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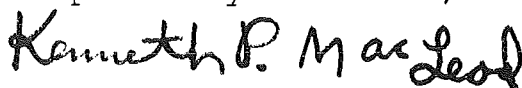
To the Members of the 104th Legislature:

It is my honor to transmit herewith the first volume of studies authorized by the 103rd Legislature for Legislative Research Committee study and determination during this past biennium.

This volume, designated as Legislative Research Committee publication 104-20 (Vol. I), combines in a single publication the findings and recommendations developed in ten specific areas of study which are individually reported in committee publications numbered 104-1 through 104-10.

The Members of the Committee wish to express their appreciation for being chosen to participate in these assignments and sincerely hope the reports contained herein will prove of benefit to the Members of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,



KENNETH P. MACLEOD, Chairman
Legislative Research Committee

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LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

REPORT ON
MAINE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AUTHORITY
to
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ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee is hereby directed to study the functions of the Maine Industrial Building Authority and report to the next regular session of the Legislature its findings and recommendations with respect to ways and means by which the Legislature may more closely oversee the practices and policies of said Authority.

The Legislative Research Committee, as directed by the preceding joint order, has studied the operation and functions of the Maine Industrial Building Authority under the provisions of Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 10, chapter 103, for the purpose of determining a suitable means by which the Maine Legislature could more closely oversee the authority's activities.

The order directing the study was introduced and received passage during the third special session of the 103rd Legislature which was limited to consideration of emergency legislation to increase the loan guarantee capacity of the Maine Industrial Building Authority in support of private industry.

The Legislature in order to be responsive, in such situations, to the economic needs and growth potential of this State must be kept continually informed of facts and events which require its attention.

In this regard the Legislative Research Committee held one hearing on October 17, 1968, at which time Mr. Roderic C. O'Connor, Manager of the Maine Industrial Building Authority, appeared and testified.

Evidence presented before the Committee indicated that in addition to an annual report as required by statute, the

Authority was in the process of compiling a ten-year report of its activities through June 30, 1967 (attached) and were regularly filing a one page summary of the previous month's activities with the Executive Department (Appendix II). This activity report was being made in accordance with the Governor's request of February 2, 1968 to all agency heads. (Appendix I)

In the Committee's opinion the monthly reporting system, now temporarily established at the executive level, would correspondingly provide a logical means of maintaining a close legislative liaison with certain state agencies with minimum modifications. The Committee, therefore, submits and recommends the adoption of legislation requiring brief monthly activity reports by the Maine Industrial Building Authority and the Maine Recreational Authority to the Legislative Standing Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development when the Legislature is in session and to the Legislative Research Committee when the Legislature is not in session. (Appendix III)

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APPENDIX I

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Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date February 2, 1968

To All Agency Heads

Dept. _____

From Governor Kenneth M. Curtis

Dept. _____

Subject Monthly Reports

1. As explained at the January cabinet meeting, I am establishing a monthly reporting system. The difficulty we had in assembling a year-end report brought out the need for better coordination and up-to-date information about the activities of our agencies and your personal suggestions for program emphasis.

2. Since each agency has many functions, and lengthy reports would be cumbersome, I would like each agency head to regularly file a one-page summary of the month's activities. It should be broken down into these categories:

- A. What major projects has your agency completed?
- B. What new projects have you scheduled?
- C. What are your suggestions for new programs and improved operations?

Please send your reports to me, Attention: Roy A. Whitcomb, Jr., Executive Assistant, during the first week of each month and covering the previous month's activities.

KMC/kw

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Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date February 5, 1968

To Roy A. Whitcomb, Jr., Executive Dept. Executive
 Assistant

From Roderic C. O'Connor, Manager Dept. Maine Industrial Building
 Authority

Subject Monthly Report to Executive Department

The Authority held one meeting on January 9, 1968 and voted to insure two loans for projects now completed, as follows:

1. A \$100,000 loan by Northern National Bank to Madawaska Industrial Development Corporation to finance a new building and machinery and equipment for Madawaska Wood Works, Inc. formerly of St. Agatha. The commitment for this project was made on July 20, 1967. This loan was closed and insured by the Authority on January 12, 1968 with James M. Pierce acting in behalf of the Authority, and
2. A loan in the amount of \$38,700 by Canal National Bank to Research Development Corporation of Sanford to finance acquisition, construction and machinery and equipment for a light fabrication plant for Thurston Aircraft Corporation. This loan was closed and insured by the Authority on January 19, 1968 with Carleton G. Lane acting in behalf of the Authority.

Several new projects now only in the planning stage were discussed at the January 9 meeting, and continued negotiations are being carried on by the Manager with participation of the DED.

The Manager, with counsel, assisted in the drafting of legislation presented by Senator Albair of Aroostook to the Special Session of the 103rd Legislature which provided for expansion of the scope of the Authority's program to include insurance of payments on loans made for farm machinery and equipment and certain fishing vessels. The Manager and two Members of the Authority presented statements to and appeared at the public hearing on this legislation. The legislation was passed and signed by the Governor on January 25th and will become effective on about April 26, 1968. The Manager is proceeding with details of arrangements which will be required to implement the Authority's assistance in these new areas.

The Manager is required by Statute to maintain close liaison with the Department of Economic Development in planning and financing arrangements for new projects. He stands ready at any time to confer with representatives of that Department and be of whatever assistance required and possible in connection with the Department's responsibilities to promote the economic well being of the State.

APPENDIX III

AN ACT Relating to Reports of the Managers of the Maine Industrial Building Authority and the Maine Recreation Authority.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 10, §751, sub-§4-A, additional. Section 751 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 4-A, to read as follows:

4-A. Reports to Legislature. Make to the Joint Legislative Standing Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development when the Legislature is in session and to the Legislative Research Committee when the Legislature is not in session a monthly report documenting the actions of the authority, and such other reports as either committee may request;

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 10, §5051, sub-§4-A, additional. Section 5051 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 495 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding a new subsection 4-A, to read as follows:

4-A. Reports to Legislature. Make to the Joint Legislative Standing Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development when the Legislature is in session and to the Legislative Research Committee when the Legislature is not in session a monthly report documenting the actions of the authority, and such other reports as either committee may request.