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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 4, 1984

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 1:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Legislative Officers and Staff:

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David Silsby - Legislative Research Director
Bent Schlosser - Legislative Finance Officer
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION

Sen. Gill moved that the minutes of November 9, November 18, and December 8, 1983, be approved and placed on file.

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

AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS

After Deadline Requests were presented to the Council and voted upon. (See attached list)

OLD BUSINESS

A letter outlining staff and budget requests from the Chairmen of the Joint Select Committee to Investigate the Public Utilities was received by the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved approval of the requests. Discussion followed.

Rep. Diamond seconded the motion and it was carried with 3 opposed.

A letter of summary concerning past Council actions regarding the study of the University of Maine at Orono budgetary process was reviewed by the Council.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the Chairman of the Legislative Council appoint a committee to deal with the budgetary process at the University of Maine at Orono, provided that the original committee has been terminated and that an extension on reporting to the Legislature be extended to February 15, 1984.

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

The starting salary of the Legislative Finance Officer and the appointment of an Assistant Director were presented to the Council.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that these matters be referred to the Personnel Committee.

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

NEW BUSINESS

An interim report from the Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission was submitted to the Council for approval.

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Rep. Martin seconded the motion and it was carried unan-

imously.

A letter from the Committee on Audit and Program Review was submitted to the Council requesting authorization to submit legislation pursuant to the committee study.

MOTION

Rep. Martin moved that the request be granted with a deadline of February 1, 1984.

Sen. Conley seconded the motion and it was carried unan-
imously.

COMMITTEE EXTENSIONS

Letters from Joint Standing Committees requesting extensions for submission of study reports were submitted to the Council for approval. (See attached list)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Sen. Conley moved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS CONSIDERED BY
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 4, 1984

<u>Approved</u>	<u>Deadline extended to:</u>
Ethanol Steering Committee#	February 15, 1984
Education Committee - Job Training	January 27, 1984
Education Committee - Educational Delivery	January 27, 1984
Education Committee - Excellence in Higher Education	January 27, 1984
Election Laws - Recodification of Election Laws	January 27, 1984
Local Land Use Violation Commission#	January 13, 1984
Unemployment Compensation Fund Study Commission#	January 31, 1984
Energy and Natural Resources - Allagash Wilderness Waterway	January 13, 1984
Marine Resources	January 13, 1984

Will require legislation to change reporting date



STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

January 4, 1983

Mr. Chairman:

I move that the Council authorize the Legislative Investigating Committee on Public Utilities a budget of up to \$75,000 to fulfill its responsibilities pursuant to the Joint Order. In the event that it is determined that a minority report is needed to fully represent a minority of opinion and that counsel is required to prepare such report, the Legislative Council will be asked to authorize such additional expenditures as necessary to provide adequate legal counsel to the members in the minority. The scope of the investigation shall be limited to the following areas as required by the Joint Order:

1. The nature of the relationship of public utilities to their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, employees and persons or organizations providing contract services to them, with particular attention to the larger utilities;
 2. The nature and extent of the participation of public utilities, either directly, indirectly or through their subsidiaries, affiliates, political action committees, officers, employees or contractors, in political processes and activities, including both referenda campaigns and election campaigns;
 3. Whether that political participation has involved violations by public utilities or other persons of laws relating to elections, registration of voters, initiatives and referenda, campaign reports or finances, or other political or election activities or practices;
 4. The relationship of that political participation and the regulation of public utilities;
 5. Whether ratepayers' money has been used directly or indirectly to affect the regulation of public utilities;
 6. The ability of the commission to properly and thoroughly investigate, monitor and report on the matters set forth above; and
 7. The adequacy of the present laws governing public utility regulation and elections to properly reveal and regulate the political participation of utilities.
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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT ORONO/PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS

Summary of Legislative Council Action
Through November 18, 1983

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
August 4th	Authorized Council Chairman to establish a special committee to hold a public hearing on proposed cutbacks in the public service programs at UMO. Committee membership to be drawn from the Agriculture and Education Committees.
September 6th	1) Accepted report of special committee. 2) Directed Appropriations Committee to study the University of Maine's budgetary process and to consult with the chairs of the Committee on Education and other legislators in dealing with this matter. 3) Authorized the creation of a special committee to have additional meetings on public service programs.
November 3rd	Tabled item on agenda.
November 18th	Authorized creation of a special committee to be appointed by the Council chair to conduct a further study of the public service programs at UMO. Committee to meet during the first week of the Second Regular Session and submit a report to the Council by the end of the second week of the session.

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HUGH J. PHILLIPS, PH.D
Chair, Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission
Presque Isle, Maine 04769

December 28, 1983

President Gerard P. Conley
Speaker John L. Martin
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

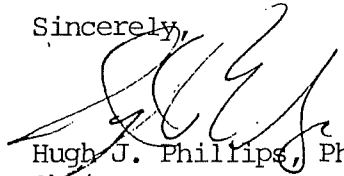
Dear Sirs:

As Chair of the Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission, I am enclosing the interim report as required in the statutes.

You will note that this Commission has met only once, and therefore the report reflects a limited number of accomplishments.

Please let me know if you require additional information, or if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Hugh J. Phillips, Ph.D.
Chair
Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission

HJP/cc

cc. Legislative Council

MAINE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION
INTERIM REPORT

December, 1983

I. INTRODUCTION

The Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission was established during the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature to study and recommend sentencing guidelines to better enable the Maine judiciary to properly fulfill their responsibilities at the sentencing stage of the criminal justice system.

The Commission is comprised of nine members including the State Court Administrator, the Commissioner of Corrections, a representative of the Corrections Advisory Committee, two members of the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary, a criminal defense attorney, a district attorney, and two members of the public. A list of the members is attached to this report.

II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission was called to order by the designee of the Legislative Council, Representative Elizabeth Mitchell, on December 28, 1983 at 10:00 AM. The first meeting of the Commission was designed to begin the Commission's work by selecting a Chair, identifying Commission needs, and assigning work responsibilities. Six Commission members, or their designees, were in attendance.

The following actions were taken by the Commission during the first meeting:

- . Dr. Hugh J. Phillips was selected to Chair the Commission.
- . The Commission responded positively to the criteria outlined in Section 3 of Chapter 53, 'An Act to Create a Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission, and will comply with the established guidelines.
- . Data collection needs and responsibilities were identified and assigned to the Commission members in attendance. This process will begin immediately.

- . Commission members agreed that several public hearings would be necessary following the collection and analysis of the data.
- . Commission members agreed to formally request that the Office of Legislative Assistants identify one staff person to provide administrative and clerical support to the Commission as needed.
- . Commission members agreed to make a formal request to the Attorney General's Office for identification of a staff person to serve as a permanent member of the Commission.
- . The next Commission meeting was scheduled for January 21, 1983 at 2:00 PM in space provided by the Attorney General's Office.

III. SUMMARY

The Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission, which consists of nine members, has formally convened, elected a Chairman, and begun the process of carrying out the activities specified in the statutes.

Because the Commission has met only once, the bulk of the work is still before them. Administrative and other staffing considerations have yet to be finalized.

MAINE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION MEMBERS - DECEMBER 1983

Public Member

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Oakland, Maine 04963

Hugh J. Phillips, Ph.D
Presque Isle, Maine 04769

District Attorney

Janet Mills
District Attorney

Auburn, Maine 04210

Criminal Defense Attorney

Marshall A. Stern
Bangor, Maine 04401

State Court Administrator

Dana Baggett
P.O. Box 4820 DTS
Portland, ME 04112

Commissioner of Corrections

Donald Allen
State House Station 11
Augusta, Maine 04333 289-2711

Corrections Advisory Committee

Robert Wright
Camden, ME 04843

Legislative Appointments

Representative Martin Hayden
P.O. Box 340
Brunswick, ME 04011

Senator Samuel Collins
Rockland, ME 04841

SENATE

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MICHAEL D. PEARSON, DISTRICT 27
JAMES McBREAIRTY, DISTRICT 31

JANET E. WALDRON, SENIOR PROGRAM ANALYST
LARS E. LOREN, PROGRAM ANALYST
CHERYL E. RING, PROGRAM ANALYST



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EDWIN C. RANDALL, EAST MACHIAS

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND PROGRAM REVIEW

January 4, 1984

Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chairman
Legislative Council

Dear Senator Pray and Council Members:

This past year, in addition to our regular scheduled Sunset review, the Committee on Audit and Program Review completed two study areas. This letter is intended to acquaint you with the result of these studies and to request the submission of legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature pursuant to the Study Order.

One study area was carried over from the Audit Committee's Sunset reviews of the Departments of Human Services, Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and Corrections. This area concerns the need for a single state audit of all funds contracted by the State with the community agencies as well as the need for uniform accounting standards. Community agencies brought to the Committee's attention the fact that State Agencies have not been complying with current legislation mandating that a single audit be performed. Community agencies are, therefore, still subject to multiple audits, multiple standards, and multiple forms.

After reviewing this issue carefully during the course of our regular reviews, the Committee will be submitting legislation pursuant to the Sunset Act which is intended to replace the existing statute with language that clarifies and ensures the implementation of a single state audit and uniform accounting standards. This should, we hope, meet the needs of both the community agencies and state departments who haven't been able to achieve some resolution under the current legislation. It is our intent that this legislation will reduce the administrative burden for community agencies by streamlining state procedures and standards and work to reduce administration costs so that funds can be freed up for direct social services.

The second area as authorized by the Council, concerned a study of the effect of the doctrine of separation of powers on the membership of state boards and commission. This study was, as you may remember, the result of concerns which emerged during the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature when the inclusion of

January 4, 1984

Honorable Charles P. Pray, Chairman
and Members of the Legislative Council

legislators on boards and commissions was challenged on two grounds: the separation of powers doctrine and dual office holding prohibitions.

The subcommittee which was appointed to review this question met with the staff of the Attorney General's Office, the Governor's Office, and the Office of the Secretary of State. Further, the Audit Committee and State Government Committee have worked to coordinate both studies concerning boards and commission. After study, the Audit Committee concluded that the constitutional doctrine itself was clear and that it serve no useful purpose to restate any portion of it in statutory form. In practice, the State of Maine, like a majority of states which strictly apply this doctrine, has not modified its application to any noticeable extent except that the members of one branch of government may serve as a consultant or an advisor on a board or commission of another under certain conditions.

Beyond this, the Committee found that there is no accurate and up-to-date inventory of boards and commissions established at the State level. The lack of such a listing makes it difficult if not impossible to determine the current status or other pertinent information on any board or commission. In addition to an accurate inventory, the Committee could see value in establishing certain policies and guidelines which would aid in the establishment, operation, and termination of boards and commissions. If for no other reason, the Committee felt uniformity in basic areas common to all boards and commissions would be helpful, not only in the early stages of preparing legislation to establish them, but in organization, operation, and handling of finances throughout the entire life of a board or commission.

Pursuant to the findings of this study, the Audit Committee would like to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the submission of this legislation.

Sincerely,



G. William Diamond
Senate Chairman



Neil Rolde
House Chairman

GWD:NR/c

cc: Sally Diamond, Legislative
Administrative Director

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS

1. Ethanol Steering Committee (letter from Howard W. Gleason, Chairman)
2. Education Committee
 - Study Report on Job Training
 - Study Report on Educational Delivery Assessment
 - Study Report on Threat to Excellence in Higher Education
3. Election Laws Committee: Study of the Recodification of Election Laws
4. Local Land Use Violation Commission (letter from Richard L. Trafton, Chair)
5. Unemployment Compensation Fund Study Commission (letter)

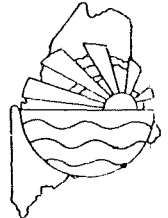


Joseph E. Brennan
Governor

State of Maine
Executive Department

OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES

State House Station 53
Augusta, Maine 04333
(207) 289-3811



John M. Kerry
Director

December 30, 1983

The Honorable Charles Pray
Senate Majority Leader
State House Station #3
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Pray:

The Ethanol Steering Committee has recently requested an extension of its reporting deadline from January 15, 1984 to February 15, 1984. The committee feels that because there are significant questions still outstanding, further time is necessary in order to evaluate fully the need for and benefits of an excise tax exemption for ethanol blended gasoline.

In conjunction with the request for a time extension, I am also asking that you extend the deadline for submitting any legislative proposals that might arise from the committee to February 15.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and would be happy to discuss it with you, if you wish.

Sincerely,

Howard W. Gleason
(CJI)

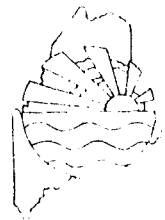
Howard W. Gleason
Chairman, Ethanol Steering
Committee

HWG/CJI/rm



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Director

December 30, 1983

The Honorable John L. Martin
Speaker of the House
State House Station #2
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Martin:

As you are aware, during its last session the Legislature passed legislation (LD 1699) that requires the Office of Energy Resources to evaluate the need for and benefits of an excise tax exemption on ethanol fuels. The study must be conducted within the oversight of a steering committee and a report is due on January 15, 1984.

The steering committee has met on four occasions in the last six weeks to receive information and discuss the questions posed in the legislation. We have found that several issues, especially in the areas of marketing and effects on competition, are very complex and require further investigation. The Office of Energy Resources has hired a consultant to assist us in these areas. Therefore, we would like to request a one month extension of the January 15 deadline in order to insure proper consideration of all the issues involved.

I feel certain that the committee will be able to provide the Legislature with a full report and recommendations no later than February 15.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and would be happy to discuss it with you further, if you wish.

Sincerely,

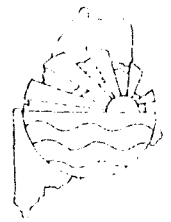
Howard W. Gleason
Chairman, Ethanol
Steering Committee

cc: Legislative Council



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John M. Kerry
Director

December 30, 1983

The Honorable Gerald P. Conley
President of the Senate
State House Station #3
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Conley:

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Sincerely,

Howard W. Gleason
Chairman, Ethanol
Steering Committee

cc: Legislative Council

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

December 20, 1983

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

Dear Senator Pray:

The Education Committee requests an extension of time to complete its study reports on Job Training, Educational Delivery Assessment and the Threat to Excellence in Higher Education.

During the course of its studies, the Committee has examined several interesting issues, e.g., job training programs, both public and private, public school curriculum, teacher qualifications and VTI and University funding. The Committee is also aware that several other groups have been established and are analyzing similar issues. In order to discuss common goals and to formulate a unified approach to the problems which have been identified, the Committee plans to meet with the various groups during early January. Following that time, the Committee will finalize its reports and anticipates it will be able to submit them to the Legislature by January 27.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Kenneth Kayes
Senate Chair

Rep. Stephanie Locke
House Chair



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December 28, 1983

Senator Kenneth Hayes
249 MRB
Veazie, Maine 04401

Dear Ken:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 20 regarding an extension on the Committee's study order deadline.

Although I alone do not have the authority to grant the extension to January 27, such an extension would not be without precedent -- extensions of a similar nature have been granted in the past. I can, therefore, say that your request will be considered at the January 4th Council meeting, and I have every expectation that it will be approved by the full membership.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charles P. Pray
Chairman

CPP/cc



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December 28, 1983

Representative Stephanie Locke
RFD 2, Box 28
Dover Foxcroft, Maine 04426

Dear Stephanie:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 20 regarding an extension on the Committee's study order deadline.

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Sincerely,

Charles P. Pray
Chairman

CPP/cc

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAWS

December 20, 1983

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

Dear Senator Pray:

The Election Laws Committee requests an extension of time in order to complete its study of the recodification of Election Laws.

As part of its study, the Committee was authorized to examine the issues of campaign finance and ballot question reform. The importance of the wording of ballot questions and the need for voter education were demonstrated again in the recent special election. Campaign finance reform is a topic which the Committee found is hotly debated on all sides. We wish to stress that the Committee has found no evidence of abuse of the current campaign finance law. However, given the perception, which is apparently widespread, that money plays a significant and unsavory role in the election process, the Committee would like more time to examine the issue.

The Committee plans to meet during the first few weeks of January, as the legislative schedule permits, to complete its study. We anticipate submitting the final report by January 27.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael Pearson in cursive.

Senator Michael Pearson
Senate Chair

Handwritten signature of Greg Nadeau in cursive.

Rep. Gregory Nadeau
House Chair



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REP. JOHN L. MARTIN

December 28, 1983

Senator Michael Pearson
Box 454
Old Town, Maine 04468

Dear Mike:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 20 regarding an extension on the Committee's study order deadlines.

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Sincerely,

Charles P. Pray
Chairman

CPP/cc



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December 28, 1983

Representative Gregory Nadeau
360 Bartlett Street, Box 621
Lewiston, Maine 04240

Dear Greg:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 20 regarding an extension on the Committee's study order deadlines.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charles P. Pray
Chairman

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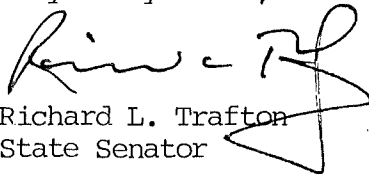
Dear Charlie:

As Chair of the Local Land Use Violation Commission, I write to request leave of the Legislative Council to submit the final draft of proposed legislation on January 13, 1984, ten days after the January 3, 1984 deadline for bills from commissions.

The Commission's proposed bills are already at Legislative Research; however, the Commission has not approved the final draft. That approval is expected at the Commission's January 12, 1984 meeting.

I would be glad to answer any questions you may have regarding this request or to appear before the Council to orally present it.

Very Truly Yours,


Richard L. Trafton
State Senator

RLT/cc



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December 27, 1983

Hon. Charles Pray, Chairman
Legislative Council
State House, Station #5
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Pray:

On behalf of the Unemployment Compensation Fund Study Commission, I am requesting an extension of the deadlines for study legislation and reports under Joint Rule 19. The Commission ran into delays in obtaining needed data from the Department of Labor due to the holidays, and therefore cannot hold a final vote on its proposals until the first week in January. The draft legislation will be ready by January 20 and the study report by the end of January.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dutremble sh
Sen. Dennis Dutremble
Chairman

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Rep. Edith S. Beaulieu

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