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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 3, 1983

MINUTES

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 11:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

Sally Diamond - Legislative Administrative Director
David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Bent Schlosser - Assistant Legislative Finance Officer
Catherine Freehling - Law Librarian
Helen Ginder - Legislative Assistants Director

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On motion made by Rep. Diamond and duly seconded, it was
MOVED, that the minutes of October 5, 1983 be approved.

LEGISLATIVE STAFF REPORTS

A letter of resignation from Kevin Madigan, Budget Analyst in the Legislative Finance Office, was received by the Council.

On motion made by Sen. Conley and seconded by Sen. Collins, it was

MOVED that the resignation be accepted.

A letter from the Legislative Finance Office requesting authority to interview applicants for the vacant budget analyst position was submitted to the Council for approval.

On motion made by Sen. Conley and seconded by Sen. Collins, it was

MOVED that the matter be referred to the Personnel Committee.

(Legislative Staff Reports con't)

The Council's attention was drawn to the Administrative Director's report which included action taken regarding merit increases and out-of-state travel requests by legislative staff.

On motion made by Rep. Martin and seconded by Rep. Diamond, it was unanimously

MOVED, that the Director's report be accepted.

A recommendation from the Committee on the Allocation of Legislative Space that Room 421, currently assigned to the Lewiston Sun-Journal, be reassigned to the Secretary of the Senate and that alternative space be found for the Lewiston Sun-Journal.

On motion made by Rep. Martin and seconded by Sen. Gill, it was unanimously

MOVED, that the recommendation be approved.

The Personnel Committee recommended that Norma Larrabee be hired for the clerical position previously approved in the Law Library.

On motion made by Sen. Collins and seconded by Sen. Conley, it was unanimously

MOVED that the recommended be approved.

A recommendation for Carol Jackson, Legislative Assistants Office, to receive a two-step merit increase was submitted to the Council for approval.

On motion made by Sen. Collins and seconded by Rep. Higgins, it was unanimously

MOVED, that the recommendation be approved for a one-step merit increase and that the second step be tabled until the Personnel Committee has had the opportunity to conduct a more comprehensive study of compensation for legislative employees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A recommendation was made that the Committee on the University of Maine be allowed to continue in the scope set by a previous Council decision

On a motion made by Rep. Higgins and seconded by Sen. Collins, it was unanimously

MOVED, that the recommendation be tabled.

(Committee Reports con't)

A recommendation was made that the Joint Select Committee to Investigate Matters Related to Maine's Public Utilities met at the time of the Special Session, November 18, 1983, to discuss the scope of their study, to plan a budget and to report back to the Legislative Council concerning their decisions.

On motion made by Sen. Conley, seconded by Sen. Gill, it was unanimously,

MOVED, that the recommendation be approved.

Sen. Pray noted that Sen. Conley had resigned from the above mentioned Joint Select Committee and had appointed Sen. Danton of York to fill the vacancy.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Michael R. Petit spoke to the Council concerning the issues of child abuse in Maine and the need for support of legislation concerning these issues.

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources requested an additional meeting for the purpose of conducting an on-site visit to public lands in western Maine.

A motion made by Rep. Higgins and seconded by Rep. Davis, that the above recommendation be denied, failed to carry.

A request was made from the Committee on Public Utilities to pay travel expenses for a consultant, Laurence Hobard of the American Public Power Association, and submitted to the Council.

A motion made by Rep. Diamond and seconded by Sen. Pray, that the request be approved, failed to carry.

A request from the Committee on Audit and Program Review for an additional meeting to complete its work related to the approved study of separation of powers was presented to the Council.

On motion made by Rep. Higgins and seconded by Rep. Davis, it was, unanimously

MOVED that the request be approved.

(New Business con't)

A letter from Donald E. Nicoll, Chairman, Maine State Compensation Commission, regarding the scope of its work and requesting that funds be appropriated to support the Commission's work.

On motion made by Sen. Collins and seconded by Sen. Pray, it was unanimously

MOVED that the above request be approved.

The same letter from Mr. Nicoll, requested that the Council provide direction to the Commission regarding whether it should include gubernatorial compensation in its study.

On motion made by Rep. Diamond and seconded by Rep. Higgins, it was unanimously

MOVED, that the Commission be authorized to examine the gubernatorial compensation issue including the Governor's compensation.

A letter from David Silsby, Legislative Research Director, concerning cloture dates and a proposed calendar for review of legislation for the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature, was submitted to the Council.

On motion made by Sen. Gill and seconded by Rep. Davis, it was unanimously

MOVED that the above letter and dates be accepted.

A letter from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services requesting authorization to meet on November 9, 1983 to hear presentations regarding the status of children in Maine was submitted to the Council.

A MOTION made by Sen. Conley and seconded by Sen. Gill that the request be accepted, failed to carry by a vote of 4-3.

A letter from Ed Pert, Clerk of the House, was submitted to the Council outlining document fees for the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature.

On motion made by Rep. Diamond and seconded by Sen. Collins it was unanimously

MOVED that the fees be approved.

(New Business con't)

The location of printers which are connected to the new computer system was discussed.

On motion made by Rep. Diamond and seconded by Sen. Conley, it was unanimously

MOVED, that two additional printers be obtained, one to be located in the House Majority office and one to be installed in the House Minority office.

On motion made by Sen. Conley and duly seconded, it was unanimously

MOVED, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Sarah C. Diamond
Legislative Administrative Director



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
Augusta, Maine 04333

October 31, 1983

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

Dear Senator Pray:

Enclosed is my report summarizing actions taken regarding merit increases and approval of out-of-state travel by legislative staff for the period November 1 to November 30.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

Sarah C. Diamond
Administrative Director

SCD/efb
enclosure

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MERIT INCREASES

Office of Legislative Assistants

Carol Jackson, Secretary
\$13,527.80 to \$13,988.52

Office of Legislative Finance

Cheryl Ring, Program Analyst, Audit & Program Review
\$18,844.28 to \$19,980.48

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

NCSL/Assembly on the Legislature Meeting
Tallahassee, Florida, November 9-11, 1983

Haven Whiteside, Office of Legislative Assistants
Sally Diamond, Legislative Administrative Director

10/31/83

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE STUDY

1. COMMITTEE:

Joint Standing Committee on Education

2. SUBJECT OF STUDY:

Threat to Excellence by NBHE

3. PRIORITY NUMBER:

Requested by leadership

4. COMPLETION DATE:

January 1, 1984 and on-going

5. ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM:

Educational resources have expanded dramatically in the Post World War II period. However, there are numerous indications that the quality of education and/or the skills of graduates has dropped in more recent years.

6. REASON FOR STUDY:

The New England Board on Higher Education has asked the Committee on Education to take the lead role in Maine in analyzing and helping to implement N.E.B.H.'s report on Excellence.

7. MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMITTEE:

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
TO INVESTIGATE MATTERS RELATED
TO MAINE'S PUBLIC UTILITIES

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John E. Baldacci (D-Penobscot) - Chair
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Linwood Higgins (R-Scarborough)
Christopher Livesay (R-Brunswick)
Ralph Willey (R-Hampden)
Donald Sproul (R-Augusta)



State of Maine
Senate Chamber
Augusta, Maine 04333

October 13, 1983

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

Dear Charlie:

The Energy and Natural Resources Committee's subcommittees on cutting practices along the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and the Public Lands leased lots found their brief site visits to Aroostook County to be invaluable.

The single day on the Allagash was sufficient and I believe the Committee feels informed enough now to recommend a policy decision.

However, as you are well aware, the public lands leased lot question is more complicated. Solutions may vary for commercial leases, different locations with varying road situations, etc. We found the site visits on our one day in Aroostook County extremely helpful. Consequently, we would like to schedule a second day for site visits to leased lots in the Western part of the state. The two trips combined should be enough to acquaint us with the situation so that we can propose reasonable policy.

Therefore, I am asking for your approval for a second day of site visits for the subcommittee on public lands' leased lots.

Sincerely,

Judy C. Kany
Senate Chairperson, Energy and Natural Resources Committee

cc. Representative Donald Hall
Martha Freeman
Sally Diamond

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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

October 25, 1983

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

Dear Senator Pray:

As you know, an eight person subcommittee of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee is conducting a study of state policy on leasing, and public access to, public reserved lands. On behalf of the subcommittee, we request approval from the Legislative Council for a site visit to public lands in western Maine.

On September 20, 1983, upon authorization of the Legislative Council, the subcommittee undertook a site visit to public lands in Aroostook County. Enclosed is a report on that site visit. The report indicates the valuable information the subcommittee gained on the Aroostook trip.

The subcommittee seeks a balanced picture of the public lands issues under study. We request authorization for a November 14 site visit to publicly owned camp lots, leased by the State to private persons, around the Carrabassett Valley and Rangeley Lake area. This will be a one day trip. In this area the subcommittee will view camp lots concentrated together, as well as scattered camp lots owned by the public. The subcommittee will travel primarily in vehicles supplied by the Department of Conservation. Representatives of the Bureau of Public Lands will accompany the subcommittee, as they did on the Aroostook site visit.

We hope this proposed site visit meets with the approval of the Legislature Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judy C. Kany
Sen. Judy C. Kany MF
Senate Chair

Donald M. Hall
Rep. Donald M. Hall MF
House Chair

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HAVEN WHITESIDE

September 26, 1983

To: Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
From: Haven Whiteside, Legislative Staff

Subj: Public Lands

Ref: Maine State Annual Report 1981-82, excerpt attached
Site Visit September 20, 1983

Background

The Bureau of Public Lands was established in 1973 to manage the Public Reserved Lots and certain other public lands. Originally, 4 public lots totaling over 1000 acres were set aside in each 6 mile by 6 mile township. But, many of these were turned over to the towns when they organized. Subsequently, many town lots were sold. Also, the State sold timber and grass rights on many of the remaining lots. Then, in 1973 the State established a policy of requiring full authority over the remaining public lots. After some years of litigation that effort was successful. Now the State has (over 300,000 acres) to manage in the public trust.

Some public lots are specifically located, while others are undivided, represented by a fractional share of ownership in the entire township. In addition, the Bureau is in the middle of a major program of land trades in order to consolidate state holdings into larger tracts (5,000 to 30,000 acres). There are now 180,000 acres of consolidated trade lands. The Bureau has four management regions: Northern, Eastern, Western and Southern. Almost all the public lots are north of Bangor. The Southern region contains certain public lands obtained by gift or other means. The Bureau also holds title to submerged land, which are not discussed here. Other public lands such as state parks are managed separately by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

Some tracts are managed for multiple use purposes, others for timber harvesting (the major source of income for BPL), others are leased for agriculture and some are leased for camp lots.

Questions for study

(1) Are the camp lots being leased for a fair price? This has been resolved: the lots were re-assessed in 1981-82, and all leases are being brought to a price of 8% of fair market value. The town gets 75% of the rent, BPL gets 25%.

(2) Policy for disposition of Public Lands. This broad policy question was proposed for study by the State Government Committee. Although study was not approved, several members will want to consider it. The questions are, legally, what can the State do in the way of sales and other uses of these lands?

(3) Access - Holdover bill LD 1302 (Jacques, McGowan, Dexter & Michael) prohibits the State from charging access fees. In addition, BPL is concerned about the whole question of access over private roads.

(4) Leased Camp lots - Holdover bill LD 1277 (Dexter, Rolde, McBreairty and Pray) would have offered the lessees the chance to buy the lots at fair market value. It would also allow sale of other small parcels, less than 1/4 acre. The proceeds would go to acquire more usable public lands. BPL opposed the bill as introduced, but is concerned with having 500 leased lots that are of no use to the public, and that must be managed. Should the State: sell all the leased lots? sell when lessee is willing to buy? Terminate the leases after a specified time, or a life tenancy? continue as at present?

Site Visits, September 20, 1983 ENR Committee Members - Kany, J. Mitchell, Michaud, D. Brown, McGowan, Hall, Ridley, Kiesman). Staff - Whiteside (OLA); Rob Gardiner, Annie Tara & Delbert Ramey (Dept. of Conservation).

Site Visit - Squa Pan (Delbert Ramsey, Regional Manager).

The State owns half the township (T11 R4 WELS) on the East side of the lake. This is a consolidated lot, with timber, mountain and shorefront. There is no recreation now, but good future potential. For the future it would be desirable to acquire a 1 1/2 mile shorefront strip held by 7 Islands. Up North Co. is beginning a timber harvesting operation. Access is over 1 mile of private road (Squa Pan Outing Club), and 3 miles of logging road. The state has a right of way over the private road, pays the maintenance (\$400 last year) and has a 5-year lease. Should there be a long term lease? Should the State build its own access road? How should BPL fund road maintenance when timber operations are finished?

There are 40,000 cords of spruce/fir at \$12/cd. stumpage; 30,000 cd. other hardwood at \$45; and 10,000 cd. poplar at \$22.50. So, total income will be over \$1 million.

They are using metal culverts and will leave them for future access.

Access-DeBoulie (not visited) (T15 R9 WELS)

Red River Camps (Island Pond), the lessee, maintains the access roads. (\$3000 last year). Some of these are old-style roads without ditching and require 4 wheel drive. How should the state provide for access to these public lands?

Site Visit - Little Madawaska Lake (Westmanland)

There are 62 camp lots, average 100x100 feet on the lake, leased for \$96 to \$264 per year. They lood good, and the lake is lovely. Access is over private road (I.P. land). There also are 1000 acres of back land, half of which was cut over 15 years ago. This is a located lot (town lot).

The issue is sale of lots to lessees. IP is forcing sale across the lake at \$45/front foot. (Bureau of Taxation survey of BPL land in 1981 assessed \$32-35/front foot).

The camp owners association maintains the road and does a good job.

The lots were divided in the 1960's, and always leased from the state. Lot #5 is not leased, and could provide access. Mr. Weatherhead has not paid his rent and the state may have to evict him and take his trailer from another lot.

Site Visit - St. Froid Lake (Winterville)

There are 10 camps on the county road, and 20 further down on a private road. The shorefront in between is away from the road and is not divided into lots. Question: should these leased lots be sold?

Here 3 camps have been illegally converted to year-round use.

Site Visit - 6 Mile Gate (on the Realty Road, outside Ashland)

(Al Cowperthwaite NMW)

North Maine Wood was set up in 1972 to manage the gates and campsites for the private landowners in the area West of Route 11 and North of Baster State Park (2 1/2 million acres). There are 17 members, including the State of Maine. However, the State doesn't participate fully for legal liability reasons. Glenn Manuel and Dick Anderson are non-voting members of the Board.

There are 250 campsites. All the roads are private, and logging trucks have the right of way. Fees are \$2/day, \$3.50 overnight for residents and \$.50/\$4.50 for non-residents. Visitors to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and to the public lots also pay the fee. (Katahdin Iron Works is the only other gated access to public lands).

The fees are used to maintain the campsites and the gates (13 check points, 2 full time and 45 seasonal employees). They are not used for the roads. They collect \$200-250,000 per year, but expenses are \$300,000. The landowners (except the State) pay the rest.

NMW keeps 10% of the fees for acting as collection agent for the state for the Allagash. As for the other scattered sites on public lands, NMW maintains them and the BPL gives them 75% of the fees.

Part of the profit on timber harvesting on the common undivided lots goes for road maintenance.

There are no significant recreational facilities on the public lots within NMW except Deboulie and the Allagash.

The gate system also allows keeping track of people and fires. (No fires started by the public in 10 years).

The issue is payment of fees for access to public land. People used to have free access, and resent paying.

Miscellaneous

. There are 6 commercial leases: Chain of Ponds, Red River (DeBoulie), Grants Camps (Kennebago) Sale or recapture of these should also be considered.

≡ . Individuals can cut 10 cords of firewood in public lots. The State designates the areas and sometimes even marks the trees. Stumpage is \$8/cord, but there is much theft.

. BPL has red tape problems with BPI over purchasing culverts. They hope to resolve these administratively.

. There are severe erosion problems on the potato fields. Because the harvest is so late there is no time to establish a cover crop before winter. Rob Gardiner thinks annual crop rotation with small grains might help.

. BPL must go through the LURC process and comply with logging road-building standards.

. The paper companies are selling leased lots and geographically consolidating their major holdings. (I.P. getting out of Aroostook, GP leaving Western Maine, DI selling all in Maine, James River selling Brown Co. land. (Exception, St. Regis is advertising leases in Washington County).

. Issues on sale of leased lots: Rob Gardiner wants a policy to choose which to sell and which not:

- There are 123 leases on large (over 5000 acres) consolidated lots. Presumably you wouldn't want to sell any of them. Maybe recapture?

- There are 217 others in organized, 80 in unorganized townships.

- Voluntary sale would lead to some sales, some not: a checkerboard with continuing state responsibility. Hard to manage.

- Forced sale. Would that be fair to those who can't afford to buy?

. Sewage is a problem. Some camps on leased lots have illegal discharges. Several Committee members were quite disturbed by this and felt the state should do something about it.

HW/elk

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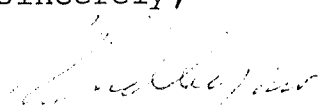
October 14, 1983

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

Dear Senator Pray:

The Subcommittee on Public Power is interested in getting the best information we can about public power in order to see if in some form it might have advantages for Maine. Because there are only very small public power companies in Maine today, it appears that most of the expertise lies out of state. Therefore, we would like to bring Laurence Hobart of the American Public Power Association (Washington, D.C.) here for a day to share his expertise. He can come without charging us a fee. It is requested that payment of his travel expenses be authorized.

Sincerely,


Rep. Vinton T. Ridley
Subcommittee Chairman

VTR:HW:lk

SENATE

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LARS E. LOREN, PROGRAM ANALYST
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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND PROGRAM REVIEW

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EDWIN C. RANDALL, EAST MACHIAS

October 27, 1983

Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chairman
Legislative Council

Dear Senator Pray and Council Members:

As you know, the Committee on Audit & Program Review was given a study order to pursue the question of the Separation of Powers regarding Legislative membership on boards and commissions. The subcommittee of three members has now met three times and has made considerable progress in looking at the issues related to this study.

We are requesting authorization for one more meeting of this subcommittee so that the members can finalize their work for submission to the Legislature.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of G. William Diamond.

G. William Diamond
Senate Chairman

Handwritten signature of Neil Rolde.

Neil Rolde
House Chairman

GWD:NR/jm



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October 28, 1983

Honorable Charles P. Pray
Chairman, Legislative Council
c/o Majority Leader's Office
Maine State Senate
State House Station 3
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Pray:

The Maine State Compensation Commission held its first full meeting today, developing its work plan under Chapter 101 of the Public Laws of the First Session of the 111th Legislature. Although organization of the commission was delayed, we hope to report to the Legislature by the due date of January 15, 1984.

There are three items on which the commission needs guidance from the Legislative Council:

1. There was no financial note attached to Chapter 101 and, so far as we can determine, there was no direct appropriation for the expenses of the commission, including per diem, travel, printing and related costs. We need your advice on how the authorized expenses of the commission are to be paid.

2. In the 110th Legislature the Compensation Commission was asked to review compensation for the Governor. That commission could not complete that task within the time allotted and recommended that the issue be referred to the next commission. Chapter 101 makes no reference to compensation for the Governor. We realize the commission has the authority to make recommendations on matters other than those specified in the legislation, but we are reluctant to undertake an examination of the gubernatorial compensation issue in the absence of clear direction from the Legislative Council.

3. The commission plans to hold two public hearings during the course of its work, one in mid-December when we shall invite comments and suggestions on the issues pending before the commission and one in second week of January when we shall take testimony on our proposed report to the Legislature. We would like to request an opportunity to meet with the Legislative Council prior to that hearing, to afford an opportunity for you and the members of the commission to discuss the commission's initial findings and recommendations. If the Council favors such a meeting, we shall ask staff to work out a mutually convenient date for the session.

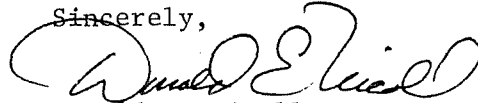
Honorable Charles P. Pray

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October 28, 1983

We appreciate the opportunity the Legislature has given us to contribute to the development of public policy in this important area. With the assistance of staff we plan to undertake an intensive review of pertinent data related to economic trends and compensation for positions comparable to those we are examining. We would value any advice or information you and your colleagues wish to give us.

Sincerely,



Donald E. Nicoll

Chairman

Maine State Compensation Commission

cc: President Conley
Speaker Martin
Mr. Canning
Mr. Haselton
Ms. Roy
Mr. Smith
Ms. Diamond
Mr. Selser

DEN/n

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November - 1983

- 3 Notification Mailed
- 11 Veterans Day
- 24-25 Thanksgiving
- 30 Cloture

December - 1983

- 1 Hanukkah
- 5 Final Screening
- 7 Notice Results
- 13 Deadline Appeals
- 14 Appeals Screening

January - 1984

- 2 New Year Holiday
- 3 Deadline Study Legislation
- 4 Deadline Executive and Judicial Departments
- 4 Session Convenes

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

October 31, 1983

Charles P. Pray
Chair
Legislative Council

Dear Senator Pray:

We should like to request permission from the Legislative Council for the Health and Institutional Services Committee to meet on Wednesday, November 9th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

As we have already discussed with President Conley and Speaker Martin, we feel it is very important for the Committee to be fully informed about the issues of child abuse and foster care for children. Commissioner Petit has made several public speeches on these issues, and has offered to provide the Committee with a fuller account on that date. This will be a useful prelude to the conference examining recommendations from the "America's Children" report.

In the afternoon, we will hear presentations from the Division of Data and Research, Department of Human Services, and the Human Services Development Institute of the University of Southern Maine on data on health care issues. We expect this presentation will help the Committee to scrutinize legislation, both as to policy and financing, in a more informed manner, and will also serve to educate us as to the sources of information, and how information might be developed in response to legislative requests.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Beverly Miner Bustin
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Senate Chair

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House Chair

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October 28, 1983

The Honorable Charles P. Pray
Chairman
The Legislative Council
State House
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Dear Senator Pray:

The following proposed schedule of fees for Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature is hereby submitted for the consideration of the Legislative Council.

	<u>110th Rate</u>	<u>Proposed 111th Rate</u>
1. Bills and Resolves FIRST CLASS MAIL - Mailed Daily	\$250.00	\$250.00
2. Bills and Resolves FIRST CLASS MAIL - Mailed twice weekly	200.00	200.00
3. Bills and Resolves THIRD CLASS MAIL - Mailed twice weekly	150.00	150.00
4. Bills and Resolves PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	75.00	75.00
5. Amendments (As a combination with any Legislative Document Service) Mailed weekly	50.00	50.00
6. Amendments PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	20.00	20.00
7. Legislative Record FIRST CLASS MAIL - Mailed weekly	60.00	60.00
8. Legislative Record PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	42.00	42.00
9. Public and Private and Special Laws, Resolves and Constitutional Amendments FIRST CLASS MAIL - Mailed weekly	100.00	100.00

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10. Weekly Computer Printout - Status of Bills FIRST CLASS MAIL	\$125.00	\$125.00
11. Weekly Computer Printout - Status of Bills THIRD CLASS MAIL	65.00	65.00
12. Weekly Computer Printout - Status of Bills PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	30.00	30.00
13. Advance Notice of Public Hearings on Bills FIRST CLASS MAIL	10.00	10.00
14. Weekly Listing of Bills Printed and Enacted FIRST CLASS MAIL	10.00	10.00

As you can see the rates proposed contain no increases over the fees charged for the Second Regular Session of the 110th Maine Legislature. Fees for document service were increased each session from 1975 to 1982. Last Fall we declared a one year moratorium on fee increases. It is suggested the moratorium be extended to cover the upcoming session.

I will be happy to respond to any questions the Council may have on this proposed schedule which has been discussed with appropriate legislative support agencies.

Sincerely,



Edwin H. Pert
Clerk of the House

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