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118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

January 16, 1997

Approved February 27, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council to order at 2:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Lawrence; Sen. Pingree; Sen. Amero; Sen. Rand; Sen. Kieffer
Representatives:	Speaker Mitchell; Rep. Kontos; Rep. Saxl
	Absent: Rep. Donnelly; Rep. Campbell
Legislative Officers:	Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review David Boulter, 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

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: That the Summary of the December 5 Council meeting be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Kontos, second by Sen. Rand; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: The "Pace": Status Report on Drafting

Ms. Tubbesing turned to Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes, who reported that as of that morning, more than 250 bills had been sent up for introduction; more than 400 had been released for sponsor review and signature; and about 100 requests have been voided. She noted that these figures reflect that bill production is nearly double what it was 2 years ago.

No Council action was required on this item.

Item #2: Emergency Budget: Impact on Legislative Appropriations

"Emergency Budget" included a request for a $2 million to the Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance, a request which the Council had originally included in its Part I request for the fiscal 1998-1999 beinnium.

The Council took no formal action on this item at this time.

Item #3: Legislature's Strategic Plan: Status

Ms. Tubbesing noted that the deadline for submission of the Legislature's final Strategic Plan, as well as the performance budget for the Law Library, was February 1. The Chair asked Ms. Tubbesing to circulate the most recent draft of the Plan to Council members.

The Council took no formal action on this item.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Item #1: Review of Council Committees and Chairs' Appointments

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, drew members' attention to the appointments she had made to various Council Committees, including the Personnel Committee; the Committee on Legislative Facilities; the Committee on Legislative Information Technology; and a Search Committee for the newly-created position of Director, Legislative Information Services. A copy of those appointments is attached to these minutes.

This item did not require any further action.

Item #2: CSG/ERC Legislative Steering Committee

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, recognized Sen. Amero and Rep. Kontos, who co-chair the Steering Committee. Sen. Amero reported that in addition to the meeting in July, the ERC Executive Committee will meet in Portland March 7 - 9; a Subcommittee of the Steering Committee has been working to prepare for that meeting. The Steering Committee's top priority is identifying co-chairs for the Private Sector Host Committee for the summer meeting, who will have primary responsibility for raising the $125,000 that it is estimated will be required to support the activities for which Maine is responsible -- evening social events; a Junior Delegates' Program; and daytime activities for delegates' spouses. Rep. Kontos added that the anticipated attendance at the summer meeting will be 1,000 - 1,200 and that a successful conference will require everyone's help.

Speaker Mitchell noted that the Conference sounds like a wonderful opportunity and thanked both Sen. Amero and Rep. Kontos for their work.

No formal Council action was required on this item.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Part I Budget Request for Legislative Accounts: Status and Review

At Speaker Mitchell's request, Sally Tubbesing walked Council members through materials which compared the budget request originally submitted by the Council with the Governor's recommendations, which would require reductions in the "All Other" budget of nearly $1.3 million over the 1998-1999 fiscal biennium. She then drew members' attention to a list of possible reductions that she, Secretary of the Senate Joy O'Brien and Clerk of the House Joe Mayo had been asked by the Chair, Speaker Mitchell to prepare for purposes of discussion.

Speaker Mitchell reported that the Appropriations Committee had scheduled the public hearing on the Legislative request Friday, January 24 and that she would be scheduling a work session on the budget.

The Council took no formal action on this item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Judicial Compensation Commission: Submission of First Report

Motion: That the Commission's report be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Amero, second by Rep. Saxl, unanimous).

Item #2: Request from Senator Daggett for Extension of the Cloture Deadline for her Bills

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, recognized Sen. Daggett, who was present. After discussion, Council members agreed that the circumstances merited special consideration.

Motion: That the Council's rules requiring a roll call vote on each after deadline request be suspended for Sen. Daggett's bills. (Motion by Sen. Pingree; second by Sen. Kieffer; unanimous).

The results of the Council's action on Sen. Daggett's bill requests are included on the list attached to this Summary.

Item #3: Recommendation that the Legislative Council Join the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States. (Letter from Gerald E. Rudman, Chair, Advisory Committee on Gambling).

Motion: That the item be tabled, in Rep. True's absence. (Motion by Rep. Kontos, second by Rep. Saxl; unanimous).

RECESS

Motion: That the Council stand in recess until 4 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Rand; second by Rep. Kontos).

The Council recessed at 3:06 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, reconvened the Council meeting at 4:00 p.m.; and the Council resumed its consideration of agenda items under **New Business.**

NEW BUSINESS (con't)

Item #4: After Deadline Bill Requests

Requests to introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session were considered by the Legislative Council. A summary of the Council's action on these requests is attached to this meeting summary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m., on the motion of Rep. Saxl.

118th Legislative Council

Committee Membership

Personnel Committee

Representative Elizabeth H. Mitchell, **Chair**
Senator Mark W. Lawrence
Senator Jane A. Amero
Senator Anne M. Rand
Representative James O. Donnelly

Ex officio, non-voting:
Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate
Joe Mayo, Clerk of the House
Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director of the Legislative Council

Legislative Facilities Committee

Representative Michael V. Saxl, **Chair**
Senator Anne M. Rand
Senator R. Leo Kieffer
Representative Richard H. Campbell

Committee on Legislative Information Technology

Senator Chellie Pingree, **Chair**
Representative Joe Carleton, Jr., **Vice-Chair**
Senator R. Leo Kieffer
Senator I. Joel Abromson
Senator Robert E. Murray
Senator Sharon Anglin Treat

Representative Robert F. Fisk
Representative David Shiah
Representative Verdi Tripp
Representative John Vedral.

Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate
Joe Mayo, Clerk of the House
Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director
Director, Legislative Information Systems

Strategic Planning Working Group

(to be named)

CSG ERC Legislative Steering Committee

Senator Jane A. Amero, Co-Chair
Representative Carol A. Kontos, Co-Chair

Senator I. Joel Abromson
Senator John W. Benoit
Senator Jill M. Goldthwait
Senator Philip E. Harriman
Senator Judy A. Paradis
Senator Anne M. Rand

Representative Gerald N. Bouffard
Representative Robert A. Cameron
Representative Joseph G. Carleton, Jr.
Representative Thomas M. Davidson
Representative Jean Ginn Marvin
Representative Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Representative G. Steven Rowe

Muriel Mosher, Special Assistant, Senate Republican Office
Patricia Eltman, Chief of Staff, Speaker's Office
Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director of the Legislative Council

Member at Large: Vivian St.Onge

DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SERVICES

SEARCH COMMITTEE

January, 1997

Chair: Senator Mark W. Lawrence*

Senator Chellie Pingree
Senator Jane A. Amero
Representative Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Representative Carol A. Kontos
Representative Joe Carleton, Jr.*

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Margaret E. Matheson, Revisor of Statutes
Lynn E. Randall, State Law Librarian
Gerry Thibault, Manager, Information Systems
John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review*

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