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117th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

April 2, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Senator Amero, called the Council to order at 11:20 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Butland, Sen. Kieffer, Sen. Lawrence, Sen. Amero, Sen. Bustin
Representatives:	Speaker Gwadosky, Rep. Jacques, Rep. Whitcomb, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Carleton
Legislative Officers:	Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review David Boulter, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Review of Study Bills on the Appropriations Table

Senator Amero drew Council members' attention to a list of bills that the Appropriations Committee had referred to the Council for review because they proposed studies to be conducted under the Council's oversight and with the support of non-partisan staff. Sally Tubbesing noted that the materials that had been distributed to members included copies of the "Engrosser" for each of the bills that incorporated the amendments that had been adopted to date.

Before proceeding with the consideration of each bill, Council members engaged in brief discussion which clarified the following:

- a) That all of the proposed studies included payment of per diem and expenses to legislative members of the study group. (Question raised by Rep. Mitchell)
- b) That the Appropriations Committee had set aside funds in the amount of \$16,330, an amount sufficient to fully fund the 4 bills. (Question raised by Sen. Amero)

The Council then proceeded to consider each of the bills; and the results are summarized on the enclosed table.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 11:46 p.m.