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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL Lynn Randall
Legislative Council Info.

March 7, 1994

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of February 9, 1994, Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Personnel Committee

Committee on State House Space

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Submission of Reports pursuant to Statute

- Maine Harness Racing Commission Annual Report for 1993. (submitted by Philip M. Tarr, Chair, pursuant to 8 MRSA § 267).
- Violence Among Children, Adolescents and Young Adults in Maine: Part I (submitted by the Division of Maternal and Child Health, Department of Human Services pursuant to Resolves of 1993, Chapter 22).

Item #2: Requests for Introduction of After Deadline Bills

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

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REP. DAN A. GWADOSKY
CHAIR

SEN. DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE
VICE-CHAIR



STATE OF MAINE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SEN. DONALD E. ESTY, JR.
SEN. PAMELA L. CAHILL
SEN. BEVERLY MINER BUSTIN
SEN. DAVID L. CARPENTER
REP. PAUL F. JACQUES
REP. WALTER E. WHITCOMB
REP. PATRICK E. PARADIS
REP. STEPHEN M. ZIRNKILTON

SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY

February 9, 1994

Approved March 7, 1994

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, called the Council meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. in the Taxation Committee hearing room.

ROLL CALL

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| Senators: | President Dutremble, Sen. Esty, Sen. Cahill, Sen. Bustin, Sen. Carpenter |
| Representatives: | Speaker Gwadosky, Rep. Jacques, Rep. Whitcomb, Rep. Paradis, Rep. Zirnkilton |
| Legislative Officers: | Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Martha Freeman, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House |

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Summary of the January 20 Council meeting was approved and placed on file. (Motion by President Dutremble; second by Sen. Esty; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: New Employees

Sally Tubbesing drew Council members' attention to the notice they had received earlier in the week that both the vacant attorney positions in the Revisor's Office had been filled. Mark Swanson began his new duties on January 31; and Edward Charbonneau will join the staff on February 14.

Since the Council had previously approved filling these two positions as soon as possible, no formal Council action was required at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, proceeded to this section of the agenda -- out of order -- without objection.

Item #1: Submission of Reports Pursuant to Statute

- Study and Analysis of the No-Age Disability Plan (submitted by the Maine State Retirement System).
- Certification Requirements for Clinical Assistants in Chiropractic Practice (submitted by Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Arthur R. Selander, D.C., Chairperson).

Motion: That these reports be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Esty; second by Rep. Paradis; unanimous.)

Item #2: Requests for Introduction of After-Deadline Bills

Before proceeding with the list of After Deadline bill requests, the Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, noted that he and the Senate President had focussed considerable attention on the status of bill drafting in recent days and that it had been the primary focus of a meeting with all Committee Chairs. He reported that the Revisor's Office still had approximately 100 bills that had not yet been released for printing, adding that about 1/3 of these were bills initiated by the Governor and/or departments; about 1/3 were after deadline bills that the Council had previously approved; and the remaining third were bills that were in the sponsor review/revision cycle. He then turned to Margaret Matheson, who reported that her office was working very hard to rush all of the remaining bills out and that staff in both her office and OPLA had worked over

the weekend and at night to accomplish this. She stressed that one of the keys to their success in getting bills out was the support of the presiding officers -- and all of leadership -- in encouraging sponsors to sign their bills and take any additional changes directly to committee in the form of proposed amendments.

The Council then proceeded to consider after deadline requests. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

Following the Council's consideration of After Deadline requests the Chair proceeded to take up those items on the agenda that had been temporarily deferred.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on the Allocation of Legislative Space

President Dutremble, Chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee had met in his office the previous Friday to consider the new Speaker's recommendation regarding a temporary assignment of space on the 4th floor to the outgoing Speaker, Rep. Martin. He noted that members of the Committee included Senators Bustin and Carpenter, Rep. Whitcomb, the Council's newest member, Rep. Jacques, and himself. In addition, Speaker Gwadosky is an ex officio member of this Committee.

He informed the Council that, after extended discussion, the Committee had voted unanimously to present two recommendations to the full Council, which he then presented in the form of motions:

Motion: That space be made available to Representative John Martin for the purpose of going through his files to ensure an orderly transition in the Speaker's Office; and that this space be available for use for this purpose for the duration of the Second Regular Session. (Motion by President Dutremble; second by Rep. Jacques).

Rep. Whitcomb noted that the intent of the motion was that the space be available for the stated purpose only through adjournment sine die. The motion was approved 8-1.

Motion: That the Committee on the Allocation of Legislative Space meet within the next month to review the longer term use of the 4th floor offices most recently assigned to the Maine-Canadian Office, the Democratic Caucus for Reapportionment, and the House Reporters; and, further, that any reassignment of these spaces be subject to a formal vote by both the Committee and the full Legislative Council. (Motion by President Dutremble; second by Sen. Carpenter; unanimously).

President Dutremble then noted that the "Space Committee" was scheduled to meet the following Monday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m., on the motion of the Chair.



Governor
John R. McKernan, Jr.
Commissioner
Bernard W. Shaw

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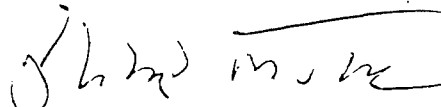
January 28, 1994

Bernard W. Shaw, Commissioner
Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
State House Station #28
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Commissioner Shaw:

Pursuant to Title 8 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, § 267, sub-§ 2, I am pleased to submit to you the Maine Harness Racing Commission ANNUAL REPORT for 1993.

Respectfully submitted,


Philip M. Tarr, Chair

Enclosure: Maine State Harness Racing Commission Annual Report for
1993

cc: The Honorable John R. McKernon, Jr., Governor
The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture
Sarah C. Tubbesing, Executive Director of the Legislative Council

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January 28, 1994

Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture
State House Station #115
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Carey & Representative Daggett and Senator Paradis and
Representative Tardy:

Pursuant to Title 8 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, § 274-A,
sub-§ 8, I am pleased to submit to you the Maine State Harness Racing
Commission 1993 annual report on the effect of off-track betting facilities.
This report has been incorporated as part of the Commission's ANNUAL
REPORT for 1993 on its operations and activities and can be found in Part II,
Section I of the enclosed annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip M. Tarr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Philip M. Tarr, Chair

Enclosure: Maine State Harness Racing Commission Annual Report for
1993

cc: The Honorable John R. McKernon, Jr., Governor
Bernard W. Shaw, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Food
and Rural Resources

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John R. McKernan, Jr.

Governor



Jane Sheehan

Commissioner

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

February 15, 1994

Representative Sharon Treat
Senator Judy Paradis
Human Resources Committee
State House Station # 2
Augusta, Maine

Dear Senatro Paradis and Representative Treat,

It is with pleasure that I present to you the report Violence Among Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults in Maine, Part I. This report provides a review of the literature, overarching recommendations, and an analysis of Maine data describing the problem of violence. Part II of the report will be presented to you soon. It will provide in-depth recommendations which may serve as a plan for legislative action.

You will find from the report that violence among our youth is a growing problem in Maine. If we are to halt the spread of violence among our youth, we must take action now. The report recommends a public health approach to address this problem including improved data collection and surveillance, further analysis, review of policies and enactment of legislative measures. Youth must be included in formulating solutions if we are to be successful. We must all work together both at the state and local level if we are to make a difference.

Staff of the Division of Maternal and Child Health took the lead in developing this study. As you will see, this is an interdepartmental effort. Please feel free to contact me at 287-3201 or Cheryl DiCara or DeEtte Hall at 287-3311. We all hope that you will find this report useful in your work to improve the health of Maine's children.

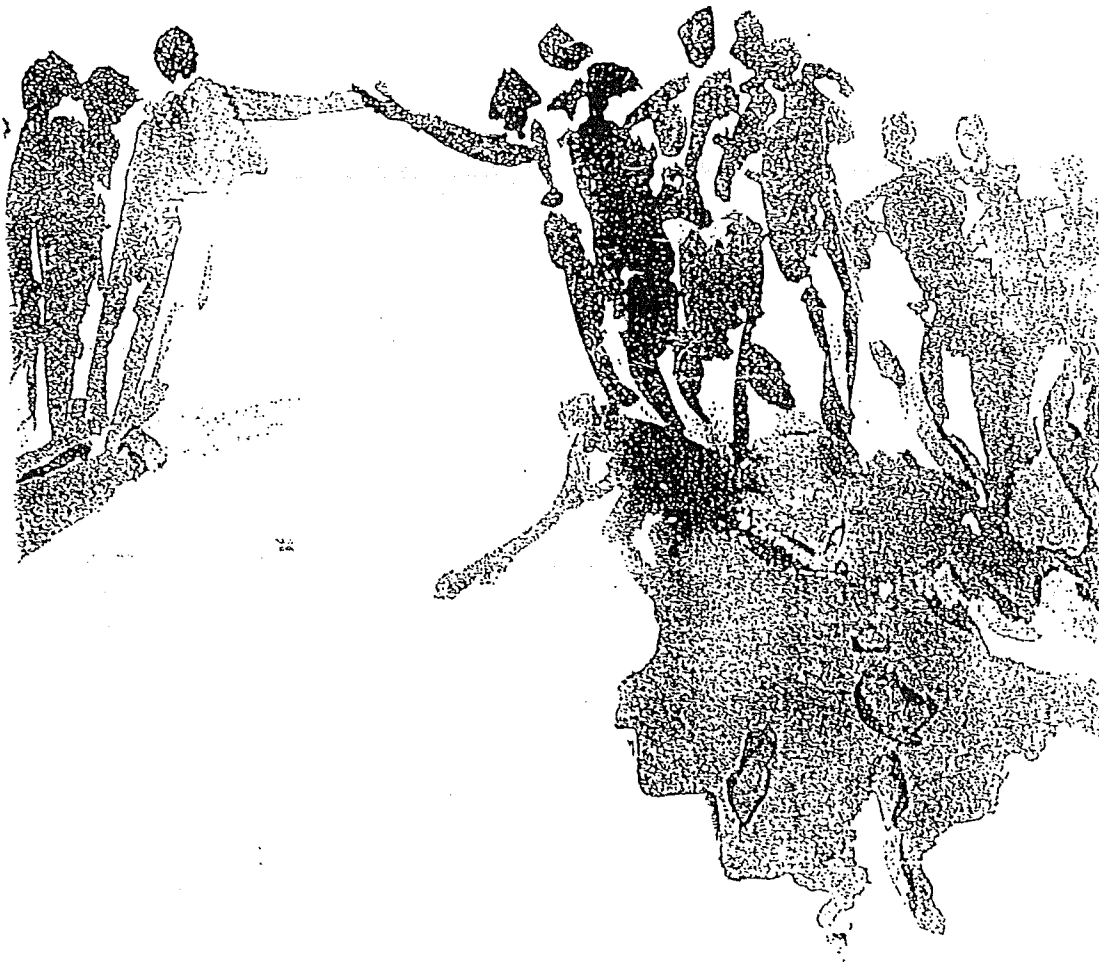
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lani Graham".

Lani Graham MD, MPH, Director
Bureau of Health

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
March 4, 1994**

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Conley, Jr.

LR 3266 An Act Relating to Pardons

SPONSOR: Sen. Dutremble, Dennis L.

LR 3283 An Act to Create the Maine Economic Renewal
Investment Trust

SPONSOR: Rep. Farnsworth

LR 3262 An Act to Establish a Motor Vehicle Emissions
Revolving Loan Fund

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos

LR 3261 Resolve, to Create the Commission on the Retention
of the S.D. Warren Facility in Westbrook

SPONSOR: Rep. Martin, John L.

LR 3260 An Act to Encourage the Processing of Off-grade
Potatoes in Aroostook County

SPONSOR: Rep. Michael

LR 3267 An Act to Allow for Minority Parties to Submit the
Names of their Presidential Candidates to the Secretary
of State Consistent with Deadlines for Republican and
Democratic Candidates

SPONSOR: Rep. Spear

LR 3279 An Act to Amend the Maine Milk Commission Law and
the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Act

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Marshall

LR 3280 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO CEASE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ANY MILITARY
ACTIVITY NOT AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS

SPONSOR: Rep. Kilkelly

LR 2529 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE
LAW DESIGNATING THE METRIC SYSTEM AS THE SYSTEM FOR
NATIONAL COMMERCE AND TRADE

(Note: This request was rejected at initial screening)

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SPONSOR: Rep. Ahearne **TABLED**
02/09/94

LR 3227 An Act Regarding Handicapped Registration Plates

SPONSOR: Rep. Coffman **TABLED**
02/09/94

LR 3212 An Act to Prevent Price Gouging and Windfall Profits
for Vehicle and Home Heating Fuels

SPONSOR: Sen. Conley, Jr. **TABLED**
02/09/94

LR 3244 An Act Regarding Criminal Records

SPONSOR: Rep. Faircloth **TABLED**
02/09/94

LR 3239 An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Judicial Review
of Protective Custody Cases

SPONSOR: Rep. Gray **TABLED**
11/06/93

LR 3114 An Act to Stabilize the Economic Impact of Timber
Exports on the Timber Industry

SPONSOR: Sen. Kieffer **TABLED**
02/09/94

LR 3258 An Act to Encourage and Assist the Private Sector
in Reducing Health Care Costs

SPONSOR: Rep. Whitcomb **TABLED**
01/20/94

LR 3135 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution
of Maine to Impose the Responsibility for Determining
Election Results of Disputed House and Senate Elections
to the Judicial Branch

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Brannigan **TABLED**
02/09/94

LR 3252 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO ACT
EXPEDITIOUSLY ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

ADDENDUM

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
March 7, 1994**

Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Aikman

LR 3284 An Act to Clarify the Property Tax Laws Related to
Tax Exemptions

SPONSOR: Rep. Coffman

LR 2947 An Act Requiring Reduced Tuition for Maine Residents
in the University of Maine System

(NOTE: This request was rejected at initial screening.)

LR 3292 An Act to Require Lobbyists to Wear Identification
of the Industries they Represent

LR 3293 An Act to Require State Departments to Furnish
Requested Statistical Information to State Legislators

LR 3294 An Act to Eliminate the Public Utilities and Establish
the Citizens Utility Board

LR 3295 An Act to Extend the Adjournment Date of the
Legislature to June 20th

LR 3296 An Act to Require an Independent Investigation of the
University of Maine Athletic Department by the
Attorney General

LR 3297 An Act to Require the Renegotiation of all Contracts
Between Independent Power Producers and Utility
Companies with the Public Utilities Commission's
Involvement and Approval

LR 3298 An Act to Eliminate the Fresh Start Provision of the
Workers' Compensation Law

SPONSOR: Rep. Jacques

LR 3290 An Act Authorizing the Kennebec County Commissioners
to Issue Bonds in the Amount of \$1,500,000 for
Renovation of the City Court House in Augusta