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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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GOVERNMENTAL METRIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the metric measurement standards recognized and developed by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures have been adopted as the fundamental measurement standards of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the customary units of weights and measures used in the United States have been based upon metric measurement standards since 1893, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Commerce has found that increased use of the metric system of measurement in the United States is inevitable and has concluded that a national program to achieve a metric changeover is desirable, and

WHEREAS, 90% of the world's people and more than 75% of the world production and trade are currently employing the unified metric system of measurement, and

WHEREAS, adoption of the International System of Units (SI) (Système Internationale) in science and mathematics will substantially increase communication within and between all disciplines, and

WHEREAS, the mathematical logic and consistency of the metric system of measure provides a more practical system to teach, to learn, and to use, and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has a major role in helping to motivate and assist its citizens and industries in adapting to the metric system, and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has the responsibility for coordinating its efforts for the training of its employees and the educating and informing of its citizens with regard to the metric system, and

WHEREAS, State agencies in the use of their manpower and expertise can play a vital leadership role in establishing a framework which will facilitate conversion to the metric system,

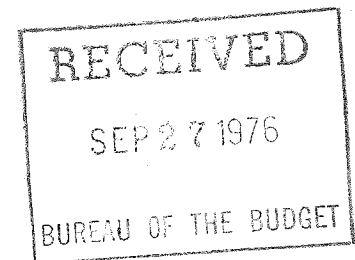
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. LONGLEY, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order that a Governmental Metric Policies Committee be created as follows:

Membership

The Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor.

The membership of the Committee shall include but not be limited to representation from the following Departments and Agencies:

1. The Department of Agriculture
2. The Department of Transportation
3. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services
4. The Department of Business Regulation
5. The Department of Finance and Administration
6. The Department of Conservation
7. The Department of Environmental Protection
8. The Department of Marine Resources
9. The State Development Office
10. The State Planning Office
11. The Governor's Office
12. The Public Utilities Commission




The Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and to State departments and agencies in the field of measurements.

Functions

1. Assess the impact that conversion will have on the State and on State governmental operations.
2. Assess the state of preparedness of State Government to use and promote metric measure.
3. Prepare an assessment of the needs of business and industry, particularly the measurement-sensitive industries and trades.
4. Locate available human and material resources.
5. Produce a plan for State metric conversion.
6. Provide coordination within State Government and among the State's businesses and industries.
7. Provide metric training for State employees.
8. Prepare to offer consultative services to Maine's businesses and industries.
9. Promote greater awareness of the general public to the inevitableness of metric changeover within the next decade.
10. Assume such other related functions that the Committee deems appropriate.

Procedures

The Committee shall meet in Augusta at least quarterly. The Chairman shall provide an agenda to the Committee members prior to each meeting and any member may request in advance that an item appear on the agenda.


JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor