

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AGENDA

July 6, 1983

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. SECRETARY'S REPORT
- D. STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Recommendation to hire Margaret E. Matheson for the position of Legislative Attorney, Office of Legislative Research. (Letter and resume attached)

2. Request for approval of merit increases for the following staff members:

- Helen Ginder, Office of Legislative Assistants (7/1)
- Earl Knox, Office of Legislative Assistants (7/12)
- Elizabeth Bartlett, Office of Legislative Finance (7/12)
- Donat Boisvert, Maine Canadian Legislative Advisory Office (7/16)
- Sally Diamond, Administrative Director (7/31)

3. Request for approval of the following staff travel:

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
<u>National Symposium of Workers Compensation,</u> <u>July 11-14, Orono, Maine</u>	
Sarah Hooke	\$475.00
<u>Council of State Governments, Eastern Region</u> <u>July 17 - July 21, Farmington, Connecticut</u>	
Bent Schlosser	\$525.00
Richard Sawyer	\$275.00
David Silsby	\$525.00
Helen Ginder	\$525.00
Sally Diamond	\$525.00
<u>National Conference of State Legislatures,</u> <u>August 8-12, San Antonio, Texas</u>	
Helen Ginder	\$1350.00
Legislative Assistant (to be named)	\$1350.00
Sally Diamond	\$1350.00

4. Legislative staff activity during the interim: Overview

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Bills to be carried over:

- a. LD 525, "AN ACT to Clarify the Negotiability of Pay Rates under the State Employees Labor Relations Act." (Committed to the Committee on Labor June 24th; but never included in a Joint Order, to carry over)
- b. LD 1724, "AN ACT Establishing the Emergency Service Personnel Arbitration Act," New Draft of LD 390. (The new draft was carried over rather than the original bill.)
- c. LD 1553, "AN ACT Relating to Major Policy-Influencing Positions in Certain Regulatory and Law Enforcement Agencies."

2. Funding for Interim Studies (see attached list)

F. NEW BUSINESS



STATE OF MAINE
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

June 30, 1983

Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chairman
and Members of the Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Senator Pray:

I am pleased to report my recommendation that Margaret E. Matheson be confirmed by the Legislative Council as Legislative Attorney effective June 27, 1983.


In my opinion Meg Matheson is well qualified and has the right combination of professional skills and personality traits to do an outstanding job.

This appointment has been reviewed by the Administrative Director and hopefully will be favorably acted upon by the personnel subcommittee.

A resume has been enclosed and the candidate is available should any additional information be needed.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


David S. Silsby
Director

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Enclosures:

cc: Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director



MAINE-CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE
ADVISORY OFFICE

STATE HOUSE - STATION 107
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

289-3401

July 12, 1983

Sen. Charles P. Pray
Chairman
Legislative Council
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Merit increase

Dear Sen. Pray:

In the name of the members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, I would like to request your approval of a regular step increase for Donat B. Boisvert and Guylaine T. Fillion.

Mr. Boisvert will be eligible for a step "E" increase from \$378.16 to \$397.07 on July 16, 1983. Mrs. Fillion will be eligible for a step "D" increase from \$209.66 to \$220.14 on July 18, 1983.

We are very satisfied with the quality of their work and feel that the requested increase is well deserved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Georgette B. Bérubé'.

Georgette B. Bérubé,
Chairperson

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REQUESTED BUDGETS FOR APPROVED INTERIM STUDIES

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Committee Request</u>	
		<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aging, Veterans & Retirement	Integration of the Maine State Retirement System with the Social Security System	4	\$1,820
	Early Retirement of State Employees	2	910
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Agriculture	Development of Food Policy Statement	4	1,820
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Alcoholism Services	Review of Alcoholism Services System	3	1,465
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<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Committee Request</u>		
		<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Appropriations and Financial Affairs	Catastrophic Illness	3	\$ 420	Subcommittee of 4 members
	Advocacy in State Government	3	420	Subcommittee of 4 members
		1	455	Full committee to review all work
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Business Legislation	Motor Vehicle Insurance	3	1,365	
	Regulation of the Financial Services Industry			
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Education	Job Training	6	2,730	
	Excellence in Administrators, Teachers and Students and Creative and Effective Schools	4	1,820	
	Study of Report by NBHE: "Threat to Excellence"	2	910	

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Committee Request</u>		
		<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Election Laws	Recodification of the State Election Laws, Title 21, and consideration of needed substantive Reforms			
	- Subcommittees			
	- Recodification	2	350	Estimates based on subcommittee of 5 members
	- Campaign Finance	5	875	
	- Referendum Process	4	700	
- Full Committee	3	1,365		
	(Approved study re: Rebuttals to media editorials will be done within above budgets)			
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Energy and Natural Resources	Development of State Policy on Residential Camp Leases on Public Lands	5	2,275	Budget based on combined approach to two studies
	Charging fees for access to Public Lands			
	Identification of Areas Requiring Further Protection within the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.	3	1,365	

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Committee Request</u>		
		<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Fisheries and Wildlife	Study of Methods and Sources for Increasing Revenue	4	1,855	Estimates are designed to cover 3 full Committee meetings and 2 subcommittee meetings
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Judiciary	Maine Tort Claims Act	3	1,365	
	Maine Domestic Relations Law	3	1,365	
	Abandoned Rights of Way	2	910	
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Local & County Government	Regional Planning Commission		1,435	
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<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Committee Request</u>		
		<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Marine Resources	State and Municipal Clam Management	4	1,820	
	Issues Related to Issuance of Fish Weir Licenses	2	910	
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Public Utilities	Feasibility of Public Power	4	1,820	Budget will cover both studies
	Telecommunications in Maine			
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State Government	Per diem salaries paid to members of Boards, Commissions, Authorities, Committees, Advisory Boards, etc.	5	1,050	Subcommittee of 6
	Office of Public Advocates	5	1,225	Subcommittee of 7
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<u>Committee</u>	<u>Study</u>	<u>Committee Request</u>		
		<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Taxation	Impact of Maine's Tax Structure on Economic Development	5	\$2,275	Estimates from Committee are designed to cover all 3 studies
	Review of Property Tax Exemptions *			
	Maine Capital Corporation *			
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Transportation	Transportation of Hazardous Material	4	1,820	
	Comprehensive Review of Long Term Trailer Legislation Policies and the Use of Agents	3	1,365.	
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Audit & Program Review	Seperation of Powers Related to Legislative Membership on Boards and Commissions.	4	1,420	Subcommittee of three, including representa- tives from Committees on Judiciary, State Government and Audit & Program Review.

* Required by Statute