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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Wednesday, July 27, 1994
REVISED AGENDA

Lynn Randall
Legislative Council Info.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of June 29, 1994, Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Martha Freeman, Director, Office of Policy & Legal
Analysis

Tim Glidden, Principal Analyst, Office of Policy &
Legal Analysis

Item #2: 1993 Laws of Maine, Volume 3

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Committee on Total Quality Management in the Legislature
(letter from Rep. Carol Kontos, Chair)

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Item #1: State House Dome Lighting: Progress Report

Item #2: International Association of French-Speaking
Parliamentarians

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request from the Maine State Museum for Authorization
to Use Capitol Park for a Civil War Encampment

Item #2: Request from the Office of Health Planning and
Development for Council Support of a Conference for
Legislators on Rural Health Issues (letter from Helen
Zidowecki, Director, Maine Office of Rural Health)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT



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

Wednesday, June 29, 1994

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, called the Legislative Council to order at 1:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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 Tim Glidden, Principal Analyst, 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 May 11, 1994, Council meeting was approved and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Jacques; second by Rep. Paradis; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Item #1: Resignation of Paul Saucier, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis

Ms. Tubbesing reported that Mr. Saucier, who has been a member of the staff for 6 years,

. She noted his significant contributions both to the Legislature's consideration of complex issues related to health care, welfare reform and social services -- issues made even more complex by the budget situation -- and within OPLA.

Finally, she informed Council members that she has accepted Martha Freeman's recommendation to promote John Kelley, a Researcher on the OPLA staff, to the vacant position created by Mr. Saucier's resignation and to delay filling the newly-vacant Research position until fall.

Motion: That Mr. Saucier's resignation be accepted with regret and that a letter be sent expressing the Council's appreciation for his outstanding service. (Motion by Sen. Carpenter; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Item #2: NCSL Skills Development Seminar: A "Debriefing"

Ms. Tubbesing reported that the Seminar, which had been held the previous week in Portland, had been one of the most successful ever in the opinion of NCSL staff. Attendance was high and participants included several members of both our own non-partisan staff and leadership staff, and the quality of the work sessions was uniformly high, a tribute, in part, to the participation of 3 members of our staff -- Paul Saucier, Lynn Randall and Julie Jones -- on the faculty. She noted that the success was due to the efforts of many members of the staff.

No Council action was required on this item.

Item #3: Restoration and Repair Projects: Progress Report

Ms. Tubbesing reported that both the restoration of the Retaining Wall and the repair and restoration of the Dome Ceiling were underway and on schedule. She noted that the clear plastic "chimney" which had been dropped from the 4th floor Rotunda to the 3rd floor had been installed at the specific request of the Risk Management Division as a safety precaution.

No Council action was required on this item.

Item #4: Legislative Council Policy Related to Fees for Publications

Ms. Tubbesing requested that this item be deferred.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Committee on Total Quality Management in the Legislature

The Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, reported that the Committee had met the previous week and that the new Chair, Representative Kontos, was in the process of reviewing the Committee's membership to ensure broad based participation by both legislators and staff. He reported that the Committee and its subcommittees were focussing on the orientation of new members and committee chairs and on issues related to security and access in the State House. The Committee is also scheduled to work on the development of a series of recommendations regarding the Legislative process for reviewing the budget.

No Council action was required on this item.

Item #2: Subcommittee to Review the Audit Process

Chair Gwadosky reported that the Subcommittee had met with the Audit Committee Chairs to discuss the implications of the legislation passed during the Second Regular Session for the Committee's work this summer and over the longer term. The Committee Chairs had presented a request for 19 additional meetings between now and December 1, 4 of which are required to complete work already underway on various licensing boards and the Saco River Commission. The remaining 15 meetings will be devoted to a review of particular issues related to the transition from an institutional service delivery model to one which is community-based, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Council members engaged in brief discussion, which centered on clarification of their action at the May meeting related to the Committee's work and their concern that the Committee concentrate on whether the actual direction of DMHMR's program and services is consistent with their stated commitment to a transition of community-based services.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the proposal presented by the Audit Committee, which includes 19 additional meetings and study of the following issues in the Department of Mental Health & Mental Retardation:

- Key administrative and management issues within the Department; and
- The Department's general administration and management of services surrounding the implementation of the transition from an institutional model to one which is community-based; and what services are being delivered to persons in need of these services;

and further, that the Committee complete all of its work no later than December 1; and finally, that the Subcommittee meet with the Audit Committee Chairs in September to assess the Committee's progress to date.

(Motion by Rep. Jacques; second by Sen. Esty; approved unanimously. Note: the original motion included a "friendly amendment" offered by Sen. Bustin. The Council did not voted on this amendment separately.)

Following the vote, the Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, reminded Council members that they would be taking up the longer term issues related to the audit function later in the fall.

Item #3: Personnel Committee

Speaker Gwadosky, who chairs the Committee, met that morning to discuss 3 issues:

- A request for maternity leave under the Legislature's Income Protection:

MOTION: That the Legislative Council authorize coverage under the Income Protection Plan to eligible legislative employees as recommended. (Motion by Sen. Dutremble; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

- Discussion of the process the Committee will use this year to conduct performance reviews for the non-partisan Office Directors and the Executive Director. Speaker Gwadosky, noting that the statute provides that individuals hired into these positions be appointed by the Council for 3-year terms, reported that 3 of the Directors -- Lynn, Martha and Sally -- will complete terms at various points during the summer. Thus, the Committee will make recommendations to the Council regarding their reappointment in conjunction with their annual performance reviews. He stated that the Committee had set aside 2 dates in July and August for completion of the reviews of all 5 Directors.
- Consideration of NCSL's recommendations regarding the reclassification of certain legislative positions. Speaker Gwadosky reported that the Committee had spent considerable time discussing these recommendations and decided that they need additional discussion before making recommendations to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: State House Dome: Exterior Lighting

The Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, drew members' attention to the letter from Governor McKernan, which offered a contribution of \$15,000 to the Dome Ceiling Restoration project for the purpose of bringing proper lighting to the entire dome. Ms. Tubbesing reported that a representative from the Governor's Office would be attending a meeting to discuss options for lighting the Dome the following day. Others who will attend that meeting including the architect, the electrical engineer, Earle Shettleworth, and James Keil, Director of the Bureau of General Services. Council members directed Ms. Tubbesing to continue to work to achieve a successful collaboration on this project.

Item #2: Proposal to Further Automate Senate and House Chamber Operations

Chair Gwadosky requested clarification about the current status of the project. Clerk of the House, Joe Mayo, responded that he had met with Sen. Esty following the last Council meeting to attempt to answer his questions about the proposed project. He reported that the International Roll Call Corporation was ready to begin work as soon as the Council had authorized it.

Council members expressed both an interest in proceeding with the project (Sen. Bustin) and the desire for a more concise plan before proceeding (Sen. Cahill).

In the discussion what continued, Council members expressed a variety of opinions and concerns:

General Design of the System

- The detailed design of the system cannot be completed until the Council authorizes the project: it involves extensive time and research by both the International Roll Call Corporation and the electrical engineer, neither of whom is willing to proceed with the level of effort required until they are assured that they will be paid for their efforts (Joy O'Brien).
- Concern about how the proposed system would change the appearance of the Senate Chamber and some traditions of the process: Although she expressed support for the concept of connecting the Senate and House electronically, she is opposed to automating the roll call function itself (Sen. Cahill). Ms. O'Brien responded that going forward with this project would not preclude continuing to call the roll rather than recording the vote electronically.
- The decision about whether or not the Senate should have an electronic board is a Senate decision, not a Council decision.

Electrical Work

- The proposed automation project would involve some electrical work, which would require the Senate carpet to be taken up. It is not possible to develop a specific cost for either scope of electrical work until the carpet has been pulled back and the wiring exposed. Because pulling back the carpet involves expense and disruption, the proposal involves doing some additional electrical work - beyond that directly required by this project. The additional work would be consistent with the recommendations of the State House master plan which is currently being developed. (Joe Mayo; Joy O'Brien)

- The current estimate for the total scope of the electrical work - without the detailed knowledge that will be acquired once the carpet has been taken up is \$20,000. This portion of the project would be paid from funds set aside by the Council in 1994 for electrical improvements on the 3rd floor -- work that had been deferred until the master plan had been completed. (Sally Tubbesing)
- Thus, this work will be done with funds previously approved by the Council and set aside for this purpose. (Rep. Jacques)

Cost

- The cost of the proposed project is \$310,000, the payment of which will be spread out over a 5-year period. (Joy O'Brien; Rep. Jacques; Speaker Gwadosky)

Timing

- The project will have to be deferred until after the 1st Regular Session of the 117th Legislature unless the Council approves it today due to the amount of work involved. (Joy O'Brien)
- It is important to put the cost of this project in perspective: the cost is approximately half of the cost of the restoration of the State House Retaining Wall, and will be spread over 5 years. (Speaker Gwadosky).

The Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, summarized the discussion and expressed his opinion that the Council needs to be proactive and forward thinking about the Legislature. He stated that this project was a key element in achieving the integration of the Legislature's information systems, a goal that this Council and its predecessors had consistently identified as a high priority. Sen. Esty stressed that it is important that the two projects (chamber automation and the additional electrical work) both be done. Together, they will accomplish both increased efficiency of operation and improve safety.

Motion: That the Council authorize the project as presented. (Motion by Sen. Bustin; second by President Dutremble; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Requests for Use of Capitol Park

- Sportsman's Alliance of Maine on July 2, to conclude a march in support of Second Amendment rights
- Maine Army National Guard on August 6, to conduct a Change of Command Ceremony
- Governor McKernan on September 7, for Annual State Employee Recognition picnic

Motion: That all three requests be approved. (Motion by President Dutremble; second by Rep. Jacques).

Discussion:

At the Chair's request, Ms. Tubbesing briefly reviewed the procedures for reviewing requests to approve the use of Capitol Park for special events. She noted that requests to use the Park were directed to Don Sutter, Director of Capitol Police; and applicants are required to complete an application form. Chief Sutter and his staff review the application in collaboration with the Superintendent of Grounds identifying any special concerns, including issues related to safety, security, and sanitation. The application is then forwarded to the Council with a recommendation to approve, to approve with stipulations, or to deny. In response to a question from Sen. Esty about whether there would be any grounds to deny a request, Council members agreed that they could all think of uses of the Park that they would not approve. This discussion also produced consensus that it is important to keep requests to use the Park within the Council's purview.

The vote was taken, and the motion approved unanimously.

Item #2: Requests from Joint Standing Committees for Council Authorization to Meet:

- Education Committee to meet to discuss appointees to the Committee to Study Organizational and Tax Issues in Public Schools as required by law (P.L., Ch. 684)

Motion: That the request be approved. (Motion by Rep. Jacques; second by Sen. Bustin; unanimous).

- Legal Affairs Committee to meet with the Liquor and Lottery Commission regarding a proposed change in the Tri-State Megabucks

Motion: The Chair, Speaker Gwadosky, recognized Senator Carey, the Senate Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs. Sen. Carey reported that the Lottery Commission had requested a meeting with the Committee to discuss proposed changes in the Tri State Megabucks game.

Motion: That the Council approve payment of per diem and expenses to the members of the Legal Affairs Committee for one meeting. (Motion by Rep. Jacques; second by Sen. Cahill; unanimous).

Item #3: Requests to Authorize Payment of Annual Dues to the International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians (A.I.P.L.F.)

Senate President Dutremble reported that he had been asked by Sen. Judy Paradis to bring this item before the Council. Sen. Paradis had informed him that Maine had not paid its dues for several years, and that unless Maine paid its dues of \$2,000 for the current year, it would no longer be considered a member in good standing. After brief discussion, Council members asked Ms. Tubbesing to obtain additional information from the organization.

Motion: That the item be tabled. (Motion by Sen. Cahill, second by Rep. Jacques; unanimous).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. on the motion of Sen. Cahill (seconded by Sen. Bustin).

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July 19, 1994

TO: Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Chair
and Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Sally *Sally*

SUBJECT: Laws of Maine for the Second Regular Session
(Item #2, Director's Report)

I wanted to draw Council members' attention to the fact that Volume 3 of the Laws of Maine, which includes the Legislature's work from the Second Regular Session is out. This is noteworthy for two reasons:

1. The first shipment, which included enough copies for all legislators, was delivered on July 12, two days before the effective date for most of the laws. This is the first time in the 12 publication cycles that I have been here that we have achieved this; indeed, for many years, we have still been struggling with the printer to get the initial delivery the week after the effective date.
2. This volume represents another successful application of computer technology to legislative products. For the first time, we provided camera-ready copy to the printer, using PC-based software. This allowed us to renegotiate our original contract for the printing of the Laws for the 2nd Regular Session and to obtain a 23% reduction in the price per page - or a savings of about \$10,000.

The success of this project is directly attributable to the close collaboration between the Revisor's Office and the Information Office required to use the new software successfully; -- a collaboration led by Polly Gosselin in the Revisor's Office and Janet Grard in the Information Systems Office -- to the hard work of both the staff in the Revisor's Office and Linda Gay, our Legislative Indexer; and to Meg's overall leadership.

I'm sure that Meg would be happy to answer any questions you or the Council may have about the book.

cc: Margaret Matheson
Gerry Thibault
Linda Gay



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
Augusta, Maine 04333

**COMMITTEE ON TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT
IN THE LEGISLATURE**

July 20, 1994

Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Chair
and Members of the Legislative Council
Legislative Council
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gwadosky and Members of the Legislative Council:

I am writing to give you a brief report of the current work of the Legislature's Committee on Total Quality Management.

Since the Legislature adjourned in April, the Committee has focussed on structuring its work for the remainder of the interim. With the major turnover in the Legislature that we face this fall, we have put our highest priority on projects related to the orientation of new members. We now have two subcommittees working on orientation issues -- a Subcommittee on New Member Orientation, chaired by Clerk of the House Joe Mayo, and a Subcommittee on Committee Orientation, chaired by Representative Anne Larrivee. Both of these Subcommittees are developing recommendations to extend and expand the orientation program that has been used in past years, with the objective of equipping new members to fulfill their legislative duties. Both Subcommittees are drawing on current and former legislators, legislative staff, lobbyists and other interested parties to develop their proposals. It is our goal to have recommendations regarding orientation for the Council's review in September so that there is time to proceed with their implementation before November.

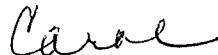
A third Subcommittee on Issues Related to Access and Security in the State House is chaired by Sally Tubbesing. That Subcommittee has placed its highest priority on developing emergency evacuation plans and procedures to fill a critical gap in our current system. The Subcommittee will also explore other issues related to security and access, again, with the goal of presenting recommendations to the full TQM Committee and the Council in the fall.

Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Chair
and Members of the Legislative Council
July 20, 1994
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Finally, we are near completion of our review of the 'new' budget process. This review has produced a series of findings that we will also present to the Council this fall so that the 117th Legislature can benefit from our trials, errors and successes.

Our committee members have embarked upon our ambitious schedule with energy, enthusiasm and a commitment to continuous improvement. We recognize the importance of the Council's support of our efforts and look forward to discussing our recommendations with you in the fall.

Sincerely,



Carol Kontos, Chair
Committee on Total Quality
Management in the Legislature

cc: Members of the TQM Committee

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July 19, 1994

TO: Dan A. Gwadosky, Chair
and Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Sally *Sally*

SUBJECT: Dome Lighting

As I reported at the June Council meeting, a group, including Andy MacLean from the Governor's Office and Jim Keil, Director, Bureau of General Services, met on June 30 to review options for lighting the Dome. Larry Bartlett, who is our electrical and mechanical consultant, discussed a variety of approaches to the problem. After discussion, the group reached consensus on an approach, using the enclosed diagram.

As a result of the Governor's participation, the current scope of work on the Dome will include:

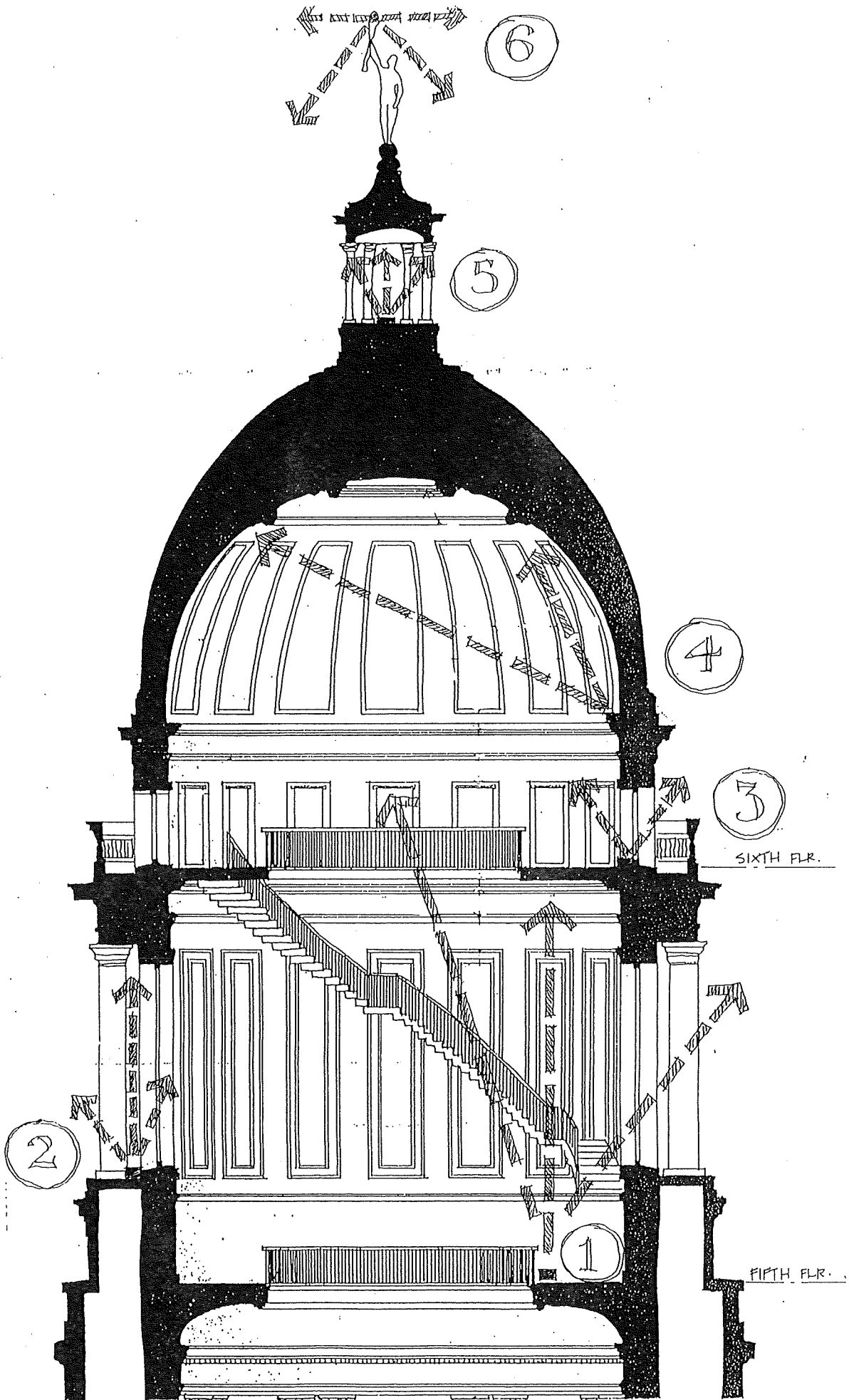
#1 and #2: Light fixtures will be placed at the fifth floor level of the Rotunda; and the effect will be to not only cast light on the lower interior surface of the Dome, but illuminate the columns of the Dome from the outside as well. The Governor has committed \$15,000.00 from funds available to him to fund this portion of the work.

#3: This involves additional lighting at the base of the columns on the 6th level. Again, its effect will be visible from both inside and outside the State House. The cost is included in the current scope of work.

#4: This was also in the original scope of work and involves replacing the lights that were installed when the Dome was reconstructed in 1910.

#5 and #6: The consensus was to carry power to #5; but to not proceed with the installation of actual lighting fixtures at this time. This decision is based on a variety of factors, including the inaccessibility of the Statue of Wisdom; FAA regulations; and energy conservation issues.

Again, I am pleased to report that there was not only consensus regarding the approach, but a genuine excitement that the project will help everyone share the grace and dignity of the architecture of the State House Dome.





THE MAINE SENATE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SENATOR DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE
President of the Senate

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June 29, 1994

TO: Honorable Dan Gwadosky, Chair
and Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Dennis L. Dutremble *DD*
President of the Senate

SUBJECT: Maine's Participation in the International Association
of French-Speaking Parliamentarians

The Maine Legislature has been a member of the International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians (Association internationale de parlementaires francophones) for many years. This organization provides us with an important opportunity to work with legislative colleagues throughout the world with whom we share both a representative form of legislative assembly and a cultural tradition. Former Speaker John Martin was active in the Association for many years; and Senator Judy Paradis has represented Maine more recently at the Association's annual meeting, which is in New Brunswick this year.

It has recently come to my attention that Maine has not paid its dues to the Association for several years. While the Association, recognizing our severe budget constraints, has encouraged us to remain active in the organization, we have been asked to pay our dues for 1994 in the amount of \$2,000 in order to retain our active status. I have been assured that this will fully restore Maine's active status and that the Association has no intention of trying to recover our dues for past years at a future date.

I strongly recommend that the Legislative Council approve payment of our 1994 Annual dues and hope my fellow Council members will support this recommendation.

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July 19, 1994

TO: Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky, Chair
and Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Sally *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Legislature's Participation in the International
Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians
(A.I.P.L.F.)

Since the last Council meeting, I have done some further research related to the International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians as you had requested. I have spoken with both Senator Paradis and Representative Martin, obtained the enclosed letter from the Association, and reviewed some material provided by the Association, testing my French comprehension skills!

The Association is, as its name would indicate, a worldwide association of French-speaking legislators, founded in 1967 to promote dialogue among French-speaking countries related to their governmental process and to their economic, social and cultural activities. Its members are legislatures from countries where the official language is French or where there is a significant French-speaking population. Sixty countries and provinces belong to the Association, and three states are associate members -- Maine, New Hampshire, and Louisiana; the dues structure for the member countries and the Canadian provinces is based on total population; some members pay annual dues of \$100,000 or more. The AIPLF created a special associate membership category for the 3 states in 1992, with annual dues of \$2,000 per State. Maine has never paid these dues.

The enclosed letter indicates that unless Maine pays dues for the current year, we will no longer be able to participate in the organization. As you recall, the Association's Annual meeting is in New Brunswick, August 13-18; and Senator Paradis is planning to attend if the Council authorizes payment of the dues. Both Senator Paradis and Representative Martin stressed the importance of this affiliation for Maine, given the boundaries we share with Canadian provinces that have significant French-speaking populations.

Enclosures

cc: Honorable Judy Paradis
Honorable John L. Martin

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SECRÉTARIAT GÉNÉRAL

ASSEMBLÉE INTERNATIONALE
DES PARLEMENTAIRES DE LANGUE FRANÇAISE

Paris, le 2 Juin 1994

Monsieur John L. MARTIN
Président de la Chambre des
représentants
Président de la section du Maine de
l'AIPLF
SPEAKER'OFFICE
State House Station 2
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Monsieur le Président,

A l'examen des comptes de notre Assemblée, il apparaît que votre section n'est pas à jour de ses cotisations depuis 2 ans, soit un total de sommes dues s'élevant à 24 800 F, y compris les abonnements à la revue.

Conformément à la décision du Bureau et pour faire suite à la demande de la Commission politique et de l'Administration générale, je m'adresse à vous pour vous signaler cette situation et pour attirer votre attention sur certains articles de notre Règlement concernant les obligations des sections membres.

En effet, le Règlement de l'AIPLF prévoit les dispositions suivantes :

Art 19.5 :

" Le Bureau peut, à l'encontre de toute section qui n'honorait pas pendant deux années consécutives ses obligations financières (contribution, droits de chancellerie, abonnement à la revue), prononcer selon le cas :

- l'impossibilité de participer aux programmes de l'Assemblée (stages, colloques, missions, etc),*
- l'impossibilité de présenter des propositions dans l'Ordre de la Pléiade. "*

Art. 19.6 :

" Aucune section ne peut participer aux votes à l'assemblée plénière si elle ne s'est acquittée des contribution dues par elle depuis un an. "

Aussi afin que vous puissiez participer pleinement aux travaux de notre prochaine session plénière qui aura lieu à Paris du 11 au 13 juillet 1994, il conviendrait que votre section soit à jour de ses cotisations au moins pour les années 1993 et 1994. Les sommes correspondantes devront parvenir au Secrétariat général au plus tard le 30 juin 1994.

.../...

De plus, les sections membres du Bureau sont concernées par l'art. 19.7 qui prévoit que :

" Les sections membres du Bureau sont tenues d'être en règle de leurs obligations. Dans le cas contraire, le Bureau peut prononcer la déchéance".

Compte tenu de ces observations, je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir me faire savoir si votre situation par rapport à la trésorerie est due à un manque d'intérêt pour l'AIPLF ou si elle est due à des oublis ou des difficultés momentanées qui ne mettent cependant pas en cause votre volonté politique de rester membre de notre Assemblée.

Au moment où l'AIPLF s'est vue confier le rôle d'Assemblée consultative de la Francophonie, il serait incompréhensible si, par suite de la persistance de situations ambiguës, notre fonctionnement interne n'était pas à la hauteur de notre mission.

Persuadé que vous comprendrez ma démarche, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'assurance de ma haute considération.



Carlo MEINTZ
Trésorier



MAINE STATE MUSEUM

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July 6, 1994

Legislative Council
Maine State Legislature
State House Station #115
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Subject: Request for Permission to hold an event in Capitol Park

Attachment: Copy of "Capitol Area Activity Permit Request, dated July 6, 1994

Honorable Members:

The Maine State Museum, and our non-profit support group Friends of the Maine State Museum, are engaged in an effort to provide better care for, and interpretation of the State's Historic flag collection. This effort, "Save Maine's Colors", has raised \$30,444 so far. This money has already purchased a special flag storage cabinet, purchased film and materials for publication quality (overall and detail) photography of the flags now in storage, and done a great deal to publicize the collection and the need for care. This is a good start but we have a long way to go.

The attached Activity Permit Request has been submitted to the Department of Public Safety for permission to sponsor an improved version of last September's Civil War Encampment. This year's dates are planned as 16 through 18 September 1994. I am requesting your authorization for use of Capitol Park for this encampment. This will be an educational event but we will also pass around the donation bucket.

Last year the site was left very neat. The Friends of the Maine State Museum will again arrange for sanitary facilities, trash removal, landscaping repairs, etc.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph R. Phillips".

Joseph R. Phillips
Museum Director

John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

July 26, 1994

Representative Dan A. Gwadosky
Chairman, Legislative Council
Office of the Speaker
House of Representatives
State House Station #2
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Representative Gwadosky:

Changes in health care services have specific impact on people living in rural areas. Legislators influence the delivery of services in rural areas.

A conference for Legislators on Rural Health Issues is being planned for November 29 or November 30. The focus of the conference is on the changing health care needs and resources in Maine, specifically in rural areas, and the challenges that health care issues bring. The conference is being planned to include panel discussions by consumers, providers and payers of health care services.

In addition, we are preparing resource information regarding delivery of health care services throughout the state, including hospitals, long term care services, emergency medical services, and primary care services. Concerns of various constituency groups will be addressed, including those of children, the elderly, the mentally ill, and persons with low income. The intent is to discuss the current rural health delivery system as background for intensive state and national discussion on health care reform.

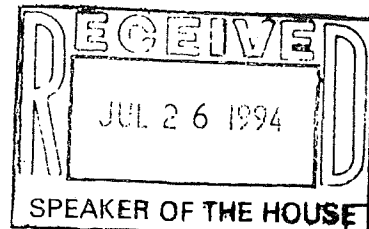
The planning group, facilitated by the Maine Office of Rural Health, would like the Legislative Council to support this conference as an official activity for legislators. We are planning the conference for a full day. A preliminary draft of the schedule is attached.

We also would like to hold the conference in the House Chambers, if that is possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Helen Zidowecki
Director
Maine Office of Rural Health



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RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE FOR LEGISLATORS : CHANGES AND CHALLENGES [DRAFT]

PURPOSES:

To increase awareness of "RURAL" as different, so that the impact on rural health service delivery system will be considered as health issues and legislation develop.

To establish a vehicle for dialogues and information flow:

Constituents to Legislator

Location of Information

Legislator to Constituents

- 9:30 AM SETTING THE STAGE: INTRODUCTIONS, WELCOME
- 10:00 AM THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE ISSUES AND HEALTH CARE REFORM
- 10:30 AM THE MAINE PICTURE: HEALTH CARE REFORM HISTORY AND FUTURE
Background Leading to the Development of the Health Care Commission
Commission Responsibilities, Timelines, Outcomes
Involvement of Legislators
- 11:00 AM PANEL 1: CONSUMERS
What changes have occurred or are occurring in the access to health services in the rural areas? How are these changes affecting rural residents? What are the challenges that face rural residents in obtaining adequate health care?
Special Populations, such as Children, the Elderly, Low Income, Mentally Ill
AARP
Consumers for Affordable Health Care
- NOON LUNCH will be provided for Legislators.
Visit Exhibits.
- 1:00 PM PANEL 2: PROVIDERS
What have been or are the changes in the delivery of health care services? What challenges do the changes in health care service delivery present for providers?
Hospitals
Health Centers
Home Health Services
Long Term Care Services
Change in Providers and Delivery Settings
Emergency Medical Services
- 2:30 PM PANEL 3: PAYERS
What changes are occurring in payment of health services? What is the impact of these changes for people residing in rural areas?
Panel of Public and Private payers
- 3:30 PM SO WHAT?
What are the implications of the changes on health care for legislators?
What information is needed to make decisions on health care issues?
- 4:00 PM ADJOURN

EXHIBITS will be open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.