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Bennett, Sen. Daggett, Sen. Small, Sen. Davis,
Sen. Treat

Representatives: Speaker Saxl, Rep. Colwell, Rep. Bruno, Rep. Norbert,
Rep. Schneider

Legislative Officers: Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate
Pamela Cahill, Assistant Secretary of the Senate
Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House
David Shiah, Assistant Clerk of the House
David E. Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
David Elliott, Interim Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes
Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian
Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services

SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2001 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: That the Summary of the October 29, 2001, meeting be accepted and placed on file.
(Motion by Sen. Davis, second by Rep. Colwell, unanimous).

The Chair moved that the Council take items out of order, unless there was objection. Hearing none, the Chair moved to Item 7 under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #7: Consideration of Legislators' Appeals of Council Action on Bill Requests and Suggested Procedure for Deciding Appeals

Speaker Saxl asked Mr. Boulter to review the suggested protocol for deciding appeals. Mr. Boulter outlined the protocol he prepared for the appeals. The suggested protocol is as follows:

- A. The Legislative Council review appeals alphabetically by sponsor, except that legislators who have traveled long distances to attend may have their appeal taken out of order.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on an appeal of a bill request that was denied, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction into the second regular session along with a second to that motion. A vote of yea is to let in a bill and a vote of nay is to reject a bill for introduction.
- C. In order to review all legislative appeals in a timely manner, voting will be by a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be made available for public inspection following the meeting.
- D. Legislators who appeal a decision of the Legislative Council will be given a brief opportunity to make their case to the Council. A time limit of 3 minutes will be observed for Legislators to make their appeal. Only by leave of the Chair of the Legislative Council may a person who is not a Legislator make an appeal to the Council.
- E. Discussion of a bill request will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself. If a bill is turned down because it is closely related to another legislative request or to a carryover bill, the burden is on the Sponsor to convincingly distinguish his or her bill request from the closely related one.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the suggested protocol, A-E, for deciding appeals of the legislative bill requests turned down by the Legislative Council as set forth in the "Deciding Appeals" document dated November 13, 2001. (Motion by Rep. Colwell, second by Sen. Treat, unanimous).

The Council proceeded to consider and vote on each appeal in accordance with the protocol adopted in A-E above. A total of 131 appeals were heard. A list summarizing the Council's action was distributed to legislators following the meeting. The Council accepted 59 bill requests for introduction upon appeal.

The bills accepted by the Council for introduction action is included on the attached list.

RECESS

The Council recessed at 12:02 p.m. on the motion of the Chair.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 12:37 p.m. and proceeded with consideration of the remaining items on the agenda.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS

- **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Boulter had three items to report to the Legislative Council.

- **Staff Appointments to Legislative Council Positions**

Mr. Boulter announced that the following individuals have recently been appointed to positions on the Legislative Council staff.

James Dionne, Principal Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, (promotion);
Lisa Baldwin, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, (new hire);
Karen Nadeau Drillen, Legislative Researcher, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis,
(new hire);
Michael Thompson, Desktop Support Administrator, Office of Legislative
Information Services, (new hire).

At the suggestion of the Chair, Mr. Boulter will invite the employees to the next Legislative Council meeting for introductions.

- **Informational Item Concerning Budgetary Matter**

The Budget Office is taking steps to curtail allotments for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters of this fiscal year in the All Other Line in certain categories as a cost-savings measure. Mr. Boulter and Rose Breton have been working with the Budget Office to ensure their suggested curtailments for the Legislative accounts are appropriate. The total amount is approximately a 2% curtailment of allotments totaling about \$65,000 for the Legislative Account and about \$5,000 for the Law Library Account. These are only curtailments and it will be the Legislature's decision whether to make any formal reductions in the budgets.

The Budget Office is also exploring more serious reductions of approximately 4% of the overall budget for FY 02 and 03 for each account. It is asking for a projected impact from agencies based on that level of reductions.

- **Underground Connector**

The connector officially opened today, November 13th for general use. Except for some punch list items that need to be addressed, the underground connector is completed.

• **Status of Interim Studies**

Interim OPLA Director Elliott updated Council members on the progress being made by certain interim study committees. Because of the detailed status report made by Mr. Elliott at the October 29, 2001 Council meeting, Mr. Elliott limited this report to those study committees where there has been a notable change. The Returnable Beverage Container Study has completed its meetings and is the process of finalizing its final report. Other studies are in various stages of completion; most are well underway.

Speaker Saxl said that he had been notified by the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development that it had granted an extension to the reporting deadline for a study. The Speaker noted that committees have not been delegated authority to grant extensions of study deadlines; that authority rests with the Legislature or the Legislative Council.

Speaker Saxl then moved that requests by study committees be taken out of order unless there was objection. Hearing none, the Chair, moved to Items 3, 4 and 5 under New Business.

Item #3: Request for Additional Meetings

(no additional funding needed)

The following study commission requested that it be authorized to hold 2 additional meetings in order to complete its study. The commission proposed to meet its current reporting deadline.

- Commission to Study Domestic Violence (2 additional meetings)

Motion: That the Commission's request be granted. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Sen. Daggett; unanimous).

Item #4: Request For Extension of Study Reporting Deadline

(no additional funding needed)

The following study committees requested an extension of their final reporting deadline:

- Committee to Review Child Protective System (from December 5, 2001 to December 19, 2001)

Motion: That the Committee's request for an extension of study reporting deadline to December 19, 2001 be granted. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Sen. Bennett, unanimous).

- Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs' School Funding Study (from December 31, 2001 to January 15, 2002)

Several Council members commented that due to the subject matter of the study, and its significance during the 2nd regular session, some additional time may be warranted, and that an extension now may save committee time during the session.

Motion: That the Committee's request for an extension of study reporting deadline to January 15, 2002 be granted. (Motion by Sen. Daggett, second by Sen. Small, approved 6-4).

- Committee to Study the Needs of Persons with Mental Illness Who are Incarcerated (from December 5, 2001 to January 4, 2002)

Motion: That the Committee's request for an extension be granted, except that the extension be granted only to December 19, 2001. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Sen. Davis, unanimous).

Item #5: Request for an Additional Meeting and Extension of Study Reporting Deadline
(no additional funding needed)

The following study committee requested that it be authorized to hold an additional meeting and an extension to its reporting deadline. The committee proposed to conclude its work within existing budgeted resources.

- Committee to Study Access to Public and Private Lands in Maine (1 additional meeting and extension from December 5, 2001 to December 19, 2001)

Motion: That the Committee's request for an additional meeting and extension of study reporting deadline to December 19, 2001 be granted. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Rep. Colwell, unanimous).

Item #6: Request for an Extension of Study Reporting Deadline

The following committee requested an extension of its reporting deadline.

- Education Funding Reform Committee (extension from December 31, 2001 to January 15, 2002)

Motion: That the Committee request for an extension of study reporting deadline to January 15, 2002 be granted. (Motion by Rep. Colwell, second by Rep. Norbert, failed 2-8).

Motion: That the Committee be granted a limited extension to December 31, 2001. (Motion by Rep. Bruno, after discussion, the Motion was withdrawn).

Mr. Elliott told the Council that he had received information regarding the Chair of the Business and Economic Development Committee granting an extension of a study. Mr. Elliott explained that he believed that it was not a formal study; that during the course of legislation last year, the Committee asked the Department to look into a matter and report back to them by a specific date. The Department has asked for more time and the

Committee has agreed to that request. The Speaker disagreed, and charged Mr. Elliott with investigating the matter and to remind the study committee, and the policy committee, if necessary, of the authorized procedure for seeking an extension to the reporting deadline.

Item #2: Appointment of Marc Cyr to the Revenue Forecasting Committee

Due to the resignation of former Director James Clair, one of 2 nonpartisan seats on the Revenue Forecasting Committee was vacant. Pursuant to law, the Legislative Council makes the appointment to the Committee. OFPR Director Pennoyer, with support by Executive Director Boulter, recommended that Marc Cyr be appointed.

Motion: That, pursuant to 5 MRSA § 1710E, Marc Cyr, Principal Analyst in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, be appointed as the second member of the Legislature's nonpartisan staff to serve on the Revenue Forecasting Committee for a term of one year, effective November 15, 2001. (Motion by Rep. Bruno, second by Sen. Treat, unanimous).

Item #6: Legislative Document Service: Proposed Fee Schedule for Second Regular Session

Clerk of the House MacFarland presented a proposed fee schedule for legislative documents. She explained to Council members the proposed changes from the current fee schedule, explaining that the changes in cost were modest.

Motion: That the proposed fee schedule for legislative documents for the Second Regular Session be approved. (Motion by Sen. Bennett, second by Sen. Small, unanimous).

Item #1: Rebuilding Fund Request from the Council of State Governments

Mr. Boulter referred members to a letter received from the Council of State Governments requesting contributions to its rebuilding fund from member states. Maine's contribution would be \$10,705.

Speaker Saxl said CSG offices were housed in the World Trade Center Complex and were destroyed by the terrorist attacks of the September 11th. CSG has requested that the Council contribute to a rebuilding fund in an amount equal to 1/4 of Maine's current membership fee. President Pro Tempore Bennett inquired as to what extent CSG was insured and asked for additional information about uses of the money before deciding the request. Speaker Saxl agreed, suggesting that the matter be held for future consideration of the Council and be considered in the context of the legislative budget.

Speaker Saxl asked Mr. Boulter to contact CSG and seeking additional information regarding insurance coverage for the loss and use of the funds received.

President Pro Tempore Bennett moved to table the request, second by Speaker Saxl, unanimous.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS

- **Fiscal Report**

OFPR Director Pennoyer presented a report on the following fiscal matters.

1. General Fund Cash Balances

- The General Fund Total Cash was negative as of November 5, 2001 by a minor amount.
- Excluding funds in reserve accounts (such as the Rainy Day Fund), the General Fund Cash position was - \$158.9 million on November 7, 2001.

President Pro Tempore Bennett asked Mr. Pennoyer to elaborate on what concern the Legislature should have regarding its cash position. Mr. Pennoyer noted a couple of concerns. There are proposals that may come forward in the next session to use some of the reserves to balance the budget. If the reserves are reduced there would be less available for the General Fund Cash position and in turn would lower interest earnings on balances in the General Fund. It has a revenue effect as well as an effect on the amount the General Fund may need to borrow. Presently there is a \$100 million tax anticipation note (TAN) authorized that may be needed if there is significant depletion of the reserves and the cash position deteriorates further. A typical term would have to be paid back by the end of the fiscal year; it is a short term borrowing note. At this point a TAN authorization has not been issued by the Administration.

2. October 2001 Revenue Variances

- General Fund Revenues for October were up by \$10.4 million. Year-to-date, the General Fund is \$23.4 million below projected revenues.
- The Highway Fund was \$4.4 million ahead of projected revenues for the fiscal year, to date.

3. Economic and Revenue Forecasts

- The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission met on November 6, 2001 and a summary report was included in the Council packet.
- The Revenue Forecasting Committee's schedule of topics to be discussed is listed below:

November 26, 2001 - Review Other Revenue Lines

November 27, 2001 - Review Major Tax Lines

December 2, 2001 - Statutory Report Date

No Council action was required.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- **Technology and Migration Committee**

Office of Information Services Director Mayotte, reported that the Technology Committee had not met since the last Council meeting. He provided the Council with an update of three items since the October 29, 2001 Council meeting.

Migration Project

Mr. Mayotte reported that legislative staff from the Revisor's Office, Executive Director's Office and the Information Services' Office, had met with Compaq the previous week for 2 days to go through the open (uncompleted or nonconforming) item list for the migration project. A significant number of those items (102) were eliminated, however, a good number remain to be resolved. A meeting has been scheduled for November 29, 2001 with Compaq's senior management to discuss outstanding issues. Rep. Norbert asked if the bill drafting system being developed by Compaq will be more functional than what the Legislature uses now (WANG). Mr. Mayotte responded that the new system would be a noticeable improvement from the current system but that it currently requires more work, especially in the area of performance to make it acceptable to users. Speaker Saxl inquired as to whether Mr. Mayotte had been working with the other Directors, the Secretary and the Clerk, identifying the problems and Mr. Mayotte said they had been working with the Revisor's Office because they were the primary user, but that affected offices are involved as needed.

InforME Service Level Agreement

Mr. Mayotte reported that changes to the proposed agreement that resolve legislative concerns had been accepted. As a result, Mr. Mayotte expected to have a signed contract for the service level agreement for Internet hosting services by November 14, 2001.

Direct Legislative Internet Access

Mr. Mayotte updated the Council on his efforts to secure direct internet service. He reported that there are four vendors who provide commercial level Internet Service in the Augusta area. They are CommTel, Mid Maine Communications, Prexar and Verizon. CommTel is dropping SDSL service but said it will continue to provide T-1 service. The Legislative Information Services Office has received service options and pricing from Mid-Maine, and also from Prexar, which is assuming CommTel's business in the SDSL line. Verizon has been contacted twice and has not yet responded. Mid-Maine has come back with a competitive price and have also provided references. Mr. Mayotte said there is interest on providing chamber audio broadcast to the Internet, which would require LIS to upgrade the T-1 lines. President Pro Tempore Bennett asked the cost and Mr. Mayotte said for the T-1 lines there would be an additional cost of approximately \$1,200 per month.

- **Personnel Committee**

Speaker Saxl reported that the Personnel Committee had met during the previous two weeks regarding the recruitment of an OPLA Director. Five finalists were selected from over 85 applicants and interviewed for the OPLA Director position. A final selection has been deferred pending receipt of references. Another Personnel Committee meeting will be scheduled shortly to make select a candidate to recommend to the Legislative Council for appointment as the new OPLA Director.

- **Space Committee**

- **Subcommittee to Determine the Use of the Interpretive Center**

Rep. Colwell reported that the Space Committee's Subcommittee to Determine the Use of the Interpretive Center met November 8, 2001. The subcommittee discussed various uses for the 2 rooms on the 1st floor of the State House but is not ready to make specification recommendations. The subcommittee asked the Executive Director's office to develop a preliminary room layout for consideration. The Executive Director's Office is working with designers to develop a schematic floor plan. To the extent possible the rooms will be furnished using existing furnishings. The Subcommittee will meet on November 28th and will be making recommendations to the Space Committee and in turn the Space Committee will report to the full Council at its December meeting.

There was discussion at the meeting regarding the Maine State Museum's commitment to provide 2 touch screens that would provide a pictured display and background information on the flags that had been in the Hall of Flags. Mr. Boulter said that the Executive Director's Office has contacted the Museum regarding the status of the touch screens but has not yet heard back from the Museum. Sen. Daggett noted that the Museum was in the process of having reproductions fabricated and those would be the flags that would be on permanent display in the Hall of Flags, in lieu of the original flags. The Museum has committed to making the original flags, suitably protected, available for public viewing on a rotating basis at the Museum.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS (revisited)

Rep. Bruno referred back to the fiscal update provided by Mr. Pennoyer. He asked Mr. Pennoyer what would be the fiscal impact and what would be the budget deficit if the Revenue Forecasting Committee accepted the recommendations of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission. Mr. Pennoyer responded that looking just at the economic variables, using the Model, would result in a projected \$200-\$300 million shortfall for the biennium.

NEW BUSINESS (revisited)

Item #7: Consideration of Legislators' Appeals of Council Action on Bill Requests

Speaker Saxl said Rep. Stanley had asked permission to address the Council regarding his appeals of 2 bill requests. Speaker Saxl moved to reconsider LR 2970, second by Sen. Bennett, unanimous. After reconsideration the Council voted to accept LR 2970 for introduction by a vote of 6-3.

Speaker Saxl then made a motion to reconsider LR 3163, second by Rep. Colwell, unanimous. After reconsideration, a motion to accept LR 3163 for introduction failed by a vote of 3-6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Speaker Saxl noted that this Council meeting was President Pro Tempore Bennett's last one as a member of the Legislative Council. The Speaker said it had been a pleasure to serve on the Legislative Council, commenting that President Pro Tempore Bennett has served the Council well, been very fair, informative and has helped to make the Council's process a better one. Speaker Saxl then turned the gavel over to President Pro Tempore Bennett so that Senator Bennett might formally adjourn the meeting.

President Pro Tempore Bennett thanked the Speaker and said it had been an honor serving on the Legislative Council and he had enjoyed working with them all.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. (Motion by President Pro Tempore Bennett, second by Speaker Saxl, unanimous).

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Sen. Bennett LR 2714
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act Concerning Confidentiality of Investigations by the
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

SPONSOR: Sen. Bennett LR 3266
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and
Financial Regulation to Train and License Mechanics to
Install Oil Tanks in Manufactured Homes

SPONSOR: Sen. Bennett LR 3268
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Equalize the Fee Structure for Class I and
Class II Liquor Licenses

SPONSOR: Sen. Bennett LR 3269
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Expedite Employment in the Maine Construction
Industry

SPONSOR: Sen. Bennett LR 3278
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Require Majority Resident Representation on
the Board of any Assisted Living Facility Receiving Bonds
from the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities
Authority

SPONSOR: Sen. Bennett LR 3284
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Require Tax-exempt Corporations to File
Copies of Federal Internal Revenue Service Form 990
with the Secretary of State

SPONSOR: Rep. Bliss LR 3239
of South Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Prepare Residential Electricity Customers for
Competitive Electricity Markets in Maine

SPONSOR: Rep. Bowles LR 2852
of Sanford ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Severance Pay

SPONSOR: Rep. Brooks LR 3053
of Winterport ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Amend the Charter of the Winterport Sewerage
District

SPONSOR: Rep. Bruno LR 2707
of Raymond ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Change the Registration Requirement for Certain
Motorboats Used in Maine Waters

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Rep. Bruno LR 2959
of Raymond ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Citizens Through
Hepatitis C Prevention and Detection

SPONSOR: Sen. Carpenter LR 3079
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, to Validate the Assessment, Commitment and Tax
Collection of the Town of Wells for the Fiscal Year 2000-01

SPONSOR: Rep. Carr LR 2864
of Lincoln ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Prohibit a Convicted Sexual Offender From
Acquiring Custody or Obtaining Visitation Rights Without
Adult Supervision

SPONSOR: Rep. Carr LR 3029
of Lincoln ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Provide Fairness in State Bid Criteria

SPONSOR: Sen. Cathcart LR 2820
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Establish the Retired Teachers Insurance Fund

SPONSOR: Sen. Cathcart LR 2946
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Provide Emergency Funds to the University of Maine
System to Supplement for the Increased Cost of Health
Insurance

SPONSOR: Sen. Cathcart LR 3297
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Clarify the Lines of Effort in a Search and
Rescue Operation

SPONSOR: Rep. Chick LR 2803
of Lebanon ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Allow Landowner Permits to be Issued for Turkey
Hunting

SPONSOR: Rep. Clough LR 2709
of Scarborough ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Modify the Time of Constituent Service Allowance
Payments

SPONSOR: Rep. Clough LR 2871
of Scarborough ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Require the Owner of a Submerged Snowmobile or
Boat to Remove the Snowmobile or Boat

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 3235
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Create a Single Payment System for State and
Federal Income Taxes for Small Businesses

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 3236
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Protect Retirement Income

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 3237
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Promote the Health of Maine Women and Girls

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 3240
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Provide Retirement Equity for Law Enforcement
Officers

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 3243
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and
Financial Services to Restructure the Deferred
Compensation Advisory Council

SPONSOR: Rep. Cowger LR 3147
of Hallowell ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Fund the Operational Costs of a Household
Hazardous Waste Collection System

SPONSOR: Rep. Cowger LR 3148
of Hallowell ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Phase Out the Availability of Mercury-added
Products

SPONSOR: Rep. Cowger LR 3149
of Hallowell ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Restrict the Availability of Products with
Excessive Levels of Arsenic

SPONSOR: Rep. Cummings LR 3036
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Ensure the Public Benefits of Solid Waste
Facilities

SPONSOR: Sen. Davis, Sr. LR 2784
of Piscataquis ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Increase the Length of Time in Which a Retired
State Employee May Add a Dependent to the Employee's Maine
State Health Insurance Plan

SPONSOR: Sen. Davis, Sr. LR 2872
of Piscataquis ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Permit the Town of Atkinson to Deorganize

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Sen. Davis, Sr. LR 2882
of Piscataquis ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, Relating to the State Valuation for the Town of
Dexter

SPONSOR: Sen. Davis, Sr. LR 3082
of Piscataquis ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Amend the Charter of the Sewer District in the
Town of Corinna

SPONSOR: Sen. Douglass LR 3228
of Androscoggin ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, to Allow Persons with Disabilities to Purchase
Coverage Under the Medicaid Program

SPONSOR: Rep. Dudley LR 3191
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Maintain the Family Caregiver Initiative for
Elderly Citizens in Maine

SPONSOR: Rep. Dudley LR 3291
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Protect Police Horses

SPONSOR: Rep. Dudley LR 3293
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Support the State's Homeless Youth

SPONSOR: Rep. Duncan LR 2880
of Presque Isle ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility for General
Assistance

SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie LR 3177
of Westbrook ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Regulate Lead Smart Renovators and Lead
Sampling Technicians

SPONSOR: Rep. Etnier LR 2834
of Harpswell ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Establish Educational Requirements for Granting
Noncommercial Lobster Licenses

SPONSOR: Rep. Etnier LR 2888
of Harpswell ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Erect a Memorial
in Capitol Park to the People Who Perished on
September 11, 2001

SPONSOR: Sen. Ferguson, Jr. LR 2719
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resovle, to Rename the Bridge Between Rumford and Mexico.

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Sen. Ferguson, Jr. LR 2786
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Require Tractor-trailer Drivers to Clean Off
the Roof of Their Vehicles

SPONSOR: Rep. Fisher LR 3131
of Brewer ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Clarify the Overweight Fine Violation for Trucks
Carrying Certain Designated Commodities and Registered for
100,000 Pounds

SPONSOR: Rep. Fisher LR 3162
of Brewer ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Clarify Licensure for the Operation of
Antique Trucks

SPONSOR: Rep. Foster LR 2806
of Gray ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Prohibit the Separation of a Husband and Wife
Forced into State-funded Nursing Facilities

SPONSOR: Rep. Fuller LR 2745
of Manchester ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Dissolve the Ministerial Accounts in the Town of
Readfield's Trust Fund

SPONSOR: Rep. Fuller LR 2877
of Manchester ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, to Provide Access to Personal Care Assistant Home
Care Services

SPONSOR: Rep. Fuller LR 2977
of Manchester ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act Regarding Fire Safety Laws for Residential Care
Facilities

SPONSOR: Rep. Fuller LR 3159
of Manchester ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Establish the Asthma Prevention and Control
Program in the Department of Human Services, Bureau of
Health

SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon LR 2942
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Ensure Continued Reporting of Tax Incentive
Recipients

SPONSOR: Sen. Goldthwait LR 3220
of Hancock ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Fund the Maine Biomedical Research Program

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Rep. Goodwin LR 2812
of Pembroke ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Control Internet Spam

SPONSOR: Rep. Goodwin LR 3046
of Pembroke ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, Authorizing Public Utilities Commission Oversight
for Development of Regional Transmission Organization
Participation

SPONSOR: Rep. Goodwin LR 3123
of Pembroke ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Washington
County Emergency Medical Services Authority

SPONSOR: Rep. Gooley LR 2912
of Farmington ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Restrict the Use of Motors Greater than 10
Horsepower on Certain Ponds in Chain of Ponds Township in
Franklin County

SPONSOR: Rep. Green LR 2715
of Monmouth ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Seeds of Peace Camp
Scholarships

SPONSOR: Rep. Hall LR 2884
of Bristol ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to
Participate in a Scientific Assessment of the Activities
in the Great Salt Bay

SPONSOR: Rep. Hall LR 3154
of Bristol ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act Regarding Utility Easements

SPONSOR: Rep. Hutton LR 2815
of Bowdoinham ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Safeguard Volunteer Firefighters' Regular
Employment

SPONSOR: Rep. Jacobs LR 3124
of Turner ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Require that the State Board of Education
Have at Least One Student Member

SPONSOR: Rep. Kane LR 3161
of Saco ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
Resolve, to Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission to
Address Financing of Long-term Care Costs

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Rep. Kane LR 3179
of Saco ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
Resolve, to Address the Crisis Caused by a Shortage in
Direct Care Staff in the Long-term Care System

SPONSOR: Sen. Kilkelly LR 2798
of Lincoln ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Allow the State to Attach and Hold in Escrow
Funds From Legal Settlements and Awards for the Purpose
of Paying Child Support Obligations

SPONSOR: Sen. Kilkelly LR 2819
of Lincoln ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Increase the Penalty for Appropriating Another
Person's Social Security Number

SPONSOR: Sen. Kilkelly LR 3151
of Lincoln ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Mitigate the Effect of Large Mandatory
Environmental Penalties

SPONSOR: Rep. LaVerdiere LR 2967
of Wilton ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Amend the Charter of the Mount Blue Water
District

SPONSOR: Rep. LaVerdiere LR 3198
of Wilton ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Establish the Avon-Phillips Airport Authority

SPONSOR: Rep. Loring LR 2906
of Penobscot Nation ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Authorize the Trial of Child Welfare Cases
Involving the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the
Penobscot Tribal Court

SPONSOR: Rep. Mailhot LR 3233
of Lewiston ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Authorize \$2,500,000 to Improve Court Safety

SPONSOR: Rep. Marley LR 2767
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Promote Organ Donation

SPONSOR: Rep. Marley LR 2892
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Ensure Greater Protection to Children Who Are in
Automobile Accidents

SPONSOR: Rep. Marley LR 2893
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Allow Maine to Participate in the Federal Pilot
Program for Drivers Delivering Home Heating Oil

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Sen. Martin LR 2785
of Aroostook ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act Regarding the Deferment of Loan Repayments for
Remediation of Waste Oil Sites

SPONSOR: Sen. Martin LR 2896
of Aroostook ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Support a Continuum of Quality Long-term Care
Services

SPONSOR: Rep. Matthews LR 2753
of Winslow ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Assist the Maine Lead Advisory Council in Testing
High-risk Children for Lead Poisoning

SPONSOR: Rep. Mayo III LR 3050
of Bath ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Eliminate Department of Professional and
Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance Travel
Restrictions for Obtaining Health Care

SPONSOR: Sen. McAlevey LR 3164
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act Regarding Protective Orders in Public Utilities
Commission Proceedings

SPONSOR: Sen. McAlevey LR 3214
of York ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Authorize the Formation of Regional County
Corrections Authorities

SPONSOR: Rep. McGlocklin LR 3044
of Embden ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Benefit Maine's Economy

SPONSOR: Rep. McKee LR 3283
of Wayne ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Reduce Pollution to Androscoggin Lake by
Repairing and Altering the Existing State-owned
Barrier on the Dead River

SPONSOR: Rep. McLaughlin LR 2975
of Cape Elizabeth ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief in Cumberland County

SPONSOR: Rep. McNeil LR 2914
of Rockland ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Specialty License
Plates

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Rep. Mendros LR 3202
of Lewiston ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Protect Children from Sexual Predators

SPONSOR: Rep. Michaud LR 2809
of Fort Kent ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Prohibit the Charging of Tolls for Phone Calls
Made Between Contiguous Communities

SPONSOR: Sen. Michaud LR 2716
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Promote Cultural Tourism and Economic Growth

SPONSOR: Sen. Michaud LR 2733
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Transfer Funds From the Service Retirement
Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System in
Order to Fund the Change in Retirement Eligibility
Requirements for Game Wardens and Marine Patrol Officers

SPONSOR: Sen. Michaud LR 2940
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act Regarding Cigarette Tax Stamps

SPONSOR: Sen. Michaud LR 3087
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Provide Computers to Rural Fire Stations

SPONSOR: Sen. Michaud LR 3088
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Health Care
Workforce Steering Committee

SPONSOR: Sen. Michaud LR 3089
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Create the Adult Education Outreach Grant Program

SPONSOR: Sen. Michaud LR 3091
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, to Recognize Veterans of World War II and the
Korean Conflict in the State House Hall of Flags

SPONSOR: Sen. Michaud LR 3305
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Trade Adjustment
Assistance and Trade Reduction Adjustment

SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell LR 3094
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Reduce Identity Theft by Enacting Legislation
concerning Truncated Credit Receipts

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Rep. Morrison LR 2908
of Baileyville ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Extend the Period During Which the Passamaquoddy
Tribe May Acquire Land in the City of Calais

SPONSOR: Rep. Nass LR 2935
of Acton ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act Concerning Unfunded Mandates in the Provision of
Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services

SPONSOR: Rep. Norbert LR 3035
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Fully
Reimburse Center-based Developmental Therapy Programs under
Contract with Child Development Services

SPONSOR: Rep. Norton LR 3129
of Bangor ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act Concerning Student Threats Against School Personnel

SPONSOR: Rep. Norton LR 3304
of Bangor ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Clarify the Status of Retirees Who Return to
Service Under the Maine State Retirement System

SPONSOR: Sen. Nutting LR 2886
of Androscoggin ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act Allowing the Hunting of Female Turkeys

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Brien LR 3080
of Lewiston ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Provide funding for the Advisory Commission
on Women Veterans

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Neil LR 2956
of Saco ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Amend the Maine Consumer Credit Code

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Neil LR 3056
of Saco ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Modify Investment-related Insurance Company
Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code

SPONSOR: Rep. Peavey LR 2860
of Woolwich ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study County Jail
Population, Cost and Reimbursement by the State

SPONSOR: Rep. Quint LR 3184
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Enhance Consumer-directed Personal Assistance
Services for Maine Citizens with Disabilities

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Sen. Small LR 2948
of Sagadahoc ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Assist Municipalities of Sagadahoc County with
the Change in the County Budget Year

SPONSOR: Sen. Small LR 3116
of Sagadahoc ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Permit Underground Storage Tanks in Low-risk
Areas

SPONSOR: Rep. Snowe-Mello LR 2974
of Poland ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Repeal the Retroactive Effect of Changes Made to
the Subdivision Laws

SPONSOR: Rep. Snowe-Mello LR 3033
of Poland ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline for the Maine
Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security

SPONSOR: Rep. Soctomah LR 2833
of Passamaquoddy Tribe ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Create the Maine Native American Human Remains Act

SPONSOR: Rep. Soctomah LR 3099
of Passamaquoddy Tribe ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act Concerning Passamaquoddy Land in Grand Lake Stream
Plantation

SPONSOR: Rep. Stanley LR 2970
of Medway ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Create the Office of Canadian Ombudsman

SPONSOR: Rep. Stedman LR 2897
of Hartland ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Amend the Boundaries Between Ripley and St. Albans

SPONSOR: Rep. Sullivan LR 3300
of Biddeford ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Reduce the Economic Impact of Posted Spring Roads

SPONSOR: Rep. Tessier LR 2927
of Fairfield ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Background Checks for
Prospective Adoptive Parents

SPONSOR: Rep. Trahan LR 2700
of Waldoboro ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act Regarding the Administration of Epinephrine by
Emergency Medical Personnel

Legislator Bills Accepted for Consideration During the
120th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

SPONSOR: Rep. Trahan LR 3086
of Waldoboro ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Authorize a Bond Anticipation Note Extension
for the Town of Waldoboro

SPONSOR: Sen. Treat LR 2939
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/29/01
An Act to Provide Adult Education and Other Support Services

SPONSOR: Rep. Weston LR 3032
of Montville ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Designate Department of Education Chapter 180
Rules as Major Substantive Rules

SPONSOR: Sen. Youngblood LR 2836
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to Authorize Certain Former Members of the Maine
State Retirement System to Rejoin the Maine State Retirement
System

SPONSOR: Sen. Youngblood LR 3176
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 11/13/01
An Act to simplify the Process by Which a Financial
Institution Transfers Title to a Motor Vehicle to a
Lessee
