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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 5, 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. Gill  
Sen. Pray, Sen. Conley

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director  
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director  
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Director  
Catherine Freehling - Law Librarian  
Richard Sawyer - Legislative Finance Office

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the minutes of August 4, September 6, and September 23, 1983 be approved.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Proposed IRS regulations regarding treatment of legislators' travel expenses were discussed.

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that a letter be written to the IRS with Copies to the Maine Congressional Delegation concerning the proposed regulations.

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

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Committee on Data and Word Processing

A report was presented recommending that Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director, be authorized to proceed with contract negotiations with WANG. The location of printers was also discussed, and it was agreed that final decisions for each chamber would be worked out by the President and the Speaker with their respective leadership.

#### MOTION

A motion was made by Sen. Conley that Sally Diamond be authorized to negotiate with the vendor.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Gill and carried unanimously.

### Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space

A report was given concerning the relocation of the Secretary of the Senate's additional staff to the second floor of the State House.

#### MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the report be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Diamond and carried unanimously.

### Committee on Personnel

The committee recommended that the Legislative Finance Office be authorized to hire Joan Matus to fill the clerical position established previously by the Council to provide support to the Audit and Program Review Staff.

Rep. Martin moved that the request be approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Rodney Scribner, Commissioner of Finance and Administration; Stuart Sabeau, State Purchasing Agent; Maple Christie, Bureau of Purchases; George Campbell, Commissioner of Transportation; Graydon Sharpe, State Pilot; and Bob Johnson, Acting Director, Bureau of Aeronautics presented an overview of the State's bidding process in response to the Council's request for information.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter from Michael Petit, Commissioner of Human Services, requesting a meeting with the Legislative Council concerning children's issues was submitted to the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Higgins moved that the Commissioner be invited to the November meeting of the Council.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Gill and carried unanimously.

A letter from the Committee on Education was submitted to the Council requesting two additional meetings of the subcommittee studying higher education in Maine for the purpose of conducting a more detailed study of the State's Vocational Technical Institutes.

MOTION

Rep. Davis moved that the request be approved.

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

A request was submitted to the Council from the Joint Select Committee on Alcoholism for approval of a total of 7 meetings for the four subcommittees established to carry out the committee's previously approved study of the state's delivery system for alcoholism services.

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that request be approved.

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

Pursuant to Joint Order SP 643, the Council considered the process by which it would proceed to appoint a Legislative Investigating Committee.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that a joint select committee be formed with members to be appointed in the same manner as for the Legislature's standing committees and, further, that the process, number of meetings, and budget be set in advance.

Sen. Pray seconded the motion and it was voted upon with a 7-2 approval and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that any and all staff to be hired for the Legislative Investigating Committee be approved in advance by the Legislative Council.

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

MOTION

Rep. Martin also moved that a budget be prepared for the Legislative Investigating Committee and be reported to the next council meeting.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION

Rep. Mitchell moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Sen. Conley and carried unanimously.

PROPOSED IRS REGULATIONS REGARDING  
TREATMENT OF LEGISLATORS' TRAVEL EXPENSES

Issues

1. Definition of "legislative day"

Current regulations define "legislative day" as follows:

- . Any day on which the legislature is in session
- . Any day in a recess period that lasts not more than four days
- . Any day which the legislature is in session, but the physical presence of the legislator is formally recorded at a meeting of a committee of the legislature

Proposed regulations include a more restrictive definition of when the Legislature is in session.

- . The legislature is not considered to be in session merely because a "pro forma" session is convened, (ie, call to order, opening prayer and reading of pending bills) but only on days on which bills are debated or voted upon or the members assemble to hear an address by the Governor or other dignitary.

Potential Impact: this provision would exclude three days from the 111th First Regular Session from eligibility for deduction.

2. Definition of "committee of the legislature"

Proposed regulations restrict the committee meetings outside of session days that are allowable for deductions and exclude the following:

- . Meetings of committees that have non-legislators of members
- . Groups whose members are all legislators but which do not constitute committees charged with conducting the business of the legislature, such as caucuses

Potential Impact in Maine. All legislators who are appointed members of boards and commissions would not be able to deduct expenses associated with these meetings. The state's accounting system is not currently set up to segregate per diem and expenses paid for attendance at these meetings from other exclusively legislative committee meetings.

3. Procedures for electing treatment under these provisions

Proposed regulations include a retroactive provision which would make them effective for all the years beginning on or after January 1, 1976. It is unlikely that any legislator has completed the successful steps for election for past tax years. The recalculation of deductible days in accordance with the proposed changes would present a major accounting problem for both the Bureau of Accounts and Control and the Legislative Administrative Office.

NCSL has recommended that we advocate that all elections before the date of these regulations would be accepted.

relating to the subject matter of the conference shall be addressed to that officer.

(c) The conference officer shall have full authority to regulate the course and conduct of the conference. A transcript shall be made of the proceedings at the conference. The transcript and all comments and petitions relating to the proceedings shall be made available for inspection by interested persons.

(d) The conference officer shall prepare proposed findings and a recommended determination, a copy of which shall be served on each participant. Within 20 days after such service, any participant may file written exceptions. After the expiration of the period for filing exceptions, the conference officer shall certify the entire record, including the proposed findings and recommended determination and the exceptions thereto, to the Assistant Secretary, who shall review the record and issue a final determination within 30 days. Where applicable, this determination shall be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: July 19, 1983.

**Antonjo Monroig,**

*Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Parts 1 and 5c

[LR-5-82]

#### Travel Expenses of State Legislators

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains proposed regulations relating to travel expenses of State legislators. Changes to the applicable tax law were made by the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981. The regulations would provide guidance to State legislators making the election to treat their residences in their legislative districts as their tax homes.

**DATE:** Written comments and requests for a public hearing must be delivered or mailed by October 11, 1983. The amendments are proposed to be effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1978.

**ADDRESS:** Send comments and requests for a public hearing to Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Attention: CC:LR:T [LR-5-82], Washington, D.C. 20224.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda M. Kroening of the Legislation and Regulations Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20224 (Attention: CC:LR:T) (202-566-3288).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This document contains proposed amendments to the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR Part 1) under section 162 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and to the Temporary Income Tax Regulations under the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (26 CFR Part 5c).

These amendments are proposed to provide regulations under new Code section 162(h). The amendments are to be issued under the authority contained in section 7805 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (68A Stat. 917; 26 U.S.C. 7805).

##### Explanation of Provisions

If a State legislator makes an election under Code section 162(h) for the taxable year, the place of residence of the legislator within the legislative district represented is considered the legislator's home for that year for purposes of Code section 162(a). Further, the legislator is considered to be away from home for business purposes on each "legislative day" during the year. The legislator is also considered to have expended for living expenses (in connection with the legislator's trade or business as a legislator) an amount determined by multiplying the number of "legislative days" during the year by the greater of the Federal per diem for the State capital or the amount generally allowable to employees of the State for per diem while away from home, not to exceed 110 percent of the Federal per diem. For taxable years after 1980, the election is available only to a legislator whose residence in the legislative district is more than 50 miles from the capitol building of the State.

Code section 162(h)(2) defines "legislative day" as any day on which the legislature is in session (including any day in a recess period that lasts not more than four days) or any day on which the legislature is not in session but the physical presence of the legislator is formally recorded at a meeting of a committee of the legislature.

Under the proposed regulations, the legislator is "in session" on those days when members would ordinarily be expected to attend the session. For example, the legislature is in session on a day on which bills are debated or

voted upon or the members assemble to hear an address by the Governor or other dignitary. The legislature is not in session, however, merely because of a "pro forma" session, such as one comprised of a call to order, an opening prayer and the reading of pending bills by a clerk.

A "committee of the legislature" is defined as a committee consisting solely of members of the legislature and charged with conducting business of the legislature.

The proposed regulations specify the time and manner for making the election provided under Code section 162(h). The election may be made at any time before the expiration of the period within which the taxpayer may file a claim for credit or refund for the taxable year. The time period for making this election under the proposed regulations is longer than that prescribed by Treasury Decision 7793 (46 FR 54538) for making this election; the proposed regulations would remove the provisions of Treasury Decision 7793 relating to this election.

Under the proposed regulations, a taxpayer making an election under section 162(h) for a taxable year may not deduct any amount for living expenses, except for the amount determined under section 162(h), for any legislative day on which the taxpayer was a State legislator. In addition, if an electing taxpayer receives from the State any reimbursement or other amount for living expenses by reason of the taxpayer's position as a State legislator, the taxpayer must include the amount received in gross income.

##### Special Analyses

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has determined that this proposed rule is not a major rule as defined in Executive Order 12291 and that a Regulatory Impact Analysis is therefore not required.

Although this document is a notice of proposed rulemaking that solicits public comments, the Internal Revenue Service has concluded that the regulations proposed herein are interpretive and that the notice and public procedure requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 do not apply. Accordingly, no Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is required by chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code.

##### Comments and Requests for a Public Hearing

Before adopting these proposed regulations, consideration will be given to any written comments that are submitted (preferably seven copies) to the Commission of Internal Revenue. All

amount is greater than the amount referred to in paragraph (e)(2)(iii) of this section; and

(v) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1980, indicate the distance in miles between the taxpayer's residence within the legislative district represented and the capitol building of the State.

If the amount referred to in paragraph (e)(2) (iii) or (iv) changes during the taxable year, the statement should note the effective date of the change and set out the amount allowable before and after that date. If the taxpayer changes residence during the taxable year, the statement should supply the information required under paragraph (e)(2) (i) and (v) with respect to each residence and note the period during which the taxpayer occupied each residence.

(3) *Revocation of election.* An election made under this section may be revoked only with the consent of the Commissioner.

(f) *Effect of election on otherwise deductible expenditures—(1) Legislative day—(i) No other deduction for living expenses.* Except for the amount determined under section 162(h), a taxpayer making an election under section 162(h) for a taxable year may not deduct any amount for meals, lodging, or other living expenses of the taxpayer while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or business for any legislative day during the taxable year on which the taxpayer was a State legislator. The preceding sentence applies to all business travel of the electing taxpayer, regardless of the trade or business with which the travel is connected.

(ii) *Other deductible amounts.* An election under section 162(h) does not preclude the deduction of expenses other than living expenses. For example, an electing taxpayer may deduct ordinary and necessary business expenses for travel fares, telephone calls or telegrams, and local transportation, although these expenses may be subject to the substantiation requirement of section 274(d).

(2) *Non-legislative days.* Except for the fact that the residence of the electing taxpayer in the legislative district represented is considered the taxpayer's home, and election under section 162(h) has no effect on otherwise deductible expenditures by the taxpayer for business travel on any day during the taxable year other than a legislative day on which the taxpayer was a State legislator. Thus, an electing taxpayer may deduct expenditures (including otherwise allowable amounts for meals, lodging and other living expenses) for

business travel on non-legislative days, whether that travel relates to the taxpayer's trade or business as a legislator or some other trade or business

(g) *Amounts received for living expenses includible in income.* If a taxpayer who makes an election under section 162(h) for a taxable year receives from the State any payment, reimbursement or other amount for living expenses with respect to the taxpayer's position as a State legislator for the taxable year (whether or not characterized as a per diem), the taxpayer shall include the amount received in gross income.

(h) *Effective date.* This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1976.

#### PART 5c—[AMENDED]

##### § 5c.0 [Amended]

Par. 2. Section 5c.0 of 26 CFR Part 5c is amended by removing from the table in paragraph (a)(1) the item relating to section 127(a) of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 and by removing paragraph (a)(2)(iv).

Roscoe L. Egger, Jr.,

Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Part 52

[Region II Docket No. 14; A-2-FLR 2472-5]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey 1982 Ozone and Carbon Monoxide Attainment Plan

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt and proposes approval of supplemental information submitted by New Jersey with regard to its State Implementation Plan (SIP). The need for this information was identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in its February 3, 1983 (48 FR 5144) Federal Register proposal on the New Jersey ozone and carbon monoxide SIP.

On July 11, and July 28, 1983 New Jersey submitted to EPA new legislation, programs and schedules concerning the development and implementation of "extra-ordinary" control measures and the revitalization and expansion of the State's motor vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program. The supplemental information also

includes an updated inventory of volatile organic compound emissions and criteria and procedures for ensuring conformity between the SIP and transportation plans, programs and projects in northern New Jersey.

**DATE:** EPA must receive comments on or before September 9, 1983.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to: Jacqueline E. Schafer, Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 900, New York, New York 10278.

Copies of the proposed revision are available for public inspection during normal business hours at:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 1005, New York, New York 10278, and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Labor and Industry Building, John Fitch Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William S. Baker, Chief, Air Programs Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 1005, New York, New York 10278; and (212) 264-2517.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In response to provisions of the 1977 Amendments to the Clean Air Act, on December 29, 1978 the State of New Jersey submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a revision to its State Implementation Plan (SIP). This revision presented a program to continue the State's efforts towards attainment of the ozone and carbon monoxide air quality standards. EPA approved this revision on March 11, 1980 (45 FR 15531); however, because the State requested and received an extension to December 31, 1987 for attainment of the standards, the State was required to submit another SIP revision by July 1, 1982.

On October 8, 1982, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) submitted a draft of the required SIP revision. Public hearings were held by the State on its draft SIP revision on October 14, 19, and 20, 1982 and the document was supplemented with additional information on November 23, 1982. Based on EPA's review of these two submittals, on February 3, 1983 (48 FR 5144) EPA proposed approval of the draft SIP revision. (The reader is referred to this February 3, 1983 notice for a complete description of New Jersey's ozone and



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November 1, 1983

TO: Members of the Legislative Council

RE: STATE HOUSE MUSEUM SPACE

Following the Council's approval of the proposed mini-computer system, Sally Diamond has been working with BPI, representatives from WANG Laboratories, and John Bailey to find a suitable location for the "core" components of the computer system. Following the decision that a staircase to the mezzanine level between the second and third floors was not feasible, the room originally designated by the Space Committee has been reclaimed to accommodate some of Joy O'Brien's staff.

After careful consideration of the alternatives and the requirements for the computer (including security, wiring, square footage, and need to air condition), I have authorized Sally to use the space behind the museum case on the first floor. As you know, it is essential to proceed with installation of the computer system as soon as possible if we are to realize the benefits we all see. Delaying this decision until the Committee on Allocation of Legislative Space or the Council could meet would have meant further delay in installation. I realize that the original display continues to have sentimental value for many and wanted to share the elements of my decision with you.

First, the decision was made only after consultation with Paul Rivard, Director of the State Museum, and with his full concurrence. Sally discussed the proposal with Paul who made the following observations:

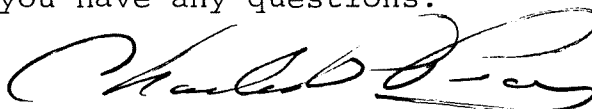
1. The fish pond is no longer connected and has deteriorated beyond the point of repair. It always presented major maintenance problems and, in Paul's opinion, would never be feasible to "resurrect" it in its current location.

2. The covered bridge was built specifically for the display. Paul points out that it was always out of scale with the rest of the display and would not be used even if the display were to be reconstructed in another location.

3. The display is not an artifact, which in Museum parlance would argue for restoring it, nor does it represent the best of Klir Beck's work. In support of this, Paul has indicated to Sally that the Museum would not have any interest in saving any part of the installation. The only true artifact in the display, a boundary marker from the Maine-Canadian border drawn after the Aroostook War, has already been moved to the Museum.

The other important factor in my decision was the recognition that the installation of the computer in this space does not need to be viewed as a permanent decision. The hardware could be moved in the future if other suitable space were found. At this time, however, this appears to be the best alternative.

Please call me if you have any questions.



Charles P. Pray, Chairman  
Legislative Council

CPP/efb

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## KEY SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

1. Integration of data processing and word processing
2. Large volumes of printed materials
3. Short turnaround times
  - Printed materials
  - Inquiry
4. Extensive redundancy
  - Universal use of certain information
  - Repetition of text
5. Disbursed data collection

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM

PHASE I

1. BILL DRAFTING
  - ..Expand use of ALTER
2. BILL STATUS
  - ..Replace current system with flexible data base
3. RESEARCH
  - ..Develop automated index
  - ..Facilitate access to research materials
  - ..Improve capability for analysis and display
4. STATUTORY AND SESSION DOCUMENTS
  - ..Automate production
  - ..Consolidate indexing
5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
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JOSEPH E. BRENNAN  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333



MICHAEL R. PETIT  
COMMISSIONER

October 4, 1983

Honorable Charles P. Pray  
Maine Senator  
Maine Senate  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Pray:

As we discussed on the phone on Monday there are a number of children's issues that the Department of Human Services has been dealing with in recent months that I would very much like to share with the Legislature.

Foremost among these is the result of the Maine Child Death Study which indicates that poor children in Maine are dying at a rate three times greater than non-poor children. In addition we are seeing a substantial increase in the physical abuse of children as well as sexual exploitation among children.

I believe that the only way to deal with these problems is to adopt a long-term prevention strategy. I would like to share this information with the Legislative Council. A number of these problems likely will be translated into various initiatives by the Administration and some of these may be introduced into the forthcoming session.

I would appreciate an opportunity to share this information with you and members of the Council at your convenience.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike".

Michael R. Petit  
Commissioner

MRP/ml

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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

September 29, 1983

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

Dear Senator Pray:

During the September 6-7, Special Session of the Legislature the issue of bonding for the VTI's was raised by a number of legislators. While the decision at the time was not to include a bonding request for the VTIs in the bond issue then under consideration, it is the Education Committee's understanding that the Governor has indicated he intends to include a bonding package, and maybe other proposals to strengthen the VTI's, in his next legislative program.

In order to respond to these legislative and gubernatorial proposals in the upcoming legislative session, the Education Committee requests an extension of its subcommittee's study of higher education. The proposal would be to examine indepth the programs and facility needs of the VTIs.

Specifically the committee requests two additional days for the 5 members on the subcommittee. The first day would be used to obtain an overview of the program offerings at the VTIs and to examine the transitions from high school programs to VTIs and from VTIs to university and apprenticeship programs. The intent would be to assess the adequacy of programs in meeting job market needs, to assure that programs are not wastefully duplicative, and to assure that students can easily progress from one level to another. Testimony would be gathered from the Department of Education, the Directors of the VTIs and secondary vocational education programs, the University of Maine and Department of Labor.

The Second day would be used to focus on budgetary trends over time and the governance structure of VTIs. The aim here would be to assess whether the VTI's budgets have kept pace with the labor market's increased need for trained personnel and the general increased cost of running services. The impact of the governance structure will be examined in reference to the need to provide a mechanism for the assessment of funding needs, effective presentation of requests to the legislature, and efficient use of the funds provided. The primary source of information here would be the Department of Education, the State Board of Education and the VTI directors.

The Committee hopes that the Legislative Council will agree with the timeliness and need for this extension of the Committee's investigation of higher education in Maine and will approve the additional two days for the subcommittee.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth Hayes (2920)*

Kenneth Hayes  
Senate Chair

KH:LR:lk  
cc: Sally Diamond



State of Maine  
Senate Chamber  
Augusta, Maine 04333

October 4, 1983

Senator Charles Pray  
Chair, Legislative Council

Dear Senator Pray,

The Joint Select Committee on Alcoholism Services is eager to continue the work we began during the session in overseeing the development of comprehensive, inter-departmental programs for alcoholism and drug abuse. We are particularly interested in checking the progress of the Planning Committee, which was brought into existence by the emergency legislation, PL 83, c. 464, and in seeing the results of the new allocations for various programs.

Therefore, we should like to request permission from the Legislative Council to hold meetings of 4 subcommittees, of 3 persons each, in October, November and December.

There would be a total of 7 meetings. The Subcommittee on Shelters would meet once; the Subcommittee on Planning and Evaluation would meet once; the Subcommittee on Employee Assistance Programs would meet twice; and the Subcommittee on Prevention would meet three times. We expect that all of these meetings would take place in Augusta, and to the extent that it is feasible, we will coordinate the Subcommittee meetings with those of other committees to which we are assigned.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

*Neil Rolde*  
Neil Rolde, House Chair

*Beverly Miner Bustin*  
Beverly Miner Bustin, Senate Chair