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STATE OF MAINE

116th LEGISLATURE

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SARAH C. TUBBESING  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## MEETING SUMMARY

May 27, 1993

Approved June 3, 1993

### CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Rep. Gwadosky, called the Council to order at 11:17 a.m., in the Speaker's Office.

### ROLL CALL

**Senators:**

Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Esty, Sen. Bustin,  
Sen. Carpenter  
Absent: Sen. Cahill

**Representatives:**

Speaker Martin, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep.  
Whitcomb, Rep. Paradis, Rep. Zirnkilton

**Legislative Officers:**

Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director  
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Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate  
Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Summary of the May 19, 1993, Council meeting was approved and placed on file. (Motion by President Dutremble, second by Rep. Paradis; unanimous).

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Sally Tubbesing presented the following items for the Council's consideration:

**Item #1: Progress Report on Various State House Improvements**

Ms. Tubbesing reported that more than \$600 has been collected to plant flowers in the gardens surrounding the State House. She suggested that any monies that were left after paying for the flowers be used for bulbs to be planted in the fall.

She then updated Council members on the status of the investigation of the fence and wall. She has received preliminary estimates for both recasting and replacing the missing fence posts -- totalling \$10,000 and noted that it would take 10-12 weeks for delivery of the fence posts. Finally, she reported that an initial survey of the granite wall that serves as the foundation for the fence has revealed that improper drainage and lack of routine maintenance are the primary causes of the deterioration of both the wall and fence. She is working to develop a phased approach to repair of these elements and will bring a proposal to the Council when the information has been assembled.

No Council action was required on this item.

**Item #2: Preliminary List of Statutory Studies to be Staffed through the Council**

Ms. Tubbesing drew Council members' attention to a listing of the bills that are still pending that would create study commissions to be staffed by the Legislative Council. She noted that the Council has, in past years, arranged to have such bills tabled in the Senate in order to give the Council an opportunity to ensure that staff resources were adequate to support all of the proposed studies and to set priorities.

**Motion:** That this item be tabled until a complete list is available. (Motion by President Dutremble; second by Rep. Paradis; unanimous).

In discussion that followed the vote, members expressed their support for a letter to be sent to all Committee Chairs from the Council Chair asking them to set priorities for studies.

**Item #3: Status of Bills in Committees**

Ms. Tubbesing referred Council members to a status report that summarized the status of bills still in committee, and Martha Freeman briefly described the significance of the information in the various columns. A general discussion ensued about the presiding officers' desire to get all of the remaining bills on the calendar by the middle of the next week and the fact that this would involve staff in all 3 offices - OPLA, OFPR and the Revisor's -- working through the Holiday weekend. Ms. Freeman observed that the non-partisan staff were committed to help leadership meet their targets, regardless of whether this involved weekend work. John Wakefield reiterated Ms. Freeman's statement; however, he reminded Council members that the fact that the holiday weekend would be extended by a shutdown day for the executive branch presented an obstacle for completing some fiscal notes.

No Council action was required on this item.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS****Item #1: Request from Judiciary Committee for Council Authorization of a Staff Study on Federal and State Access Laws**

Rep. Farnsworth, who was present, stated that an interim study would be the most cost-effective way to do the necessary research.

Motion: That the request be tabled pending the Council's review of all study requests. (Motion by Speaker Martin; second by Rep. Whitcomb; unanimous).

**Item #2: Requests to Carry Bills Over to the Second Regular Session**

In response to a question, Sally Tubbesing reported that the list included requests from Committees to carry over 35 bills. Rep. Whitcomb asked if the Council had considered reviewing all of the carry over requests it had already approved and perhaps paring the list. Rep. Gwadosky responded that he did not think the total number approved for carry over was unusual given the Committees' intense participation in the budget process.

Motion: That all of the requests be approved. (Motion by President Dutremble; second by Sen. Carpenter; unanimous).

**Item #3: After Deadline Bill Requests**

After deadline requests were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m., on the motion of Sen. Carpenter.