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118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY

January 30, 1997

Approved February 27, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Lawrence; Sen. Pingree; Sen. Amero; Sen. Rand Absent: Sen. Kieffer
Representatives:	Speaker Mitchell; Rep. Kontos; Rep. Saxl; Rep. Campbell Absent: Rep. Donnelly,
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 Millie MacFarland, Assistant Clerk of the House

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing drew Council members' attention to the following item:

Item #1: Legislature's Strategic Plan and Performance Budget for the Law & Legislative Reference Library

Ms. Tubbesing stated that the Item requires Council action if the Council wished to meet the February 1 deadline for filing both a Final Strategic Plan and a Performance Budget for the Legislature's "pilot program" -- the Law and Legislative Reference Library. She recalled that a Draft Strategic Plan had been developed by a Committee working under the auspices of the 117th Legislative Council. She reported that the draft had been circulated both to members of the Legislature and to legislative staff and that the final draft incorporates several comments received during this review period.

Pilot Performance Budget

With regard to development of the Performance Budget for the Law Library, Ms. Tubbesing reported that Lynn Randall and Rose Breton had developed a budget within the guidelines, with the exception of benchmarks. At Speaker Mitchell's request, Ms. Randall briefly described the process she had used to allocate her budget to specific goals defined in the Legislature's Strategic Plan. The budget reflects the Governor's recommended budget for the Library.

Motion: That the Council approve submission of the Strategic Plan and the Pilot Performance Budget in their current form in order to meet the February 1 deadline. (Motion by Rep. Kontos; second by Sen. Rand).

Discussion: Discussion of the motion focussed on whether the Performance Budget for the Library should be submitted without benchmarks. David Boulter, OPLA Director, stressed that Strategic Plans should be viewed as dynamic documents and that it was important for the new Council to establish a process for continuing its work on its plan. Senator Rand suggested that Lynn Randall and Sally Tubbesing develop some benchmarks "in good faith" so that the performance budget would be in full compliance with the requirements; and Rep. Kontos agreed to amend her motion to incorporate draft proposed benchmarks. Sen. Amero expressed her concern that the Council not lose sight of the work that remains to be done to ensure that the Legislature's strategic plan is implemented.

Amended Motion: That the Council approve submission of the Strategic Plan and the Pilot Performance Budget, including draft proposed benchmarks to be developed by Lynn Randall and Sally Tubbesing, to meet the February 1 deadline. (Motion by Rep. Kontos; second by Sen. Rand; approved 7-0).

Ms. Tubbesing stated that she would distribute copies of the entire package that is submitted, including the benchmarks for the Library, to all Council members.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: After Deadline Requests

After deadline requests were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.