

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

December 27, 1985

REVISED AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

V. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Personnel Committee (Report enclosed)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Adjustment in Salaries for Constitutional Officers to conform with Governor's Action Regarding Salaries of Confidential Employees

Item #2: Step Increase for Attorney General (tabled at December 6 Council meeting).

Item #3: Legislative Organization and Management: Report from Subcommittee Regarding Implementation of Recommendations

Item #4: Request from Rep. Vose for reconsideration of Council's approval of LR 4781, AN ACT to Preserve Affordable Traditional Flat Rate Local Telephone Service (Sponsor Rep. Reeves) for introduction.

Item #5: Request from Sen. Kany to revise title of LR 5312, previously approved by the Council for introduction.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Item #1: Smoking in the Workplace Act: Implementation In the State House and Legislative Offices in the State Office Building
- Item #2: Request from Senator Kany for Staffing Assistance for the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste.
- Item #3: Requests for extension of studies
  - Committee on Local and County Government: Study of the Revision of Title 30 (extension until end of Second Regular Session)
  - Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans: Recodification of the Maine State Retirement System (extension until January 31)
- Item #4: Request from Committee on State Government to comment on LD 697 ("RESOLUTION Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Reapportionment Procedures to Reflect Changes in Legislative Procedures and to Specify how The Reapportionment Commission should operate") and proposed Committee Amendment.
- Item #5: Request from Sen. Matthews to authorize a meeting of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Monday, January 6, for a briefing on the state of the deer population.
- Item #6: After Deadline Requests

LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

Sub-Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 18, 1985

Present

Rep. Diamond  
Rep. Martin  
Rep. Davis  
Sen. Violette (for Sen. Pray)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

OFFICE OF FISCAL AND PROGRAM REVIEW

1. Upgrade one analyst position in the Office to Senior Budget Analyst

Committee Recommendation:

Approve with immediate effective date.

OFFICE OF REVISOR OF STATUTES

1. Establish one additional attorney position

Committee Recommendation:

Approve with immediate effective date.

2. Establish position of Technical Services Coordinator (to be occupied by Polly Gosselin)

Committee Recommendation:

Approve with immediate effective date and the following conditions:  
a) Ms. Gosselin will continue with her indexing responsibilities during the Second Regular Session and participate in the training of a new Legislative Indexer.

b) The specific elements of Ms. Gosselin's responsibilities are to be worked out by the Revisor and the Executive Director in a manner that is consistent with the Council's commitment to an integrated, secure, and cost-effective information system.

3. Upgrade one Specialist (proofreader) position to a Technician position

Committee Recommendation: Approve with immediate effective date.

4. Establish 2 session only paralegal positions

Committee Recommendation: Approve, with effective date of October 1, 1986.

5. Authorize establishment of a third, 3-member proofreading team

Committee Recommendation: Approve with effective date of November 1, 1986.

#### OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

1. Approve the above as the Office name

Committee Recommendation: Refer to full Council for discussion.

2. Establish one additional legislative analyst position (to free up the time of an attorney to fill Sr. Attorney position)

Committee Recommendation: Approve, with immediate effective date.

3. Establish one full-time paralegal position to assist the senior attorney

Committee Recommendation: Approve, with immediate effective date.

4. Establish two additional Research Assistant positions to assist policy analysts

Committee Recommendation:

Defer final approval pending further discussion with Sally regarding a) further development of job description and b) development of space plan.

5. Convert session secretarial position to full year position

Committee Recommendation:

#### ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Establish a policy of rotation of analysts assigned to Committees as follows: Analyst will be assigned to a single Committee for a maximum of two legislative bienniums.
2. Establish a separate salary range for Senior Analyst.
3. Adopt December 30 as the effective date for use of new Office names.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS' SALARIES  
EFFECT OF SALARY ADJUSTMENTS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

	<u>Current Step</u>	<u>Next Step</u>
Secretary of State	87/F	G
	\$41,308.80	
+ 1 1/2%	41,928.43	\$44,018.52
 Treasurer	 87/D	 E
	\$37,564.80	
+ 1 1/2%	38,128.27	39,965.02
 Auditor	 88/A	 B
	\$34,091.20	
+ 1 1/2%	34,602.57	36,270.42
 Attorney General	 90/E	 F
	\$47,091.20	
+ 1 1/2%	47,797.57	50,141.00

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CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS' SALARIES

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Current Step</u>	<u>Next Step</u>
Secretary of State	87	F \$41,308.80	G \$43,368.00
Treasurer	87	D \$37,564.80	E \$39,374.40
Auditor	88	A \$34,091.20	B \$35,734.40
Attorney General	90	E \$47,091.20	F \$49,400.00

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### 3 § 162-A

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"5. Range 89. The salary of the Attorney General shall be within salary range 89."

#### Library References

States 60(1).  
C.J.S. States §§ 104 to 108.

### § 162-B. Salaries of constitutional officers

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the salaries of the following state officials shall be at the salary ranges indicated in this section. At the time of initial appointment the salary of the Secretary of State, the State Auditor and the Treasurer of State shall be set at the first step of the official's respective range. At the time of initial appointment, the salary of the Attorney General shall be set at Step E of his salary range. The Legislative Council may adjust the salary of each official by one step for each year of continuous service after the initial appointment to office.

The salary ranges shall be as provided by law for confidential employees who take the salary increase option instead of state payment of retirement contribution. No other state salary may be paid. These officials are not eligible for state payment of employee retirement contributions.

1. Range 87. The salary of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 87, but shall not exceed Step G in that range:

- A. Secretary of State; and
- B. Treasurer of State.

2. Range 88. The salary of the State Auditor shall be within salary range 88, but shall not exceed Step G in that range.

3. Range 90. The salary of the Attorney General shall be within salary range 90, but shall not be less than Step E and shall not exceed Step G in that range.  
1983, c. 862, § 5, eff. Dec. 1, 1984.

Effective date; officials. Section 6 of 1983, c. 862 provided:

"Section 5 of this Act shall take effect on December 1, 1984. Officials who hold the offices of Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, State Auditor or Attorney General on the effective date of this section shall be placed on that

date in their respective statutory pay ranges on that date at the appropriate step for their initial appointment."

#### Library References

States 56.  
C.J.S. States §§ 61, 104 to 107.

### § 163. Executive Director of the Legislative Council; duties

The duties of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall be:

1. **Executive officers.** To act as executive officer of the Legislature when it is not in session and unless the Legislature shall otherwise order, he shall, with the cooperation of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives have custody of all legislative property and material, arrange for necessary supplies and equipment through the State Bureau of Purchases, arrange for necessary services, make all arrangements for incoming sessions of the Legislature, have general oversight of chambers and rooms occupied by the Legislature and permit state departments to use legislative property. He shall, with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, dispose of surplus or obsolete material through the continuing property records section of the Bureau of Public Improvements. He shall approve accounts and vouchers for payment. A perpetual inventory of all legislative property shall be maintained under the supervision of the Legislative Council and an accounting thereof shall be made to the Legislature upon its request.

2. **Supervision.** To assign, direct and supervise, subject to the control of the council, the activities of the legislative staff offices. The Executive Director shall have no supervisory authority with respect to any persons employed pursuant to chapter 1<sup>1</sup> or section 168 of this title;

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2-A. Appoint appropriate office persons to legislative and without regard positions shall be organizational and staff positions shall

3. Vehicle for departments and requests, personnel disposition of these

4. Policy implementation decisions of the council

5. Reports. Timely minutes of the regular

6. Repealed.

7. Other duties  
1983, c. 2, §§ 2, 3, e  
1 Section 1 et seq.

1983 Amendment substituted "assign, coordinate", insert Assistants, Director Legislative Advisory Office Senate Clerk, the House Librarian".

Subsection 6: Repealed  
1985 Amendment. Paragraph, insert "the", and substitute "Executive Director".

### § 163-A. Legislative

Legislative staff Executive Director:

1. Bill drafting expert draftsman introduction into the Legislature

2. Revision. Review the State or any consolidate, revise

3. Session law adjournment of the and resolves which received the approval material of a general

4. Copy of public laws enacted at the distribute the same

5. Pocket supplementary published cumulative replacement or re



STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

December 19, 1985

Rep. John N. Diamond  
Chairman, Legislative Council  
State House, Station 115  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Chairman Diamond:

As we discussed the other day, I strongly believe that the bill, AN ACT to Preserve Affordable Traditional Flat Rate Local Telephone Service (LR 4781), sponsored by Representative Polly Reeves is in violation of Joint Rule 37 and should not be allowed for introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 112th. Enclosed is the bill AN ACT to Preserve Affordable Flat Rate Local Telephone Service (LD 1257), sponsored by Senator Matthews and Representatives Connolly and Handy, which was withdrawn in the First Session and which reflects the same intent.

Last year our Committee agreed to allow any member to introduce a bill on behalf of the Committee as a result of the study order on Local Telephone Service approved by the Legislative Council last session, so there is a way for any member to present his or her views.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry Vose".

Harry Vose  
House Chairman

enclosure

1 (EMERGENCY)  
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
5

6 Legislative Document

No. 1257  
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8 S.P. 454

In Senate, April 4, 1985

9 Referred to the Committee on Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and  
10 ordered printed.

11 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Matthews of Kennebec.

12 Cosponsored by Representative Connolly of Portland and Representative  
Handy of Lewiston.

13 STATE OF MAINE  
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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18 AN ACT to Preserve Affordable Flat  
19 Rate Local Telephone Service.  
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21 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
22 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
23 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

24 Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission has or-  
25 dered mandatory measured service for local telephone  
26 calls effective July 1, 1985; and

27 Whereas, the decision by the Public Utilities  
28 Commission concerns broad questions of public policy  
29 regarding the effects of local mandatory measured  
30 service on Maine businesses and individuals; and

31 Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission has  
32 changed, without sufficient inquiry, the way in which  
33 local telephone service has been billed for many dec-  
34 ades in Maine; and

1           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
6 therefore,

7           Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
8 follows:

9           35 MRSA §107 is enacted to read:

10       §107. Mandatory measured service

11           1. Affordable flat rate service. The Public  
12 Utilities Commission shall establish rates and rate  
13 structures for telephone companies which will pre-  
14 serve reasonably affordable flat rate service allow-  
15 ing for unlimited local exchange calling for a single  
16 monthly fee as the standard phone service in the  
17 State for both business and residential customers.  
18 Flat rate service with unlimited local calling shall  
19 be described by the telephone company as the "stan-  
20 dard" service in all its communications with the pub-  
21 lic and the Public Utilities Commission. Any other  
22 local calling service shall be described as an "op-  
23 tical" service.

24           2. Measured service and lifeline options. The  
25 Public Utilities Commission, in the exercise of its  
26 discretion, may approve a telephone rate structure  
27 which allows for a limited local measured service op-  
28 tion, provided that the rate structure for a local  
29 measured service option does not jeopardize reason-  
30 ably affordable flat rate service allowing for unlim-  
31 ited calling. Any local measured service rate struc-  
32 ture which is universally available within a given  
33 geographic area shall be designed by the public ser-  
34 vice commission so that local measured service cus-  
35 tomers cover the costs of the service in the same  
36 manner as flat rate customers and are not subsidized  
37 by rates charged to flat rate customers. The Public  
38 Utilities Commission, in furtherance of the goal of  
39 universal service, may establish a means tested  
40 lifeline local measured service option which will on-  
41 ly be available to those who qualify under income

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1 guidelines established by the Public Utilities Com-  
2 mission. Any means tested lifeline local measured  
3 service rate structure shall be reasonably related to  
4 the costs of service and shall not unreasonably bur-  
5 den other classes of customers.

6 3. Reports. Each telephone company which has in  
7 effect a limited local measured service option or  
8 means tested local measured service option shall re-  
9 port to the Public Utilities Commission, in each re-  
10 quest for a rate increase, the number of customers,  
11 both business and residential, who have standard flat  
12 rate service and any local measured service option  
13 and how many of those customers switched or initiated  
14 a local measured service option in the last calendar  
15 year or from the time data was last presented to the  
16 commission in a preceding rate case, if more than one  
17 year has lapsed since the data was last presented to  
18 the commission.

19 4. Standard. In any action brought in the courts  
20 of this State by the Public Advocate, or other inter-  
21 ested party with standing, to review the reasonable-  
22 ness and lawfulness of a telephone rate structure ap-  
23 proved by the Public Utilities Commission, it shall  
24 be presumed that any rates or rate structure which  
25 results in less than 2/3 of the business or residen-  
26 tial customers maintaining standard flat rate service  
27 is in violation of subsection 1, requiring the Public  
28 Utilities Commission to establish a rate structure  
29 which will preserve reasonably affordable flat rate  
30 service. The presumption established in this subsec-  
31 tion may be overcome by clear and convincing evidence  
32 that no reasonable alternative rates or rate struc-  
33 ture could be implemented which will maintain 2/3 of  
34 both business and residential customers as standard  
35 flat rate customers.

36 5. Cost allocation. When presenting evidence to  
37 the Public Utilities Commission concerning the costs  
38 of telephone services, the telephone company shall  
39 employ a cost methodology which allocates nontraffic  
40 sensitive costs among all the company services which  
41 benefit from those costs including, but not limited  
42 to, local and long-distance services. Nontraffic sen-  
43 sitive costs shall be considered common costs. The  
44 common costs shall be allocated on the basis of a

1 reasonable assessment of each class's responsibility  
2 for the incurrence of those costs, provided that  
3 long-distance services are to be considered with lo-  
4 cal service as causing those costs associated with  
5 the local exchange subscriber loop. The Public Utili-  
6 ties Commission may prescribe a formula for assessing  
7 common costs to categories of service to be used by  
8 the telephone company in developing its costing  
9 methodology. There shall be a rebuttable presumption  
10 that toll services shall account for at least 50% of  
11 the common costs of the local exchange subscriber  
12 loop unless the commission determines, by clear and  
13 convincing evidence, that such an allocation of costs  
14 will be unreasonable.

15 6. Access charges. Notwithstanding any other  
16 provision of this section to the contrary, the Public  
17 Utilities Commission shall not impose any end user  
18 common line charges or other access charges on end  
19 users. All access charges shall be assessed against  
20 long-distance carriers. Access charge rate levels  
21 shall be sufficient to preserve reasonably affordable  
22 standard flat rate service as provided for in this  
23 section.

24 7. Bypass. The Public Utilities Commission may  
25 assess a surcharge on any business which bypasses the  
26 local subscriber loop for either local or  
27 long-distance telecommunications services. The amount  
28 of the surcharge shall be reasonably related to the  
29 contribution to maintaining the telephone system  
30 which would have been made had there been no bypass  
31 and the cost of stranded capital investment of the  
32 local telephone company as a result of the bypass.  
33 The Public Utilities Commission shall impose a  
34 surcharge for bypass when it finds that bypass has  
35 become a significant threat to the maintenance of  
36 reasonably affordable standard flat rate service. The  
37 Treasurer of State shall, at the direction of the  
38 Public Utilities Commission, establish a "Universal  
39 Service Fund," and shall receive for deposit in the  
40 fund any money ordered by the Public Utilities Com-  
41 mission to be paid into it by businesses engaged in  
42 bypass. Any business which engages in bypass shall  
43 make a report to the Public Utilities Commission upon  
44 completion of its bypass system and shall thereafter  
45 make an annual report in a manner prescribed by the

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1 commission as to the nature and extent of its bypass  
2 system. Any telephone company who serves businesses  
3 with bypass systems shall provide in each request to  
4 increase rates quantification of the stranded capital  
5 investment and the contribution that it estimates is  
6 being lost as a result of the bypass of its telephone  
7 system. The Public Utilities Commission shall, in  
8 furtherance of the goals of universal service and  
9 maintenance of reasonably affordable flat rate ser-  
10 vice, determine the payments to be made from the Uni-  
11 versal Service Fund. Nothing in this section may be  
12 construed to entitle any telephone company with com-  
13 pensation for lost profits as a result of bypass of  
14 its telephone system.

15 8. Jurisdiction. The Public Utilities Commission  
16 shall have jurisdiction over any call which origi-  
17 nates and terminates in the State, even if the call  
18 is transmitted through an interstate network, and the  
19 commission shall also have jurisdiction over any car-  
20 rier which originates and terminates the calls in the  
21 State.

22 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited  
23 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
24 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           Because of the breakup of American Telephone and  
3           Telegraph, the fear of bypass, and the Public Utili-  
4           ties Commission recent decision in the New England  
5           Telephone case, local telephone users are being  
6           shouldered with an unfair burden of the cost of tele-  
7           phone service.

8           The fairest solution to maintain affordable tele-  
9           phone service is to allocate the fixed costs of tele-  
10          phone service evenly between local and long-distance  
11          users and to take steps to ensure that universal ser-  
12          vice is maintained.

13          This bill is designed to provide reasonably  
14          affordable flat rate service and to establish a means  
15          tested lifeline measured service option. The bill al-  
16          so ensures that long-distance and other services pay  
17          their fair share of the fixed cost of providing tele-  
18          phone service.

19          This bill adds a new section to the Maine Revised  
20          Statutes, Title 35, which redefines standard service,  
21          establishes a lifeline service, institutes an annual  
22          reporting requirement, limits the percent of custom-  
23          ers who could be using optional local measured ser-  
24          vice, splits fixed costs between local and  
25          long-distance and other services, bans end user  
26          charges, provides the Public Utilities Commission  
27          with the power to impose surcharges upon bypass users  
28          and establishes the Public Utilities Commission au-  
29          thority over any calls that begin and end in the  
30          State.

31          This bill is modeled on a draft presented in Mis-  
32          souri, which has been endorsed by the Missouri Gover-  
33          nor.

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OLD BUSINESS  
ITEM # 5

SENATOR JUDY C. KANY  
DISTRICT 17



State of Maine  
**Senate Chamber**

Augusta, Maine 04333

December 18, 1985

Rep. John Diamond, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House Station #3  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear John:

First, I wish to request Legislative Council approval for broadening the title of LR 5312, An Act Requiring Disapproval of a High-level Radioactive Waste Site to An Act Relating to High-level Nuclear Waste Activity.

Second, as you know, the U.S. Department of Energy will soon be issuing its Draft Area Recommendation Report announcing which 15-20 granite bodies in 4-6 states are recommended for intensive field study. Consequently the workload anticipating the 90-day review period and answering informational inquiries -- is enormous. As an entity, the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste needs appropriate staffing to properly represent the state's interests and to respond to the citizens inquiries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Judy'.

Senator Judy Kany  
Chair, Advisory Commission  
on Radio Active Waste

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SARAH C. DIAMOND  
LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

December 27, 1985


Hon. John N. Diamond, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Representative <sup>John</sup> Diamond:

Pursuant to Ch. 126 P.L. 1985, "The Workplace Smoking Act of 1985", I am submitting the enclosed proposed policy for all areas occupied by legislative employees. This includes the legislative hearing rooms in the State Office Building and the entire State House with the following exceptions: Governor's offices, Hall of Flags, State House Snack Bar, and the Custodian's room on the fourth floor. These areas have been covered by the appropriate employers.

The proposed policy has been developed in consultation with the presiding officers, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House, and the staff directors to develop a consistent proposal for the State House. Each office has been given the opportunity to recommend a policy for the area it occupies.

Sincerely,

  
Sally Diamond  
Executive Director  
Legislative Council



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

Augusta, Maine 04333

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SMOKING POLICY

Adopted by the Legislative Council  
December 27, 1985

In accordance with the requirements of Ch. 126 P.L. 1985, "The Workplace Smoking Act of 1985", the Legislative Council has adopted a policy regarding smoking in the State House and in legislative committee rooms in the State Office Building. This policy is designed to be consistent with the intent of the legislation: to protect employees from the detrimental effects of smoking by others by providing that smoking is prohibited in legislative workplaces except in designated areas.

Effective January 1, 1986, smoking will be prohibited in all of the following areas: elevators, stairwells, corridors, bathrooms, legislative hearing rooms and committee offices during public hearings and work sessions and at all other times unless all parties present explicitly agree to permit smoking.

Smoking will be permitted in the following designated areas:

- Third floor rotunda and corridors
- First floor corridor, south end, (area in front of the museum display cases) and area immediately before the tunnel to the State Office Building.
- Designated areas within the Senate and House offices and legislative staff offices

Any changes to this list of designated areas must be approved by the Legislative Council and will be posted in advance.

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PROPOSED SMOKING POLICY

In accordance with the requirements of Ch. 126 P.L. 1985, "The Workplace Smoking Act of 1985", the Legislative Council has adopted a policy regarding smoking in the State House and in legislative committee rooms in the State Office Building. This policy is designed to be consistent with the intent of the legislation: to protect employees from the detrimental effects of smoking by others, by providing that smoking is prohibited in legislative workplaces except in designated areas.

Effective January 1, 1986, smoking is prohibited except in the following designated areas:

- a. Third floor rotunda
- b. Designated offices within each staff unit.
- c. First floor corridor, south end, in the area in front of the museum display cases.

Any changes to this list of designated areas will be approved by the Legislative Council and posted in advance.

Smoking will be prohibited in all of the following areas: elevators, stairwells, corridors, reception areas in all offices, legislative hearing rooms during public hearings and work sessions and at all other times unless all parties present explicitly agree to permit smoking.

SENATE

JOHN L. TUTTLE, JR., DISTRICT 33, CHAIR  
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JOHN KNOX, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT  
MICHAEL T. FLOOD, COMMITTEE CLERK



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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

December 12, 1985

Rep. John Diamond, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
Statehouse  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Representative Diamond,

In order to effectively accomplish its study goals, the Local and County Government Subcommittee to Study the Revision of Title 30 requests an extension of the study until the end of the upcoming legislative session. The goal of this study is to recodify the present Title 30, which contains most of the statutes relating to county and municipal law. For the reasons discussed below, the subcommittee feels that this goal can best be met by granting the extension.

The study process began early last summer when committee staff began redrafting the Title to simplify the language and identify inconsistencies or ambiguities in present law. The subcommittee first met on October 2nd of this year to review the progress of that draft. The subcommittee found that work was progressing well, and that a draft should have been available for circulation among interested parties for their review and comment by early November. However, as the Council knows, the laws passed in the second regular session of the 111th Legislature were accidentally deleted from the statutory database by Central Computer Services. This caused delays in getting the recodification draft out due to the extra work load thrust upon the Research Office, the lack of a complete data base to work from for drafting purposes and the lack of a printout to be used on a side-by-side chart to compare the present law with the first draft. The database has just recently been restored and the first draft finally completed.

The subcommittee held its second meeting on December 6th. At this meeting, the subcommittee unanimously agreed that an extension is necessary to enable us to thoroughly review the draft, and to allow us to consult with other experts in the area of local government law, including municipal and county attorneys and officers who have volunteered their services for the study. These groups have written to the subcommittee requesting additional time to review the draft to ensure that absolutely no substantive changes in the law occur inadvertently. Additionally, in the process of redrafting the language of Title 30, the subcommittee staff has identified a multitude of areas in the law which are unclear or inconsistent. The subcommittee would like the opportunity to review these areas as well and submit an accompanying bill with the recodification that would make corrective substantive changes in the law so that not only the language of the new Title 30 will be understandable, but the law itself will also be clear and complete.

If the study extension is granted, the full Local and County Government Committee plans to hold weekly work sessions during the upcoming session to review the first draft of the recodification. During these sessions, we will be able to work with municipal attorneys and officials to carefully examine the draft. We will also track the progress of other bills submitted during the next session that affect sections in Title 30, so that the recodification bill can take these bills into account if they are passed; it will not be necessary to "hold" these bills in committee pending passage of the recodification.

In closing, the subcommittee regrets that it is unable to meet the January 22nd study deadline, but believes that the granting of a study extension will enable it to fulfill its duties and produce a recodification that is complete and accurate. Thank you.

*John L. Tuttle*

GWB

John L. Tuttle  
Senate Chair

*Edward A. McHenry* GWB

Edward A. McHenry  
House Chair

NEW BUSINESS  
ITEM #3  
HOUSE

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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS

December 17, 1985

Rep. John Diamond  
Chirman, Legislative Council  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Rep. Diamond:

The Joint Standing Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans's subcommittee on the recodification of the Maine State Retirement System statutes requests an extension of their study. At the first meeting of the subcommittee, the Retirement System requested an opportunity to develop their own draft of a recodification. In particular they wished to separate the sections governing local participating districts from those governing state employees and teachers. The subcommittee granted the request.

The Retirement System's draft was completed in November and they provided side by side copies to the subcommittee and interested parties. A detailed review with the committee's staff and interested outside parties was started. At the subcommittee's second meeting on December 16th, we reviewed the general status of the recodification. All parties agreed that the Retirement Systems draft was a marked improvement over the organization of the present statute. However, there was also a common agreement that the Retirement System and the interested groups needed additional time to carefully review the draft and to assure all parties that there are no substantive additions or deletions in the recodification.

It is expected that this detailed examination and the subcommittee's final review will be completed by the middle of January.

Sincerely,

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

Sen. Nancy Clark  
Subcommittee Chair

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NEW BUSINESS  
ITEM #4  
HOUSE

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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

December 12, 1985

Rep. John N. Diamond  
1860 Broadway  
Bangor, ME 04401

Dear Representative Diamond:

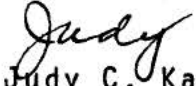
The Joint Standing Committee on State Government is in possession of LD 697, Resolution, "Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of Maine to change the Reapportionment Procedures to Reflect Changes in Legislative Procedures and to Specify how the Reapportionment Commission should operate", which has been held over by the Committee for disposition by the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. Since the Second Regular Session is near at hand, the State Government Committee would like to address this bill as soon as possible following the convening of the Legislature.

Enclosed are a copy of the original bill and a proposed Committee Amendment that was prepared early in the First Regular Session. The State Government Committee is interested in your comments and suggestions. The bill and the proposed amendment are intended primarily to stimulate your thoughts and recommendations regarding this bill.

If you have any thoughts, recommendations, and materials useful to this issue, please send your information to the Committee. If you would like to discuss this issue, please notify the Committee's Legislative Assistant, Ted Potter (Office of Legislative Assistants, Room 101, State House, Station #13, Augusta, ME 04333 Tel: 289-1670) of your interest in this legislation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

  
Dan A. Gwadosky  
House Chair

Sincerely yours,  
  
Judy C. Kany  
Senate Chair

enclosure  
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December 16, 1985

To: Interested Persons in LD 697, Reapportionment Bill  
From: Ted Potter, Legislative Assistant

Re: Enclosures omitted from previous mailing

Perhaps you noticed that the enclosures promised in a previous letter regarding the reapportionment bill (LD 697-held over from the First Regular Session) were omitted. This action was part of a "December Fool's Joke" that we have initiated in Maine and hope will take the rest of the country by storm!

The enclosures are included with this mailing.

I hope that you have very merry holidays and that you drink plenty of Christmas spirits. For those of you who are running for office, may your Christmas stockings be filled with great campaign speeches, and in your Christmas trees may there be plenty of Christmas envelopes filled with generous campaign financing contributions!

Sincerely,

*Ted Potter*

Ted Potter

enclosures  
TP/elk/4362

**New Draft to H.P. 494, L.D. 697, Resolution, "Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Reapportionment Procedures to Reflect Changes in Legislative Procedures and to Specify how the Reapportionment Commission Should Operate."**

Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendments to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 1, §2 is amended to read:

Section 2. Number of Representatives; biennial terms, division of the State into districts for House of Representatives. The House of Representatives shall consist of 151 members, to be elected by the qualified electors, and hold their office 2 years from the day next preceding the first Wednesday in December following the general election. The Legislature which convenes in 1983 and every tenth year thereafter shall cause the State to be divided into districts for the choice of one Representative for each district. The number of Representatives shall be divided into the number of inhabitants of the State exclusive of foreigners not naturalized according to the latest Federal Decennial Census or a State Census previously ordered by the Legislature to coincide with the Federal Decennial Census, to determine a median population figure for each Representative District. Each Representative District shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory and shall cross political subdivision lines the least number of times necessary to establish as nearly as practicable equally populated districts. Whenever the population of a municipality entitles it to more than one district, all whole districts shall be drawn within municipal boundaries. Any population remainder within the municipality shall be ~~included in a district drawn to cross the municipal boundary, provided that such population remainder of the municipality must be contiguous to another municipality or municipalities included in the district~~ districted with contiguous territory and shall be kept intact.

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 1, §3, first ¶ is amended to read:

The apportionment plan of the commission established under Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A shall be submitted to the Clerk of the House no later than 90 120 calendar days after the convening of the Legislature in which apportionment is required. In the preparation of legislation implementing the plan, the commission, following a unanimous decision by

commission members, may adjust errors and inconsistencies in accordance with the standards set forth in this Constitution, so long as substantive changes are not made. The Legislature shall enact the submitted plan of the commission or a plan of its own by a vote of two thirds of the members of each House within 30 calendar days after the plan of the commission is submitted. Such action shall be subject to the Governor's approval as provided in Article IV, Part Third, Section 2.

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 2, §2, 2nd ¶ is amended to read:

The apportionment plan of the commission established under Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate no later than ~~90~~ 120 calendar days after the convening of the Legislature in which apportionment is required. In the preparation of legislation implementing the plan, the commission, following a unanimous decision by commission members, may adjust errors and inconsistencies in accordance with the standards set forth in this Constitution, so long as substantive changes are not made. The Legislature shall enact the submitted plan of the commission or a plan of its own by a vote of two thirds of the members of each House, within 30 calendar days after the plan of the commission is submitted. Such action shall be subject to the Governor's approval as provided in Article IV, Part Third, Section 2.

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 3, §1-A, 2nd ¶ is amended to read:

The commission shall be composed of 3 members from the political party holding the largest number of seats in the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker; 3 members from the political party holding the majority of the remainder of the seats in the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the floor leader of that party in the House; 2 members of the party holding the largest number of seats in the senate, who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 members of the political party holding the majority of the remainder of the seats in the Senate to be appointed by the floor leader of that party in the Senate; the chairperson of each of the 2 major political parties in the State or their designated representatives; and 3 members from the public generally, one to be selected by each group of members of the commission representing the same political party, and the third to be selected by the other 2 public members. The Speaker of the House shall be responsible for organizing the commission and shall be chairman pro tempore thereof until a permanent chairman is selected by the commission members from among their own number. The selection of the public members and the chairman shall occur no later than 30 calendar days after the appointment of the other members. If the commission fails to select a chairman within 30 days, the Chairman of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall serve as acting chairman of the apportioning Commission until the apportioning Commission

selects a chairman. No action shall be taken without a quorum of 7 8 being present. The commission shall hold public hearings on any plan for apportionment prior to submitting such plan to the Legislature.

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 3, §1-A, 3rd ¶ is amended to read:

Public members of the commission shall receive reasonable compensation, as provided by law which shall be determined by the commission in relation to judicial compensation. All members of the commission shall be reimbursed for actual travel expenses incurred in carrying out the business of the commission. The Legislature which is required to apportion shall appropriate sufficient funds to compensate public members, to provide staff assistance to the commission and to the chairman of the commission, to provide travel expenses for all members, and to provide for incidental expenses of the commission as needed to carry out its duties under this Constitution, and public money to be available equally among the political parties represented on the commission and for partisan staff and operations.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendments proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to reflect changes in Legislative procedures and to specify how the reapportionment commission should operate?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendments shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this new draft is to provide additional safeguards with respect to changes proposed in the Maine Constitution for the operation of the apportioning commission. This new draft:

1. allows the Commission to make non-substantive corrections in the reapportionment plan presented to the Legislature when the Commission members are unanimous with respect to the proposed corrections;
2. provides that in the event that the apportioning commission cannot agree to a chairperson within 30 days of the apportionment of the partisan members, the non-partisan chairperson of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall serve as acting chairperson of the apportioning commission until the apportioning commission agrees to the selection of a permanent chairperson;
3. provides that 8 members of the 15 member commission shall constitute a quorum. Currently a quorum consists of 7 members which means that one political party with all its members present on the commission can conduct official commission business in the absence of all the members from the other political party.
4. provides that any public monies made available to the commission shall be made available equally to all political parties represented on the Commission. The bill limited the monies to two political parties which intended to apply to the Democratic and Republican Parties. In the future, however, a third or fourth political party could be the major party or the ranking minority party represented in the House or Senate. Thus, three or four parties could be represented on the commission.

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NEW BUSINESS  
ITEM #5



State of Maine  
Senate Chamber  
Augusta, Maine 04333

December 23, 1985

John Diamond, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House St. #2  
Augusta, Me. 04333

Dear John:

I am requesting, as the Chair of Fisheries and Wildlife, a full committee meeting on Monday, January 6th, with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, to give a briefing as to the state of the deer population. Furthermore, to look at the upcoming doe permit system which will be instituted next November.

I feel this meeting is very important for the people of the State of Maine.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

*Zach*

Zach Matthews  
Senate Chair  
Comm. on Fisheries & Wildlife

AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS

December 27, 1985

LR5579

SPONSOR: Baldacci, J

TITLE: AN ACT to Restructure Higher Education in Maine.

LR5578

SPONSOR: Brown, L

TITLE: RESOLVE, Amending the Reporting Date of the Special Committee to Address the Needs of Learning Disabled Children.

LR5577

SPONSOR: Kany, J

TITLE: AN ACT Establishing an Immunity for Certain Shelters for the Homeless.

LR5576

SPONSOR: Kany, J

COSPONSOR: Mitchell, J, r

TITLE: AN ACT to Allocate Funds from the Radioactive Waste Evaluation Fund.

LR5580

SPONSOR: Murphy, T

TITLE: AN ACT Concerning the Construction and Effect of the Repeal of Acts and Ordinances.

LR5581

SPONSOR: Pearson, M

TITLE: AN ACT to Allow Local School Authorities to Establish a Date Certain for High School Graduation up to Seven Academic Days Prior to the Conclusion of the School Year.

LR5574

SPONSOR: Perkins, T

TITLE: AN ACT to Require Labeling of Decaffeinated Coffees Preserved with Methylene Chloride.

LR5575

SPONSOR: Wentworth, A

TITLE: AN ACT to Amend "AN ACT to Separate the Ogunquit Village Corporation from the Town of Wells."

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TABLED AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS

For consideration at the December 27, 1985 meeting of the  
Legislative Council

LR5534

SPONSOR: Callahan,D

TITLE: AN ACT to Change the Lime Law.

LR5358

SPONSOR: Paradis,E.

TITLE: AN ACT to Protect the Town of Bradley from Loss of  
Property Tax in the Event of Transfers under Provision of  
Land Trust Transfers.

LR5137

SPONSOR: Vose, H

TITLE: AN ACT to Repeal the Sardine Inspection Tax.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
 ACTION ON REQUESTS TO CARRY OVER BILLS  
 TO THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

<u>Committee</u>	<u>L.D.#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
Aging, Retirement and Veterans	1246	Bill "An Act to Recodify the Maine State Retirement System Laws"(Presented by Sen. CLARK) (Cosponsored by: Sen. GAUVREAU, Rep. HICKEY, Rep. PERRY)	Approved 5/7/85
	1419	Bill "An Act to Make Survivors Benefits Mandatory for any Member of the Maine State Retirement System"(Presented by Senator TUTTLE)	Approved 5/24/85
Agriculture	179	Bill "An Act to Improve the Quality of Milk" (Presented by Rep. MICHAEL) (Cosponsors: Rep. BRAGG, Rep. WHITCOMB)	Approved 5/22/85
Alcoholism	1365	Bill "An Act to Make Additional Allocations from the Alcohol Premium Fund"(Submitted by the Joint Select Committee on Alcoholism Services, pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 65)	Approved 6/18/85
Audit	1633	Bill "An Act Concerning Child Abuse"(Presented by Sen. ANDREWS) (Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27)	Approved 6/18/85

11/5/85

Business and Commerce	1122	Bill "An Act to Establish a Competitive State Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund" (Presented by Rep. BRANNIGAN)	Approved 6/14/85
	1489	Bill "An Act Authorizing Mutual Financial Institutions to Reorganize into Mutual Holding Companies"(Presented by Senator TRAFTON)	Approved 5/22/85
	1537	Bill "An Act to Limit the Grounds for Termination of an Insurance Agency Appointment" (Emergency) (Presented by Rep. BRANNIGAN) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27)	Approved 5/30/85
Business	1651	Bill "An Act Relating to Shares of Stock of Asti-Kim Corporation" (Emergency)(Presented by Rep. ZIRNKILTON) (Cosponsors: Rep. GWADOSKY and Rep. ARMSTRONG) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27)	Approved 6/18/85
Education	516	Bill "An Act to Increase the Daily Compensation of Substitute Teachers" (Presented by Rep. HANDY) (Cosponsors: Rep. MATTHEWS, Rep. BEAULIEU, Sen. BROWN)	Approved 5/22/85
Energy and Natural Resources	286	Bill "An Act to Create the Northern and Eastern Maine Emergency Forestry District"(Presented by Speaker MARTIN (Cosponsor: Senator PRAY)	Approved 6/6/85

Energy and Natural Resources	731	Bill "An Act to Impose Liability for Interference with Ground Water Use" (Presented by Senator TRAFTON) (Cosponsored by: Rep. MITCHELL, Rep. WARREN )	Approved 5/24/85
	1229	Bill "An Act to Bring into Conformity Municipal and State Subdivision Laws"(Presented by Rep. STEVENS) (Cosponsors: Rep. JACKSON and Senators TRAFTON and DANTON)	Approved 5/24/85
	1503	Bill "An Act to Amend the Classification System for Maine Waters and Change the Classifications of Certain Waters" (Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by: Rep. DIAMOND, Rep. JACQUES, Senator USHER)	Approved 5/24/85
Fisheries and Wildlife	656	Bill "An Act to Close Ragged Stream to Caribou Lake to the Taking of Smelts" (Presented by Rep. JACQUES)	Approved 5/31/85
	657	Bill "An Act to Close Moosehead Lake to Ice Fishing Within 300 Feet of Shore" (Presented by Rep. JACQUES)	Approved 5/31/85
Human Resources	533	Bill "An Act to Establish a Downeast Emergency Medical Services Regional Office to Serve Hancock and Washington Counties"	Approved 5/14/85
	790	Bill "An Act Making Mandatory Certain Discretionary Powers of the Commissioner of Corrections"(Presented by Sen. GAUVREAU) (Cosponsored by: Sen. GILL, Rep. JOSEPH, Rep. REEVES)	Approved 5/22/85

Human Resources

- 1233 Bill "An Act Relating to Retesting of Emergency Medical Technicians"(Presented by Rep. SWAZEY) (Cosponsors: Rep. CARROLL, Rep. RICE and Sen. DIAMOND) Approved 5/14/85
- 1234 Bill "An Act Concerning Courses for License Renewal of Emergency Medical Personnel"(Presented by Rep. ZIRNKILTON (Cosponsors: Rep. SWAZEY, Senators PERKINS and DIAMOND) Approved 5/14/85
- 1383 Bill "An Act to Fund Community Response Programs to Address Child Sexual Abuse in Maine Communities"(Presented by Rep. BRODEUR) (Cosponsor: Rep. CARROLL) Approved 6/19/85

Judiciary

- 36 Bill "An Act Concerning Computer Access and Computer-related Crimes" (Presented by Rep. PARADIS) (Cosponsors: Rep. MURRAY, Rep. KIMBALL, and Senator TUTTLE) Approved 5/24/85
- 708 Bill "An Act Relating to Structures Located in Proposed Ways"(Presented by Sen. GAUVREAU (Cosponsored by: Rep. POULIOT, Sen. DANTON) Approved 6/18/85
- 770 Bill "An Act to Adopt a State Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act" (Presented by Senator TRAFTON) (Cosponsored by: Senator CARPENTER, Rep. KANE, Rep. DAVIS) Approved 5/24/85
- 773 Bill "An Act to Permit Denial of Bail in Certain Cases to Assure the Safety of Other Persons"(Presented by Senator TRAFTON) (Cosponsored by: Senator NAJARIAN, Rep. J. DIAMOND, Rep. DRINKWATER) Approved 5/24/85

Judiciary

905	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for an Express Statement of the Right to Bail and Authorizing the Denial of Bail in Certain Cases(Presented by Rep. DIAMOND) (Cosponsors: Rep. KANE, Rep. MCGOWAN and Senator CHALMERS)	Approved 5/24/85
1007	Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for a Clear Right to Bail with a Possible Denial of Bail in Certain Cases(Presented by Senator TRAFTON) (Cosponsored by: Rep. DRINKWATER , Senator NAJARIAN)	Approved 6/14/85
1218	Bill "An Act to Amend the Medical Examiner Act and Related Provisions" (Presented by Rep. PAUL) (Cosponsors: Rep. RIDLEY, Rep. GWADOSKY and Senator TRAFTON)	Approved 5/22/85
1250	Bill "An Act to Transfer Probate Jurisdiction to the Superior and District Courts" (Presented by Senator TRAFTON) (Cosponsored by: Senator CHALMERS, Rep. WARREN, Rep. BELL)	Approved 5/30/85
1267	Bill "An Act Concerning Computer Fraud and Abuse" (Presented by Senator CHALMERS) (Cosponsored by: Rep. ALLEN, Rep. COOPER, Rep. DRINKWATER) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24)	Approved 5/24/85
1329	Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Collection of Child Support (Presented by Sen. NAJARIAN) (Cosponsored by: Rep. COTE, Rep. MELENDY, Rep. ROLDE)	Approved 5/24/85

Judiciary	1404	Bill "An Act to Make Public the Proceedings of the Board of Overseers of the Bar" (Presented by Rep. DAVIS) (Cosponsors: Senators DIAMOND, PERKINS and Speaker MARTIN)	Approved 6/14/85
	1505	Bill "An Act to Aid the Victims of Crime"(Presented by Sen.CLARK) (Cosponsored by: Rep. McGOWAN)	Approved 6/18/85
Labor	948	Bill "An Act to Create a Cancer Presumption for Firefighters in the Workers' Compensation Law" (Presented by Rep. BEAULIEU)	Approved 5/22/85
	1438	Bill "An Act to Establish a Job Development Training Fund for Maine's Shoe Industry"(Presented by Sen. TUTTLE of York)	Approved 5/30/85
	1561	Bill "An Act to Clarify the Definition of Wage Within the Maine Wage Assurance Fund" (Presented by Senator KANY) (Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27)	Approved 5/30/85
Legal Affairs	904	Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws with Reference to Operating Under the Influence to Decriminalize Proceedings under the Traffic Infraction Laws" (Emergency) (Presented by Rep. STETSON) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27)	Approved 5/30/85

Local and County Government	800	Bill "An Act Relating to Burial Preparations for Indigent Persons" (Presented by Senator GAUVREAU) (Cosponsored by: Rep. G.R. NADEAU, Rep. HICKEY, Senator BERUBE)	Approved 5/30/85
	1181	Bill "An Act to Strengthen State-local Cooperation through Regional Councils" (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government pursuant to Joint Rule 19 as approved by the Legislative Council May 25, 1983)	Approved 5/30//85
Marine Resources	718	Bill "An Act to Raise the Minimum Legal Size of Lobsters"(Presented by Rep. CROWLEY)	Approved 5/22/85
	1211	Bill "An Act Providing for the Regional Management of Marine Fisheries Within the Territorial Waters of the Atlantic States" (Presented by Rep. CROWLEY) (Cosponsors: Senator BROWN of Washington, Rep.s MITCHELL, and RICE) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24)	Approved 5/31/85
State Government	410	Bill "An Act to Encourage Industrial Product Development in the State" (Presented by Senator KANY) (Cosponsored by: Rep. DILLENBACK, Rep. GWADOSKY, Senator ANDREWS)	Approved 5/24/85
	488	Bill "An Act to Divest State Money from Businesses Investing in South Africa and Namibia" (Presented by Rep. BAKER) (Cosponsors: Speaker MARTIN, Rep. RICHARD)	Approved 5/7/85

State Government	628	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require that Local Units of Government be Reimbursed for the Costs Incurred in Executing State-mandated Programs (Presented by Rep. WEBSTER) (Cosponsors: Rep. JACKSON, Rep. BELL)	Approved 5/22/85
	697	RESOLUTION, Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Reapportionment Procedures to Reflect Changes in Legislative Procedures and to Specify how the Reapportionment Commission should Operate (Presented by Rep. MacBRIDE) (Cosponsors: Speaker MARTIN, Senator SEWALL and President PRAY)	Approved 6/10/85
	1504	Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Court Facilities Authority" (Presented by Senator CARPENTER) (Cosponsored by: Rep. KANE)	Approved 6/10/85
	1525	Bill "An Act to Establish a Maine-New Hampshire Boundary Commission" (Presented by Rep. CROWLEY) (Cosponsors: Senator CHALMERS and Rep. ROLDE)	Approved 6/19/85
	1539	Resolve, Concerning the Ownership of Little Jewell Island (Presented by Senator Clark) (Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27)	Approved 5/31/85
Taxation	238	"An Act Relating to an Increase in Cigarette Excise Tax" (Presented by Speaker MARTIN) (Cosponsors: Sen. VIOLETTE, Rep. DIAMOND and Rep. CASHMAN)	Approved 6/10/85

Taxation	1370	"An Act to Expand and Continue Alcoholism Treatment, Education, Prevention and Research Programs" (Presented by Rep. BRODEUR) (Cosponsors: Rep. ROLDE, Senators BUSTIN and Sen. STOVER)	Approved 6/10/85
Transportation	263	Bill "An Act Relating to a New Registration Plate Issue"(Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation as approved by the Legislative Council on April 25, 1984)	Approved 5/18/85
	1358	Bill "An Act Relating to the Maine State Ferry Service"(Presented by Rep. SCARPINO) (Cosponsor: Senator CHALMERS)	Approved 5/24/85
Utilities	1047	Bill "An Act Establishing a Statewide Emergency 9-1-1 Telephone System"(Presented by Rep. SWAZEY) (Cosponsors: Rep. CHONKO, Rep. WEYMOUTH, Senator BALDACCI)	Approved 5/14/85
	1451	Resolve, Encouraging State Policy of Independence from Foreign Sources of Energy for Electric Utilities (Emergency) (Presented by Sen. BALDACCI)	Approved 5/22/85

Taxation	354	"An Act to Phase Out the Sales and Use Tax on Energy Used in Manufacturing"(Presented by Representative CASHMAN (Cosponsors: Representative ZIRNKILTON Senators DIAMOND and TWITCHELL)	Approved 6/18/85
	450	"An Act to Impose a Sales Tax on Certain Services"(Presented by Representative BRANNIGAN)	Approved 6/10/85
	608	"An Act to Revise the Franchise Tax on Financial Institutions" (Presented by Rep. MAYO) (Cosponsors: Senator ANDREWS and Rep. JACQUES)	Approved 6/10/85
	699	"An Act to Realign the Tax Laws of the State as they Relate to Telecommunications"(Presented by Representative HIGGINS (Cosponsors: Senator TWITCHELL and Rep. DAGGETT)	Approved 6/10/85
	702	"An Act to Remove the Sales Tax Exemption on the Purchase of Magazines and Other Periodicals" (Presented by Rep. HIGGINS) (Cosponsors: Rep. ZIRNKILTON, Rep. MCGOWAN and Senator TWITCHELL)	Approved 6/10/85
Taxation	884	"An Act Relating to the Sales of Extended Cable Television Services" (Emergency)(Presented by Rep. MCGOWAN) (Cosponsors: Rep. HIGGINS and Rep. WEYMOUTH)	Approved 6/10/85
	974	"An Act to Establish a Meals and Lodging Tax for the Purposes of Stabilizing the Property Tax and Promoting Tourism"(Presented by Rep. BRANNIGAN (Cosponsors: Senator GAUVREAU, Rep. POULIOT and Rep. RACINE)	Approved 6/10/85