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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AGENDA

June 15, 1983

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

D. STAFF REPORT: Legislative Administrative Director

1. Recommendation to hire: Robert Michaud, Associate Law Librarian, Reference and Serials Jane Edwards, Associate Law Librarian (2-year Classification Project) (Letter attached)

2. Request for approval of merit increases for the following staff members in the Office of Legislative Research:

Gloria Burns, Judith Armstrong, Marjorie Gilman, and Sharon Linton

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report from Personnel Committee

2. Funding for Interim Studies (Tabled)

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Carryover Requests (See attached list)

2. Study Requests (See attached list)

3. Joint Resolution Memorializing the Honorable William F. Bolger, Postmaster General of the United States and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to Order the Issuance of a Special Stamp Commemorating General Henry Knox, sponsored by Rep. Mayo.



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June 10, 1983

Sen. Charles P. Pray, Chair
Legislative Council

Dear Senator Pray:

A Search Committee, comprised of David Rabasca, Lynn Randall, Simone Antworth, and myself have interviewed nine candidates for the two Associate Law Librarian vacancies in the Law Library. These two positions are:

1. Associate Law Librarian, Reference and Serials

This position vacancy was created by the resignation of Paul D'Alessandro. Funds for this position were included in this year's budget, since we had not anticipated Paul's resignation.

2. Associate Law Librarian, Two Year Classification Project

Approval for the creation of this position, and for a salary level of \$19,350, was granted at the Council meeting of April 20, 1983.

Job descriptions and search standards were developed by the Search Committee, with the involvement of Sally Diamond. The decision to interview for the positions concurrently was made because many of the applicants asked to be considered for both positions.

The Search Committee recommends the appointment of Bob Michaud for the position involving Reference and Serials work, and Jane Edwards for the Two Year Classification Project.

Bob Michaud has been working in the Law Library for the past two months in a temporary, three month slot. He has impressed all members of the staff with his high level of knowledge of reference materials, and with his enthusiasm for learning the things he is not yet familiar with. Bob has worked for the State Library, and for the Office of Energy Resources. In those positions he was involved in both reference work and in technical processing.

Jane Edwards is currently a public services librarian at Bates College. As well as having a background in reference work, she has been involved in a Reclassification Project similar to the one we have planned, using the OCLC database. She has also reclassified the Bates government documents collection.

Both of these positions have a starting salary of \$19,350. We would like to fill the Reference /Serial position as soon as possible, since the library has been limping along without one reference person for nearly a month. The funding for the temporary position Bob is filling runs out June 18, 1983. We would, therefore, like to start his new position on June 20, 1983.

Jane Edwards has indicated that she would like to give thirty days notice at Bates. Since funds for the next fiscal year have been approved, this would actually result in a savings for next year. I would like approval to offer this position to Jane at any date after July 1, 1983, but within thirty days from today, that she can be available.

Copies of the resumes of these two people are enclosed. Sally has seen the resumes for all the applicants interviewed, and is in accordance with our recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Martha L. Palmer
State Law Librarian

cc. Sally Diamond

CARROVER REQUESTS

June 15, 1983

RECONSIDERATION

Election Laws

L.D. 1615, AN ACT Concerning Control of the Content of Rebuttals to Media Editorials. (See attached)

NEW

Taxation

L.D. 418, AN ACT Temporarily Reducing the Excise Tax on Internal Combustion Engine Fuel Enhanced with Ethanol. (See attached)

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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAWS

June 9, 1983

Sen. Charles Pray
Chairman
Legislative Council

Dear Senator Pray:

The Election Laws Committee has before it for consideration L.D. 1615, "AN ACT Concerning Control of the Content of Rebuttals to Media Editorials". The bill would require a broadcasting station which editorializes to provide time to opponents of its editorial position for rebuttals. :

The Attorney General has recently issued an opinion to the Committee indicating that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the bill would be held constitutional. However, there are several technical changes which he recommends. In addition, the Committee has other considerations which it feels should be addressed in the bill. In order to have time to adequately address all its concerns, the Committee asks permission to carryover L.D. 1615 to the Second Regular Session of this Legislature.

The Committee wishes to actively pursue the questions it has on the Bill during the interim. We feel that this issue may appropriately be combined with the Election Laws recodification study which has already been approved by the Council. However, in order to have sufficient time to consider the issues raised by L.D. 1615, we request authorization of at least one more full committee meeting this summer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sen. Michael D. Pearson
Senate Chair

Sincerely,

Rep. Greg G. Nadeau
House Chair

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

June 14, 1983

Dear Sen. Pray,

The Committee on Taxation has unanimously voted to ask the Legislature for permission to hold LD 418 over to the next session.

We make this request in view of the pending study on the Ethanol issue.

Sincerely,

Frank P. Wood
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H. Craig Higgins
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INTERIM STUDY REQUESTS

June 15, 1983

TABLED

Energy and Natural Resources	Designation of Additional Rivers for Inclusion under Protective Legislation (See attached)
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NEW

Fisheries and Wildlife	Study of Methods and Sources for Increasing Revenues to the Department (description to follow)
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Marine Resources	Issues Related to Issuance of Fish Weir Licenses (See attached)
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Transportation	Use of Dealer Plates on Motor Vehicles in Maine (See attached)
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RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE STUDY

1. COMMITTEE:

Energy and Natural Resources

2. SUBJECT OF STUDY:

Designation of additional rivers for inclusion under protective legislation

3. PRIORITY NUMBER:

3

4. COMPLETION DATE:

Next Regular Session of 111th Legislature

5. ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM:

The 1982 Maine River Study identified 4264 miles of rivers which possess significant natural and recreational resource values. Approximately 1000 miles of river segments have been included under LD 1296, AN ACT to Promote the Wise Use and Management of Maine's Outstanding River Resources. Certain rivers not included in the bill were identified as possessing specific resource values of the highest importance. These rivers include:

Crooked River
Grand Lake Stream
Kennebago River
Damariscotta River
St. George River
Carrabasset River
Roach River
Little Black River

6. REASON FOR STUDY:

The purpose of this study is to assess the information on these rivers and determine whether any should be included under the protective provisions established by ID 1296.

7. MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMITTEE:

Full committee

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE STUDY

1. COMMITTEE:

Marine Resources

2. REPORTING DATE:

Second Regular Session of 111th

3. ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM:

There has been growing controversy concerning the issuance of fish weir permits, particularly in Washington County. This is a result of the competition between fixed gear (weir) fishermen and mobile (purse seines) fishermen. This session the Legislature enacted LD 1486, establishing an emergency moratorium on new applications for fish weir licenses until July 1, 1984.

4. REASON FOR STUDY:

This study will allow the Marine Resources Committee to examine gear conflicts, protection of fish resources, administrative procedures, and other issues related to issuing fish weir licenses prior to the expiration of the license moratorium.

5. MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMITTEE:

Full committee - 3 meetings

1. Committee or legislator

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

2. Subject of Study

The use of Dealer Plates on Motor Vehicles In Maine

3. Priority number

4. Completion date

Second Regular Session, 111th Legislature

5. Analysis of the problem

There is evidence that the privilege of displaying dealer plates that has been awarded to new and used car dealers is being abused. The purpose of dealer plates is to enable dealers of motor vehicles to sell vehicles without an onerous tax (excise tax, registration fees, etc.) that could substantially hurt the motor vehicle dealerships in the State.

This privilege however, is being extended to persons other than the dealer and these persons escape payment of excise taxes, registration fees, etc.. The cost of the abuse could cost the State very substantial revenues.

6. Reason for study

The cost of this privilege to the State may be very substantial as a result of the abuse that may be occurring. By developing a system of disposition of dealer plates and enforcement of the law with respect to disposition of the plates, the Committee on Transportation could significantly improve revenues from this source.

7. The Committee on Transportation would use the meetings scheduled for its other studies to undertake the study on the use of dealer plates.

Sarah C. Diamond
Legislative Administrative Director



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

Augusta, Maine 04333

June 15, 1983

TO: Legislative Council Members

RE: Additional Materials for Council Meeting

Attached is a description of the interim study proposed by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife which is referred to on your printed agenda.

Because several of you have asked, I have also included a list of the studies approved to date by the Council.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sally'.

SCD/c

Attachments

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE STUDY

1. COMMITTEE:

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

2. SUBJECT OF STUDY:

Fees, revenues and expenditures of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

3. PRIORITY NUMBER:

No. 1

4. COMPLETION DATE:

Next special or next regular session of the 111th Legislature.

5. ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM:

During the last month of the 1st Regular Session of the 111th Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife reviewed L.D. 1607 with the intent of increasing revenues available to the Department and assuring that those increased revenues would be expended for the purposes the Committee considered essential. The Committee was unable to reach a consensus because of insufficient time to consider the issues and because of insufficient information concerning the Department's proposed budget for fiscal years 84 and 85.

6. REASON FOR STUDY:

Aside from the basic issue of funding the Department's programs, fees and expenditures affect a variety of related industries and employment. Modification of the numbers of licensed hunters and fishermen and revenues raised from fees directly affect the economy and well-being of the State and its resources.

7. NUMBER OF MEETINGS

5 meetings

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
INTERIM STUDIES APPROVED
as of JUNE 14, 1983

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>
Aging, Veterans & Retirement	Intégration of the Maine State Retirement System with the Social Security System Early Retirement of State Employees
Agriculture	Development of Food Policy Statement
Alcoholism Services	Review of Alcoholism Services System
Appropriations and Financial Affairs	Catastrophic Illness Advocacy in State Government
Audit & Program Review	Separation of Powers related to Legislative Membership on Boards and Commissions
Business Legislation	Motor Vehicle Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Industry

Committee

Study

Education

Job Training

Excellence in Administrators
Teachers and Students and
Creative and Effective Schools

Study of Report by NBHE:
"Threat to Excellence"

Election Laws

Recodification of the State
Election Laws, Title 21, and
consideration of needed sub-
stantive Reforms

- Recodification Subcommittee
- Campaign Finance "
- Referendum Process "

Energy and Natural Resources

Development of State Policy
on Residential Camp Leases
on Public Lands

Charging fees for access to
Public Lands

Identification of areas re-
quiring further protection with-
in the Allagash Wilderness Water-
way

Judiciary

Maine Tort Claims Act

Maine Domestic Relations Law

Abandoned Rights of Way

Committee

Study

Local & County Government

Regional Planning Commission

Marine Resources

State and Municipal Clam
Management

Public Utilities

Feasibility of Public Power

Telecommunications in Maine

State Government

Per diem salaries paid to
members of Boards, Commissions,
Authorities, Committees, Advisory
Boards, etc.

Office of Public Advocates

Taxation

Impact of Maine's Tax Structure
on Economic Development

Review of Property Tax Exemptions o

Maine Capital Corporation o

Transportation

Transportation of Hazardous
Material

Comprehensive Review of Long
Term Trailer Legislation Policies
and the Use of Agents

o Required by Statute