

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 11, 1983

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Legislative Council Chambers, Room 327, and called to order by Chairman Charles P. Pray at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Carpenter, Sen. Collins, Sen. Conley,
Sen. Gill, Sen. Pray

Representatives: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Martin, Rep.
Higgins, Rep. Mitchell

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sarah Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Martha Palmer - Law Librarian
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Diamond moved that the minutes of May 4, 1983 be approved.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS' AND STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Diamond reported that the unexpended balance of \$50,000, which was appropriated in Fiscal Year 1983 to the account of the Bureau of Public Improvements for renovations in the State House will lapse at the end of the fiscal year without Council authorization to carry forward the unexpended balance. Approximately \$25,000 remains in this account.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Appropriations Committee be

directed to carry over the \$25,000 in the Bureau of Public Improvements' budget.

Rep. Higgins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The Council received a letter for Martha Freeman, Legislative Assistant, requesting approval to attend a conference in Denver, June 1-4, 1983, on laws relating to child support, paternity and custody.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the request be approved.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

NOTE: See subsequent Council action at this same meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

After deadline bills (see attached list) were presented to the Council and voted upon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Rep. Mitchell seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made that the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

The Legislative Council reconvened at 3:00 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chambers.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved to reconsider the letter from Martha Freeman concerning travel.

Sen. Collins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request regarding Martha Freeman's travel be approved, provided that all of the work for the committees she is assigned to is completed or that the Legislature has adjourned by the date of the conference.

Sen. Collins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House notify committees that all bills must be reported out of committee by May 20th except those that are not yet referred.

Sen. Collins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made that the meeting adjourn at 3:08 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

STATE OF MAINE

Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date May 10, 1983

Legislative Council

Dept. _____

From Helen D. Ginder, Director

Dept. Legislative Assistants

Subject Meeting attendance, Martha Freeman

Permission is requested for Martha Freeman, Legislative Assistant to the Judiciary Committee, to attend a conference in Denver, June 1-4, 1983 on laws relating to child support, paternity and custody. A copy of the Agenda is attached. Estimated costs are registration, \$125; hotel and meals, \$300; Travel, \$349.

approved.

HTG/cj
Encl.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS: SUPPORT

Thursday • June 2, 1983

Come to the Conference to:

- Set the priorities for improving child support enforcement in your State.
- Direct NCSL services on child support enforcement, paternity and custody.
- Learn the components of effective legislation for support, paternity and custody.

Bring:

- Your **problems** and discuss policy options with legislators, judges, attorneys, and state officials.
- Your **solutions** for creating effective state models and strategies.

The agenda is divided into two tracks of concurrent sessions geared to the needs of legislators looking for solutions and effective models, and for those new to the subject of child support, paternity, and custody. Faculty members are national experts, state practitioners and peers from the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government. The concurrent sessions will be action-oriented and focus on state level problem solving. In some sessions, legislators will participate as judges or attorneys to gain a new perspective on the legal questions. Saturday's agenda has been set for NCSL policy makers to develop priorities for NCSL action at the states and federal level.

Registration Open to:

State legislators, legislative staff, judges, attorneys, state administrators, and other groups and persons interested in improving child support, paternity, and custody issues.

AGENDA

Wednesday • June 1, 1983

- 12:00 NOON to 2:00 P.M. Joint Legislative and Judicial Caucus
Common Concerns and Agendas for
Members of NCSL and the National
Council of Juvenile and Family Court
Judges (Luncheon Meeting)
- 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. NCSL Advisory Committee
on Children and Youth
- 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Reception and Early Registration

- 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. Registration
- 8:30 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. Welcome and Conference Mission
- 9:15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Keynote Addresses
Mrs. Margaret Heckler Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (invited) Patricia Schroeder Congresswoman, State of Colorado
- 10:40 A.M. to 12:00 NOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS
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| TRACK I | TRACK II |
| Fiscal Foundations for Child Support Enforcement | Judicial Alternatives in Domestic Relations |
| Why budgeting is different for child support enforcement than any other state agency or how to collect revenue while delivering a service. | A look at successful court programs that address human concerns and relieve crowded court dockets. |
- 12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. LUNCHEON ADDRESS
The Federal Perspective
Fred Schutzman, Deputy Director, Office of Child Support Enforcement
- 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. PLENARY SESSION
The Judicial Point of View
Judge John Girardeau, Juvenile Court of Hall County, Georgia
Judge George Peterson, Ramsey County Juvenile Court, Minnesota
- Turning the tables: judicial concerns, needs and agendas, as they relate to the legislative process.
- 3:00 P.M. to 3:20 P.M. BREAK
- 3:20 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS
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| TRACK I | TRACK II |
| Legal Foundations for Child Support Enforcement | Enforcement Legislation |
| A look at successful state programs and the legislation that makes it possible. | Successful practices: judicial and legislative concerns. |
- 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. RECEPTION

PATERNITY • CUSTODY

Friday • June 3, 1983

Saturday • June 4, 1983

8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST PLENARY SESSION Paternity Testing Dr. Herbert Polesky
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
TRACK I	TRACK II
Enforcement Legislation Successful practices: judicial and legislative concerns (same as Thursday).	Paternity Legislation Drafting a paternity statute that meets constitutional requirements and reflects modern legal and medical practices.
12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M.	LUNCHEON ADDRESS Children in the Courts: Support, Paternity and Custody Robert Horowitz
1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
TRACK I	TRACK II
The National Picture The economic realities of enforcement and single parent families.	Support and Custody How custody orders affect support orders: Joint custody may be detrimental to support orders and children as well.
3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
TRACK I	TRACK II
The Interlocking Roles Judge, legislator and child support enforcement agency Director discuss cooperation.	Administrative Procedures for Establishing and Enforc- ing Child Support Orders The answers to: Is it constitu- tional? Are due process rights protected? Does it really cost less?

Friday Guest Tours

DOWNTOWN DENVER OLD AND NEW, 2 to 4 p.m.

Hear the stories behind streets and buildings old and new during a leisurely afternoon stroll.

INSIDERS DENVER, 2 to 4 p.m.

You won't find these places in the guidebooks! Explore, shop and browse places local Denverites keep to themselves.

A NIGHT IN OLD DENVER, 7:30 to 10 p.m.

See and hear historic and lively saloons. Hear tall tales of Denver's past, relax, and socialize. Please register for tour when registering for conference.

Each tour is \$3, payable in advance (or at the conference, space allowing).

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST Legislative Agendas for Child Support Enforcement Rep. Parker Evatt
9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.	Setting an Agenda for Child Support Enforcement Policies Small Group Discussions Financing child support enforcement agencies Administrative Procedures Enforcement Legislation Paternity Legislation Court Alternatives Custody and Support
10:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON	PLENARY SESSION • Report on small group discussions • Establish program priorities • Set NCSL agenda for action

FACULTY

Keynote Addresses:

Mrs. Margaret Heckler
Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder
Congresswoman, State of Colorado

Jerrold Brockmyre Director Office of Child Support Enforcement Michigan Professor Judith Cassetty University of Texas Author Dennis Cooper Director National Institute for Child Support Enforcement Wayne Doss Deputy District Attorney California Vanzetta Penn Durant, Esq. Alabama Representative Parker Evatt Vice-Chair, South Carolina Joint Legislative Committee on Children Judge John Girardeau Juvenile Court of Hall County Georgia Robert Horowitz, Esq. American Bar Association Judge B. Thomas Leahy President-Elect National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges New Jersey	Lavon Loynd, Esq. Idaho Dr. Laurene McKillop Deputy Director National Institute for Child Support Enforcement Judge Karen Metzger Denver District Court Dr. Jessica Pearson Director of Center for Policy Research Martha Phillips Deputy Minority Chief of Staff Committee on Ways and Means Dr. Herbert Polesky Director of the Minneapolis Wash- ington Memorial Blood Bank Judge George Peterson Ramsey County Juvenile Court Minnesota Gerhard Ritsema Friend of the Court Detroit, Michigan Joanne Schulman, Esq. National Center for Women and Family Law Fred Schutzman Deputy Director Office of Child Support Enforcement
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