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124TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 26, 2009
1:30 P.M.
REVISED AGENDA

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OLD BUSINESS

- 19** **Item #1: Council Actions Taken By Ballot (No Action Required)** **Information**
A copy of a list of actions taken by ballot by the Legislative Council since its January 22, 2009 meeting is attached.

NEW BUSINESS

- 20** **Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests / Addendum** **Roll Call Vote**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY
January 22, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Legislative Council Chair, Speaker Pingree called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 2:15 P.M. in the Legislative Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Elizabeth Mitchell, Sen. Lisa Marrache, Sen. Kevin Raye,
Sen. Jonathan Courtney

Sen. Philip Bartlett (arrived immediately following the roll-call)

Representatives: Speaker Hannah Pingree, Rep. John Piotti, Rep. Seth Berry, Rep.
Philip Curtis

Absent: Rep. Joshua Tardy

Legislative Officers: Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate
Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House
Michael Cote, Assistant Clerk of the House
David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Rose Breton, Legislative Finance Director
Debra Olken, Human Resources Director
Patrick Norton, Director, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes
Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library
Beth Ashcroft, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and
Government Accountability

Chair Pingree convened the meeting at 2:15 P.M. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 4, 2008 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary of December 4, 2008 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Mitchell. Second by Representative Berry. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0).** [Representative Tardy absent]

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

David Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council, reported on the following:

MDF Regional Bus Tours and Policy Forum

The Maine Development Foundation has concluded its regional economic development bus tour of northern Maine and this week is hosting its bus tour of southern and western Maine. Sixty-one Legislators participated in the northern Maine tour, and in spite of winter weather conditions participants received excellent tours of Maine businesses and other venues. Feedback on the value of the tours has been very positive. The Legislator Policy Forum on Health Care will be held on Friday, January 30th at the Augusta Civic Center. MDF is still accepting forum registrations.

Bill Filings Before Cloture

The cloture date for legislative bill requests was January 16, 2009. The total number of bill requests filed was 1,870, and the number of requests filed by Legislators was 1,680. This compares with 2,188 in 123rd, 1,902 in the 121st and 1,705 in the 121st legislatures, 1st regular session. Bill drafting is well underway in the Revisor's office, OPLA and OFPR.

Orientation Program

Human Resources Director Debra Olken will be holding an orientation program for new legislative employees to acquaint them with legislative policies and protocols. As an outgrowth of discussions with committee chairs and leads at the chairs' orientation, committees may request presentations or training on Legislative Council policies of interest such as violence in the workplace and sexual harassment if a particular committee is interested in more information or a greater understanding of the procedures or services available.

Compendium of State Fiscal Information

The Office of Fiscal and Program Review has released its Compendium of State Fiscal Information through Fiscal Year 08. The compendium provides a summary of key fiscal information affecting State Government, including actual operating revenue and expenditures revenue sources, debt, reserve fund balances and tax burden. Copies are available in the OFPR office, and the report is available online as well through the Legislature's website.

Fiscal Report

Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, reported the following:

Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2009 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
December	\$224.4	\$241.5	\$17.2	7.6%	\$241.2	0.1%
FYTD	\$1,271.8	\$1,285.8	\$14.0	1.1%	\$1,293.8	-0.6%

- General Fund revenue was over the revised forecast by \$17.2 million in December, resulting in a positive variance of \$14.0 million or 1.1% for the first half of FY 2009. Despite the positive variance, FY 2009 fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) revenue declined by 0.6% compared with the same period in FY 2008. The December 2008 General Fund revenue forecast projects a decline of 4.3% for total General Fund revenue in FY 2009.
- Sales Tax revenue appeared to be the only major tax category that was substantially below estimates, falling \$5.0 million below budget for the first half of FY 2009 despite being revised downward by \$20.3 million for FY 2009 in the December revenue forecast. Consumer spending nationally fell below previous estimates and has declined for the last half of calendar year 2008. The level of decline in consumer spending was not anticipated in the current economic forecast.
- Individual Income Tax collections were over budget for the FYTD through December by \$10.0 million. A positive variance from the BETR, Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) and Circuitbreaker tax reimbursement programs of \$8.8 million increased the positive variance for the Individual Income Tax category to \$18.8 million. Corporate Income Tax was also running ahead of revised projections for the FYTD by \$11.6 million based on December revenue. Much of these positive variances are thought to be timing issues that will be offset in future months.

Total Highway Fund Revenue – FY 2009 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
December	\$29.1	\$26.4	(\$2.7)	-9.3%	\$27.4	-3.7%
FYTD	\$150.0	\$145.0	(\$5.0)	-3.3%	\$148.1	-2.1%

- Highway Fund revenue was under budget by \$2.7 million in December, falling \$5.0 million or 3.3% under budget for the first half of FY 2009. The decline of Highway Fund revenue from FY 2008 accelerated to 2.1% after December's revenue performance.
- Fuel Taxes continue to fall below projections despite the \$4.4 million downward adjustment for this category in FY 2009 by the Revenue Forecasting Committee. It appears that the tax model forecasts for fuel taxes have failed to adequately capture consumers' reactions to the current economic situation.
- Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees and Inspection Fees Highway Fund revenue categories were also running behind the revised forecast through December. Both these categories were revised downward in the December revenue forecast.

Revenue Forecasting Update

- A joint meeting of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) and Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) to review new economic data and tax practitioner survey data has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th.

Cash Balances Update

Summary of Treasurer's Cash Pool		
December Average Daily Balances		
Millions of \$'s		
	2007	2008
General Fund (GF) Total	\$22.8	\$29.7
General Fund (GF) Detail:		
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$117.6	\$131.1
Reserve for Operating Capital	\$40.6	\$40.6
Tax Anticipation Notes	\$0.0	\$0.0
Internal Borrowing	\$127.9	\$170.0
Other General Fund Cash	(\$263.3)	(\$312.0)
Other Spec. Rev. - Interest to GF	\$50.2	(\$0.1)
Other State Funds - Interest to GF	\$0.5	(\$10.0)
Highway Fund	\$33.0	\$17.9
Other Spec. Rev. - Retaining Interest	\$79.4	\$61.7
Other State Funds	\$269.6	\$202.8
Independent Agency Funds	<u>\$132.8</u>	<u>\$80.1</u>
Total Cash Pool	\$588.3	\$382.1

- The average total cash pool balance last month was \$382.1 million, which was \$206.2 million less than December 2008. The average balance for the last 7 Decembers, 2001 to 2007, was \$544.1 million.
- The General Fund revenue situation has increased the amount of internal borrowing to \$170.0 million in December. That additional reliance on cash flow borrowing will increase as the curtailment of General Fund spending does not offset the entire revenue shortfall projected by the December 2008 revenue forecast. The Governor's proposed budget relies on a \$45 million transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund to address the FY 2009 General Fund shortfall.
- With December receipts of Savings Offset Payments, the Dirigo Health Fund's average balance in December improved from November's balance of negative \$16.9 million to negative \$14.2 million.

Information Technology Report

Mr. Mayotte reported the following project status reports.

Bill Tracking Application

For the start of the 124th Legislature, a new integrated bill status application has been implemented replacing two WANG mini-computer based applications. The functions of the new application are being closely monitored and the system's output in the form of reports and queries is being audited for accuracy on an on-going basis.

House Chamber Automation

The office is providing technical support to the House with the purchase and installation of hardware, legislator access to legislative data in the chamber, providing secure wireless access and providing assistance to House Members. This project is in its final stage of implementation.

Server Consolidation

The Legislature is in the process of reducing the number of computer servers it uses. This is being done through the use of virtualization software. As old servers are being retired, their functions are being moved to servers that support multiple applications at the same time. The goal of this project is to cut the number of servers used in half.

Web Page Data Updates

During the 2008 interim, changes were implemented to reduce the amount of time required to update data on the legislative website. Initial results indicate the website is now being updated within minutes of the data being made available.

Senator Marrache asked if there will be a phase-in of the automated chamber information system in the Senate chamber. President Mitchell responded by indicating that the Senate needs a plan to do so. She felt that automating one chamber but not the other would be counterproductive. She suggested that the Senate begin a planning process that factors in budgetary constraints but also builds on what was learned from developing document automation software for the House chamber.

Status of Legislative Studies

(No Report)

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

Chair Pingree presented the Personnel Committee report for the Personnel Committee meeting held earlier in the day.

The Personnel Committee met with Library Director John Barden to review his performance during his first year as director. Overall, the committee was very pleased with Mr. Barden's performance and the direction he has established for the library. He is emphasizing and instituting

much greater use of electronic information sources to manage costs and improve delivery of information to the Legislature. The committee voted unanimously to approve a step increase for Mr. Barden. No action by the Legislative Council was required.

The committee also met to consider a step increase for the Secretary of State, State Treasurer and State Auditor as required by law and Legislative Council procedures. The committee voted to approve a step increase for them, effective on their work anniversary date. The Attorney General is not eligible for a step increase this year. No action by the Legislative Council was required.

Chair Pingree commented that that since the Constitutional Officers are elected by the Legislature and their salaries are governed by statute, it is the responsibility of the Legislative Council, not the Governor, to decide their salaries. Money for step increases must come from within existing budgets of the departments of the elected officials, not the legislative budgets. Furthermore, it remains the prerogative of the elected whether to accept a step increase that has been authorized by the Legislative Council. In the past, some Constitutional Officers have declined to accept a step increase.

Senator Raye noted that he and other members of the Legislative Council are sensitive to the current budget situation and recognize that when considering the next biennial budget, issues of salary increases will be on the table for consideration.

2. State House Facilities Committee

(No Report)

3. Budget Subcommittee

Senate President Mitchell presented the Budget Subcommittee report. She reported that the subcommittee met on January 15, 2009 to review language in the Governor's proposed supplemental budget for FY09 that relates to legislative accounts. After review the subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend that the Legislative Council accept the proposed budget adjustments.

President Mitchell further reported that the subcommittee will be meeting over the next several months to consider budget adjustments for the FY10/11 biennial budget. The subcommittee invites other members of the Legislative Council to make suggestions for possible budget savings that can be considered by the subcommittee. Senate President Mitchell asked that suggestions be forwarded to her as subcommittee chair or to Rose Breton or David Boulter in the Executive Director's office. A motion was then offered.

Motion: That upon the unanimous recommendation of the Budget Subcommittee, the Legislative Council accept the legislative budget adjustments proposed in Part L of LD 45 (supplemental budget bill), totaling \$1,585,008 and convey its decision to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Motion by Senate President Mitchell. Second by Senator Raye. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0).** [Representative Tardy absent for vote]

Several Legislative Council members commented that the budget adjustments for the legislature relating to the supplemental budgets were relatively easy ones to make. Budget adjustments for the next biennial budget will be more difficult. Chair Pingree commented that the council will be

looking to legislative directors for creative ideas and solutions to develop an acceptable budget. President Mitchell noted that the legislative budget represents a small percentage of the state budget. Although the legislature will do its part, she reminded members that the Legislature will still need to maintain its capacity to do the people's business.

4. CSG Annual Meeting Planning Subcommittee

Planning Subcommittee Chair Bartlett reported that the subcommittee has not met yet but that he and co-chair Representative Nancy Smith have spoken informally. He plans to convene the subcommittee within the next few weeks. Chair Pingree commented that Representative Tardy has expressed an interest in helping the subcommittee fundraise for Maine's hosting of the CSG annual meeting in 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 1: Legislative Council Actions Taken by Ballot

A copy of the list of actions taken by ballot by the Legislative Council since its December 4, 2008 meeting was attached. No further action by the Legislative Council is required.

ITEM 2: Request by Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission for Orientation Program for 124th Legislature to Address Tribal-State Relations

Chair Pingree stated that she and Senate President Mitchell have been working to address tribal-state relations and are currently considering various options for fostering good communications. She noted that the House of Representatives has recently added the names of the tribal representatives to the House voting board, an important gesture of cooperation. She also indicated that under consideration are several options and actions to help address tribal-state issues and provide important information to Legislators that may make holding a formal orientation program unnecessary. Under discussion currently is potentially holding a joint convention of the Legislature on the "State of the Tribes."

No action by the Legislative Council was taken.

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #1: Consideration of Requests for Memorials

The Legislative Council considered and acted on three and tabled nine Joint Resolutions. The Legislative Council's actions on these requests are included on the attached list.

ITEM #2: *Annual Report of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway*

Motion: To accept the *Annual Report of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway* and place it on file. Motion by Senator Bartlett. Second by Senator Courtney. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0).** [Representative Tardy absent]

ITEM #3: *Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee*

Motion: To accept the *Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee* and place it on file. Motion by Senator Bartlett. Second by Senator Raye. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0).** [Representative Tardy absent]

ITEM #4: *Presentation of OPEGA's Annual Report on Activities and Performance*
(Ms. Ashcroft)

OPEGA Director Beth Ashcroft presented to the Legislative Council the annual report for 2008 on OPEGA's activities and performance prepared pursuant to 3 MRSA §995(4). She then summarized various sections of the report that may be of interest to the Legislative Council as follows.

Included in the report is a brief summary of key activities that OPEGA was involved in for 2007 and 2008. OPEGA completed eight performance audits and studies and has completed a total of 14 since 2005. OPEGA also conducted research related to 12 requests which were subsequently submitted to the Government Oversight Committee for consideration. The fourth section of the report is a summary of key actions that have been taken.

The Government Oversight Committee met 24 times during 2007-2008. The meeting summaries are available on the website. One other big effort was reviewing OPEGA's own performance as a legislative program, using input received from interviews with a number of Legislators. The result is a "draft" strategic plan which includes goals, objectives and performance measures including the targets for 2009-2010. It is a draft that is being reviewed with the Government Oversight Committee of the 124th Legislature. Four key goals are: to provide timely, relevant and useful information and recommendations to the Legislature, with four specific objectives, performance measures and targets; to conduct all work with objectivity and accuracy, with two related objectives; to communicate regularly on activities, results and impacts to the Legislature, with several related objectives; and to utilize OPEGA's resources effectively, efficiently and economically, with three related objectives.

Ms. Ashcroft noted that a section of the report related to OPEGA's performance. She noted that OPEGA started tracking the number of visits to its website in late 2007 so for 2008 she noted that it had 6,587 visits from 173 different Maine towns, 977 from 47 states other than Maine and 313 visits from countries other than the United States. As to estimated potential fiscal impact associated with the recommendations from the reports issued, for a number of the recommendations it had not been possible to estimate costs because of the nature of the recommendation. But for those where an estimate could be made, the recommendations if implemented effectively, could lead to reduced costs of at least \$3.8 million or better cash management, or reducing fraud, waste and abuse of at least \$167,806. Ms. Ashcroft noted that sometimes the recommendations require additional resources in order to implement them. Appendix A in the report is a listing of actions that would help improve performance. In conclusion, she noted that the recommendations were focused on making some positive fiscal impact.

Senator Marrache asked how many legislators OPEGA spoke with to obtain feedback about OPEGA's performance. Ms. Ashcroft responded that feedback was sought from Representatives and Senators from each political party. She estimated feedback was received from 30-40 Legislators. Senator Marrache then asked how "savings" identified in the report were quantified. Ms. Ashcroft responded by saying that the report identifies the bases for savings, as OPEGA documented them.

President Mitchell commented that it is important to focus, not on whether government is too large or too small, but rather how well it works. She asked whether OPEGA and the Government Oversight Committee devote sufficient attention to evaluating the effectiveness of state programs, or whether the focus is principally on audits. Ms. Ashcroft responded by it is a blend of the two; evaluation centered on effectiveness and efficiency and also accountability and transparency.

Several members commented that one role of the Legislative Council is to oversee legislative activities and functions to make sure they are working effectively. In doing so, one area that warrants attention is whether there is appropriate interaction between OPEGA/Government Oversight Committee and the policy committees of the Legislature. The Legislative Council and Leadership need to facilitate helpful interaction and coordination. Senator Courtney asked whether OPEGA has the capacity to fully evaluate state economic development programs. Ms. Ashcroft replied that it would depend on the questions being asked. Some may be answered by OPEGA staff while others may require hiring a firm to conduct an evaluation.

Chair Pingree concluded the discussion by saying that having OPEGA report to the Legislative Council periodically begins a helpful dialogue. Discussions such as this help the council do its job to make sure the committee oversight process works and that OPEGA is performing functions that are most useful to the legislature.

Chair Pingree thanked Ms. Ashcroft for her presentation.

Motion: To accept the *Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Annual Report on Activities and Performance* and place it on file. Motion by Senator Raye. Second by Senator Bartlett. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0).** [Representative Tardy absent]

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Senator Raye. Second by Senator Courtney. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0).** [Representative Tardy absent]

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:08 P.M.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTION ON
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
January 22, 2009**

JOINT RESOLUTION

ACTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Bickford, Bruce A.

**Tabled
1/22/09**

LR 702 JOINT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO RESTRICT THE USE OF
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES FOOD STAMPS TO
NONTAXABLE ITEMS

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Bliss, Lawrence Steven

**Tabled
1/22/09**

LR 947 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULFILL THE
INTENT TO FUND 60% OF THE COSTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND TO END
UNFUNDED MANDATES

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Cebra, Richard M.

**Tabled
1/22/09**

LR 722 JOINT RESOLUTION ASSERTING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE STATE OF
MAINE AND URGING CONGRESS TO CEASE CERTAIN MANDATES

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Davis, Paul T, Sr

Passed

LR 1869 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO REFORM THE
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSETS

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Gooley, Walter R.

**Tabled
1/22/09**

LR 907 JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE MASSACHUSETTS AIR NATIONAL GUARD TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY REGARDING TRAINING FLIGHTS

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Lewin, Sarah O.

**Tabled
1/22/09**

LR 960 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR INCREASED OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL BAILOUT FUNDS

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Mazurek, Edward J.

**Tabled
1/22/09**

LR 1092 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SIGN LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHES A NATIONAL UNIVERSAL, SINGLE-PAYOR NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE PLAN

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Mitchell, Elizabeth M.

Passed

LR 1870 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAINE COMMISSION TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND HEALTH OF MEMBERS OF THE MAINE NATIONAL GUARD

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Pich, Wendy

**Tabled
1/22/09**

LR 1871 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ALLOCATE FULL FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Schneider, Elizabeth M.

**Tabled
1/22/09**

LR 1213 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCREASE THE TRUCK WEIGHT LIMITS ON INTERSTATE 95 NORTH OF AUGUSTA, MAINE

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Trahan, David A.

**Passed
(as amended)**

LR 465 JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE OPPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATURE TO THE FEDERAL MANDATE TO THE STATE REQUIRING A SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE OR REGISTRY

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Valentino, Linda M.

**Tabled
1/22/09**

LR 1270 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY TO UPHOLD AND SAFEGUARD RELIGIOUS AND HUMAN RIGHTS



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Executive Director's Report *D.B.*
February 26, 2009

1. "New State House" turns 100 in 2010

Earle Shettleworth, Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission has noted that the "new" State House, i.e. the current one, was formally dedicated on December 20, 1910. December 20, 2010 will be the 100th anniversary of the redesigned State House. The most dramatic changes were the construction of the North and South wings of the building and the construction of the dome modeled after that of the U.S. Capitol. According to news reports at the time, the building was completed within an appropriation of \$350,000 (~ \$8.0 million in today's dollars) and was the first public building in the country to be completed within budget.

Mr. Shettleworth has offered to work with the Legislative Council over the next year on a fitting ceremony to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the remodeled State House, if the Legislature chooses to celebrate this event.
2. Legislative Memorial Scholarship Auction

The annual Legislative Memorial Scholarship Auction will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Donations are still being accepted. Tickets are \$20, dinner included. Proceeds are used to award \$1,000 scholarships to one student from each of Maine's 16 counties.
3. Public Hearing on LD 353

On Friday at 2:00 p.m. the Appropriations Committee will invite public testimony on the legislative's portion of the proposed biennial budget. A letter is being provided to the committee noting the Legislative Council's Budget Subcommittee work on the budget, with budget adjustments to be forthcoming.

Fiscal Briefing

Legislative Council Meeting - February 26, 2009

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2009 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
January	\$261.0	\$251.3	(\$9.7)	-3.7%	\$278.0	-9.6%
FYTD	\$1,532.7	\$1,537.1	\$4.4	0.3%	\$1,571.9	-2.2%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$9.7 million in January, but remained over budget for the Fiscal Year-to-date (FYTD) by \$4.4 million or 0.3% through January 2009. January revenue was 9.6% below January 2008 and FY 2009 Fiscal Year-to-date (FYTD) revenue through January declined by 2.2% compared with the same period in FY 2008. The December 2008 General Fund revenue forecast projects a decline of 4.3% for total General Fund revenue in FY 2009.

Sales and Use Tax, Cigarette Tax and Lottery revenue, all categories driven by consumer behavior, have all fallen below budget for the FYTD through January, \$20.8 million, \$2.5 million and \$1.7 million respectively.

The Other Revenue category was under budget through January by \$12.6 million or 11.0%. \$6.0 million was related to a timing issue in the revenue adjustment to the Unclaimed Property Transfer and \$1.0 million was related to a timing issue regarding transfers from the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services. Within Other Revenue, revenue transferred to the Maine Milk Pool was under budget by \$1.4 million through January. The negative variance for this transfer is expected to grow to as much as \$7.5 million through the end of FY 2009 based on updated milk price forecasts.

The performance of the Individual Income Tax and Corporate Income Tax categories with a combined positive variance of \$39.6 million for the FYTD through January has been sufficient to offset the other General Fund negative variances. These categories are beginning to show signs of weakness that may reduce this cushion over the next few months. The major concern for the Individual Income Tax is the amount of the reduction in tax liability associated with net capital gains realizations. The 50% decline assumption in the current revenue forecast may not be pessimistic enough based on some qualitative responses from some tax practitioners. The accuracy of this critical assumption will not be assessable until shortly after the April 15th individual income tax filing deadline.

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2009 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
January	\$26.7	\$24.8	(\$1.9)	-7.2%	\$25.1	-1.3%
FYTD	\$176.7	\$169.8	(\$6.9)	-3.9%	\$173.3	-2.0%

Highway Fund revenue was under budget by \$1.9 million in January, falling \$6.9 million or 3.9% under budget for the FYTD through January. The decline of Highway Fund revenue from FY 2008 was 2.0% after January's revenue performance.

Fuel Taxes continued to fall below projections. Through January this category fell \$3.7 million or 3.2% below revised projections. Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees and Inspection Fees Highway Fund revenue categories were also running behind the revised forecast through January. These negative variances have continued in these categories despite downward revisions for each in the December 2008 revenue forecast.

Fiscal Briefing – February 26, 2009 (continued)

2. Revenue Forecasting Update

Joint Meeting of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) and Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) – The CEFC and the RFC met jointly on Tuesday, February 17th at 10AM to review new economic and revenue data and tax practitioner survey data. A summary was presented to the Appropriations Committee after the meeting. This meeting was not designed to produce a new economic or revenue forecast. This meeting is in advance of the next required reports, which are delayed during the 1st Regular Session to April 1st and May 1st, respectively. The CEFC will meet on March 31st and the RFC will meet on April 27th to meet these reporting deadlines.

Some of the new data presented at the meeting painted a much more pessimistic outlook than the November 2008 economic forecast on which the current revenue forecast is based, suggesting a downward revenue revision for the May 1st forecast. Some of the findings presented at the meeting include:

- From December 2007 to December 2008 15,000 jobs were lost in Maine with most of the job losses coming in the final quarter of 2008;
- Some CEFC members thought that employment would decline by an additional 15,000 and that the Federal Stimulus Package might reverse at best half of that job decline;
- Most national forecasts, which are the basis of the forecasts for the individual states, have become much more pessimistic and will likely drive down the Maine economic forecasts for employment and personal income when the CEFC meets on March 31st, resulting in further reductions to revenue projections for the major taxes; and
- Qualitative indications from the survey of tax practitioners seemed to indicate that the 50% decline in net capital gains realizations assumed in the current forecast may not be pessimistic enough, resulting in a downside risk for the short-term FY 2009 revenue forecast.

3. Cash Balances Update

Summary of Treasurer's Cash Pool		
January Average Daily Balances – Millions of \$'s		
	2008	2009
General Fund (GF) Total	\$49.0	\$41.4
General Fund (GF) Detail:		
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$118.0	\$125.8
Reserve for Operating Capital	\$40.6	\$40.6
Tax Anticipation Notes	\$0.0	\$0.0
Internal Borrowing	\$115.8	\$195.5
Other General Fund Cash	(\$225.3)	(\$320.5)
Other Spec. Rev. - Interest to GF	\$56.1	\$9.0
Other State Funds - Interest to GF	\$0.0	(\$11.3)
Highway Fund	\$27.8	\$20.8
Other Spec. Rev. - Retaining Interest	\$75.5	\$44.3
Other State Funds	\$257.0	\$198.0
Independent Agency Funds	<u>\$117.8</u>	<u>\$78.6</u>
Total Cash Pool	\$583.3	\$380.9

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Cash Balance Update (continued)

The comparison of the average balances of January 2008 and January 2009 shows that the average total cash pool balance last month was \$382.1 million, which was \$202.4 million less than January 2008. The average balance for the last 7 Januarys, 2002 to 2008, was \$598.3 million.

General Fund internal borrowing increased to \$195.5 million in January. Excluding reserve fund balances and internal borrowing, the General Fund average cash balance was negative by \$320.5 million.

The current budget situation would suggest a further decline in the General Fund cash position, based on the reliance of the transfer of \$56.1 million from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund (MBSF) to balance the FY 2009 General Fund budget. That MBSF transfer occurred at the end of January when PL 2009, c. 1, Part E became effective. The immediate transfer from the MBSF will improve the balance in the General Fund for interest income purposes, but will not improve the overall General Fund cash position. Interest earnings on MBSF balances accrue to the MBSF and not the General Fund.

The State Controller confirmed that the cash flow borrowing for the operating deficit of the Dirigo Health Fund at the close of FY 2008 was assigned to the General Fund. Accounting entries were entered to record the appropriate payables and receivables in the 2 funds. These receivables need to be addressed by the end of FY 2009 or the General Fund will need to record an adjustment to balance on budgetary basis equal to the amount of the outstanding liability. While average cash balances for the Dirigo Health Fund improved in December based on savings offset payment receipts, the average balance declined again to a negative balance of \$15.9 million in January.

4. Federal Stimulus Package

While some of the uncertainty surrounding the Federal Stimulus Package has been reduced with the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, much uncertainty continues regarding the amount of federal funding that will flow to Maine. The estimated 10-year cost of the proposal according to the Congressional Budget Office is \$787.2 billion with the bulk of the cost in federal fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011 (\$718.7 million).

Some funding will flow directly to local units of government. Funds coming directly to the State will include some distributions based on existing federal formulas, while other funds to the State will be awarded on a competitive basis. Some of the changes, such as the Medicaid changes, will result in General Fund savings. Tax provisions in the Federal Stimulus Package that affect federal adjusted gross income may result in some State revenue losses if Maine chooses to conform to the changes in the federal internal revenue code.

A rough estimate of the Medicaid savings based on a \$2.0 billion MaineCare program would produce General Fund savings of nearly \$374 million over the 3 fiscal years 2009 to 2011. We would receive an additional \$52 million in savings over the 3-year period if Maine's unemployment rate increases result in Maine receiving a 2nd tier "High Unemployment" FMAP bonus.

OFPR will release a summary of potential state budgetary impacts from the Federal Stimulus Package as soon as we have completed our analysis of the package. More information is expected shortly as federal agencies are expected to release state-specific data beginning February 19th.

General Fund and Highway Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009
Reflecting Budgeted Amounts Through December 2008 Revenue Forecast and PL 2009, c. 1

JANUARY 2009 REVENUE VARIANCE REPORT

Revenue Line	January '09 Budget	January '09 Actual	January '09 Variance	FY09 YTD Budget	FY09 YTD Actual	FY09 YTD Variance	FY09 YTD Variance %	FY09 Budgeted Totals
General Fund								
Sales and Use Tax	96,535,988	81,416,395.63	(15,119,592.37)	537,600,560	516,785,238.55	(20,815,321.45)	-3.9%	987,320,733
Service Provider Tax	4,532,663	4,441,186.25	(91,476.75)	26,872,399	27,146,408.24	274,009.24	1.0%	53,452,742
Individual Income Tax	131,137,332	139,531,796.94	8,394,464.94	701,073,833	728,205,057.47	27,131,224.47	3.9%	1,327,231,135
Corporate Income Tax	3,600,000	4,476,047.19	876,047.19	60,629,241	73,130,993.82	12,501,752.82	20.6%	168,904,770
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	12,004,598	10,129,917.52	(1,874,680.48)	90,217,970	87,752,681.97	(2,465,288.03)	-2.7%	149,948,844
Public Utilities Tax	0	0.00	0.00	231,238	231,237.60	(0.40)	0.0%	18,405,029
Insurance Companies Tax	46,605	91,136.83	44,531.83	12,610,608	12,622,255.96	11,647.96	0.1%	71,978,985
Estate Tax	3,088,920	3,918,390.55	829,470.55	13,725,899	15,680,049.64	1,954,150.64	14.2%	35,288,827
Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0.00	0.00	11,006,279	10,995,373.00	(10,906.00)	-0.1%	12,969,540
Income from Investments	(124,289)	17,749.39	142,038.39	902,763	1,423,471.83	520,708.83	57.7%	752,451
Transfer to Municipal Revenue Sharing	(11,901,620)	(11,723,139.27)	178,480.73	(68,215,028)	(68,608,655.14)	(393,627.14)	-0.6%	(129,962,428)
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,052,821	2,933,134.33	(2,119,686.67)	31,327,440	29,601,408.07	(1,726,031.93)	-5.5%	52,599,250
Other Revenue	17,004,414	16,089,073.14	(915,340.86)	114,765,534	102,162,180.86	(12,603,353.14)	-11.0%	212,931,559
Totals	260,977,432	251,321,688.50	(9,655,743.50)	1,532,748,736	1,537,127,701.87	4,378,965.87	0.3%	2,961,821,437
Highway Fund								
Fuel Taxes	18,512,037	17,604,042.15	(907,994.85)	115,806,008	112,140,686.49	(3,665,321.51)	-3.2%	234,197,278
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees	7,109,691	6,266,667.95	(843,023.05)	49,921,638	47,489,413.85	(2,432,224.15)	-4.9%	99,146,017
Inspection Fees	232,516	207,637.05	(24,878.95)	3,134,465	2,218,224.73	(916,240.27)	-29.2%	4,474,821
Fines	147,019	135,822.62	(11,196.38)	1,018,331	1,015,836.96	(2,494.04)	-0.2%	1,795,049
Income from Investments	13,000	20,261.24	7,261.24	334,473	341,733.55	7,260.55	2.2%	1,000,000
Other Revenue	717,966	583,052.74	(134,913.26)	6,510,860	6,633,500.87	122,640.87	1.9%	9,629,561
Totals	26,732,229	24,817,483.75	(1,914,745.25)	176,725,775	169,839,396.45	(6,886,378.55)	-3.9%	350,242,726

Comparison of Actual Year-to-Date Revenue Through January of Each Fiscal Year

REVENUE CATEGORY	FY 2005	% Chg	FY 2006	% Chg	FY 2007	% Chg	FY 2008	% Chg	FY 2009	% Chg
GENERAL FUND										
Sales and Use Tax	\$494,925,790.31	3.7%	\$513,456,218.41	3.7%	\$532,632,785.75	3.7%	\$535,259,894.34	0.5%	\$516,785,238.55	-3.5%
Service Provider Tax	\$21,310,682.71	N/A	\$23,022,256.14	8.0%	\$23,872,776.86	3.7%	\$26,018,109.49	9.0%	\$27,146,408.24	4.3%
Individual Income Tax	\$716,573,079.38	6.6%	\$746,293,732.81	4.1%	\$784,297,902.72	5.1%	\$822,619,978.15	4.9%	\$837,027,625.09	1.8%
Individual Income Tax (Circuitbreaker)	(\$24,497,612.41)	N/A	(\$36,193,933.66)	-47.7%	(\$37,744,640.33)	-4.3%	(\$39,414,907.09)	-4.4%	(\$42,063,348.11)	-6.7%
Individual Income Tax (BETR)	\$0.00	N/A	(\$54,849,530.76)	N/A	(\$45,858,175.02)	16.4%	(\$54,498,649.78)	-18.8%	(\$66,759,219.51)	-22.5%
Corporate Income Tax	\$67,762,594.88	37.2%	\$94,895,605.08	40.0%	\$79,080,475.60	-16.7%	\$82,070,802.73	3.8%	\$73,130,993.82	-10.9%
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	\$57,997,230.77	2.1%	\$87,587,650.83	51.0%	\$96,340,925.68	10.0%	\$91,173,441.48	-5.4%	\$87,752,681.97	-3.8%
Public Utilities Tax	(\$150,000.00)	48.9%	\$2,264.39	101.5%	(\$116,564.00)	-5247.7%	\$347,735.12	398.3%	\$231,237.60	-33.5%
Insurance Companies Tax	\$14,940,592.35	16.0%	\$11,890,563.34	-20.4%	\$11,583,827.28	-2.6%	\$13,503,086.88	16.6%	\$12,622,255.96	-6.5%
Estate Tax	\$17,459,599.66	44.3%	\$49,367,403.81	182.8%	\$31,082,350.51	-37.0%	\$14,656,738.91	-52.8%	\$15,680,049.64	7.0%
Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	\$9,638,377.00	7.8%	\$9,560,399.00	-0.8%	\$10,403,375.00	8.8%	\$10,238,664.00	-1.6%	\$10,995,373.00	7.4%
Income from Investments	\$2,310,366.90	102.1%	\$3,458,620.13	49.7%	\$1,614,548.75	-53.3%	\$2,085,953.64	29.2%	\$1,423,471.83	-31.8%
Revenue Sharing Transfers	(\$65,079,801.26)	-4.6%	(\$65,617,841.75)	-0.8%	(\$68,150,337.41)	-3.9%	(\$70,052,740.85)	-2.8%	(\$68,608,655.14)	2.1%
Liquor Transfers	\$50,013,788.33	198.6%	\$11,850.00	-100.0%	\$14,971.36	26.3%	\$0.00	-100.0%	\$0.00	N/A
Lottery Transfers	\$29,632,072.93	20.3%	\$28,970,855.82	-2.2%	\$29,901,429.08	3.2%	\$29,185,662.34	-2.4%	\$29,601,408.07	1.4%
Other Revenue	\$111,452,586.00	0.0%	\$107,308,351.12	-3.7%	\$112,598,299.12	4.9%	\$108,585,003.42	-3.6%	\$102,162,180.86	-5.9%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$1,504,289,347.55	7.3%	\$1,519,164,464.71	1.0%	\$1,561,553,950.95	2.8%	\$1,571,778,772.78	0.7%	\$1,537,127,701.87	-2.2%
HIGHWAY FUND										
Fuel Taxes	\$116,010,600.88	5.1%	\$114,789,282.40	-1.1%	\$115,902,925.01	1.0%	\$116,015,919.59	0.1%	\$112,140,686.49	-3.3%
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees	\$44,018,765.86	3.8%	\$46,751,990.29	6.2%	\$46,098,179.22	-1.4%	\$46,030,094.48	-0.1%	\$47,489,413.85	3.2%
Inspection Fees	\$2,553,344.89	-11.7%	\$2,673,189.39	4.7%	\$2,740,108.40	2.5%	\$2,655,790.20	-3.1%	\$2,218,224.73	-16.5%
Fines	\$1,033,122.89	-5.0%	\$1,056,699.39	2.3%	\$1,013,164.37	-4.1%	\$1,045,069.09	3.1%	\$1,015,836.96	-2.8%
Income from Investments	\$479,271.15	57.5%	\$956,578.43	99.6%	\$469,611.99	-50.9%	\$885,140.27	88.5%	\$341,733.55	-61.4%
Other Revenue	\$5,751,709.87	-1.7%	\$6,378,015.68	10.9%	\$6,021,032.19	-5.6%	\$6,630,788.43	10.1%	\$6,633,500.87	0.0%
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE	\$169,846,815.54	4.3%	\$172,605,755.58	1.6%	\$172,245,021.18	-0.2%	\$173,262,802.06	0.6%	\$169,839,396.45	-2.0%

Adjusted for Service Provider Tax Split

**Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
January 22, 2009 Council Meeting**

Request for Introduction of Legislation

LR 1871 **JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ALLOCATE FULL FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT**

Submitted by: Rep. Wendy Pieh

Accepted: 2/3/09 Vote: 10 – 0 in favor

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

As of: February 20, 2009

Action

SPONSOR: **Rep. Ayotte, Bernard L.**

LR 1878 An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for the Adult
Children of an Insured Living with the Insured

SPONSOR: **Rep. Beaudette, Stephen R.**

LR 1909 Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To
Withhold an Air Emission License from the Maine Energy Recovery
Company

SPONSOR: **Rep. Bickford, Bruce A.**

LR 1873 An Act To Limit the Liability of Landowners for Noncommercial
Aviation Activities

SPONSOR: **Rep. Bolduc, Brian D.**

LR 1899 An Act To Increase the Minimum Age for Operating a Snowmobile

SPONSOR: **Rep. Hanley, Stephen P.**

LR 1882 An Act To Facilitate Continuity in the Payment of Child Support

SPONSOR: **Rep. Harvell, Lance E.**

LR 1903 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act

SPONSOR: **Rep. Harvell, Lance E.**

LR 1911 An Act To Raise the Campaign Contribution Limit

SPONSOR: **Rep. Haskell, Anne M.**

LR 1896 An Act To Require Snowmobile Safety Training

SPONSOR: Rep. Mazurek, Edward J.

LR 1880 An Act To Establish a Gold Star License Plate for Families Who Have Lost Members in Military Service

SPONSOR: Rep. Thibodeau, Michael D.

LR 1891 An Act To Allow Municipal and Quasi-municipal Organizations To Bill for Hazardous Material Costs

SPONSOR: Sen. Trahan, A. David

LR 1889 An Act To Create a Saltwater Fishing Registry

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Hinck, Jon

LR 1901 JOINT RESOLUTION COMMENDING PRESIDENT OBAMA ON HIS SELECTION OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE J. MITCHELL AS MIDDLE EAST ENVOY AND URGING A JUST RESOLUTION OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Innes, Melissa Walsh

LR 1910 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT, THE CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO SUPPORT THE WAIVER CALIFORNIA NEEDS TO ACHIEVE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Action

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Bliss, Lawrence Steven

**TABLED
01/22/09**

LR 947 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULFILL THE INTENT TO FUND 60% OF THE COSTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND TO END UNFUNDED MANDATES

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Cebra, Richard M. **TABLED**
01/22/09

LR 722 JOINT RESOLUTION ASSERTING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE
STATE OF MAINE AND URGING CONGRESS TO CEASE
CERTAIN MANDATES

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Gooley, Walter R. **TABLED**
01/22/09

LR 907 JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE MASSACHUSETTS AIR
NATIONAL GUARD TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STUDY REGARDING TRAINING FLIGHTS

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Lewin, Sarah O. **TABLED**
01/21/09

LR 960 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF
THE UNITED STATES FOR INCREASED OVERSIGHT AND
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL BAILOUT
FUNDS

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Mazurek, Edward J. **TABLED**
01/22/09

LR 1092 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES TO SIGN LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHES A
NATIONAL UNIVERSAL, SINGLE-PAYOR NONPROFIT
HEALTH CARE PLAN

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Schneider, Elizabeth M. **TABLED**
01/22/09

LR 1213 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES TO INCREASE THE TRUCK WEIGHT LIMITS ON
INTERSTATE 95 NORTH OF AUGUSTA, MAINE

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Valentino, Linda M.

TABLED
01/22/09

LR 1270

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNMENT OF
TURKEY TO UPHOLD AND SAFEGUARD RELIGIOUS AND
HUMAN RIGHTS

**ADDENDUM
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
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Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Bryant, Bruce S.

LR 1926 An Act To Protect Maine's Communities and Increase the Municipality
Size Requirement for Building Inspection

SPONSOR: Rep. Duchesne, Robert S.

LR 1914 An Act To Provide Limited Immunity for Road Association Directors,
Commissioners and Volunteers

SPONSOR: Rep. Duchesne, Robert S.

LR 1915 An Act To Enable Municipal Assistance for Purposes of Protecting or
Restoring Public Waters

SPONSOR: Rep. Duchesne, Robert S.

LR 1916 An Act To Update the Private Ways Law with Regard to Lake Camp
Road Associations

SPONSOR: Rep. Duchesne, Robert S.

LR 1917 An Act To Institute Voluntary Emissions Standards for Outdoor Wood
Boilers

SPONSOR: Rep. Harvell, Lance E.

LR 1919 An Act To Advance Health Care in Maine

SPONSOR: Rep. Harvell, Lance E.

LR 1921 An Act To Amend the Fee Charged for Fingerprinting

SPONSOR: Rep. Harvell, Lance E.

LR 1922 An Act To Facilitate More Firefighter Volunteers

SPONSOR: Rep. Harvell, Lance E.

LR 1923 An Act To Allow the Taste Testing of Malt Liquor and Spirits

SPONSOR: Rep. Harvell, Lance E.

LR 1924 An Act To Promote Youth Hunting License Sales

SPONSOR: Sen. McCormick, Earle L.

LR 1913 Resolve, Establishing a Study Commission on In Utero Drug Addiction

SPONSOR: Rep. Sutherland, Patricia B.

LR 1925 An Act To Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by School Administrative District No. 32

SPONSOR: Rep. Watson, Thomas R.

LR 1918 An Act To Correct Administrative Procedures Regarding the Dental Care Access Credit