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117th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

May 24, 1995

Approved June 7, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Senator Amero, called the Council meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. in Room 437, the Utilities and Energy Committee Room.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Butland, Sen. Lawrence, Sen. Kieffer, Sen. Bustin, Sen. Amero
Representatives:	Speaker Gwadosky, Rep. Jacques, Rep. Whitcomb, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Carleton
Legislative Officers:	Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian Grant Pennoyer, Principal Analyst, Office of Fiscal and Program Review David Boulter, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes May Ross, Secretary of the Senate Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House Millicent MacFarland, Assistant Clerk of the House

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of May 22, 1995, Council Meeting

Motion: That this item be tabled in order to give Council members an opportunity to review the Report. (Motion by Sen. Amero; second by Sen. Kieffer; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Requests from Joint Standing Committees to Carry Bills Over to the Second Regular Session (Tabled at May 22 Council meeting).

The Chair, Senator Amero, proposed that the Council employ the following procedures in reviewing the Committee's requests:

- Consider each Committee's recommendations in a single motion.
- Any Council member could request that any single bill be set aside to be voted upon individually.

Senator Amero further suggested that the Council give particular credence to those requests that had unanimous committee support.

The Council then reviewed requests from Committees to carry bills over to the Second Regular Session. A list summarizing the Council's action is attached to this Meeting Summary.

Note: The Council took no action at this meeting on the request from the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources to carry over LD 371, an Act to Abolish the Maine Health Care Finance Commission. However, a ballot was circulated on May 25, and the vote on the request to carry this bill over was 5-5; thus, the request was denied.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: After Deadline Requests

The Council considered after deadline requests. A summary of the Council's action on these requests is attached to this meeting summary.

Item #2: Request from Foster's Daily Democrat for Assignment of Space in the State House Press Center

At the Chair's request, Sally Tubbesing provided brief background for this item. Ms. Tubbesing reported that Mr. Rod Dogherty had recently contacted her to determine whether there was space available in the State House Press Center and to inquire about the process for applying for assignment of space. Referring to a listing of current "tenants" in the Press Center, she indicated that there was space available since the Maine Times had recently decided to consolidate into a single office.

Sen. Amero then recognized Mr. Dogherty, who expressed his interest in having a full-time presence in the State House. He noted that Foster's Daily Democrat covers several Maine towns; and Rep. Carleton affirmed that the paper has a "significant presence" in southern Maine.

Motion: That Foster's Daily Democrat be assigned space in the Press Center. (Motion by Rep. Carleton; second by Sen. Kieffer; unanimous).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m., on the motion of Sen. Lawrence.