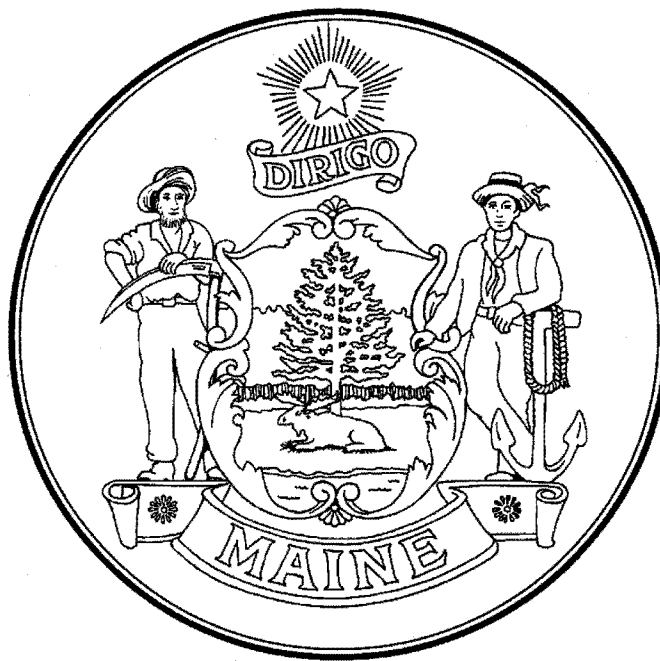


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118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY

March 18, 1997

Approved April 14, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council to order at 3:15 p.m., in the Natural Resources Committee Room (Room 437, State House).

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Lawrence, Sen. Pingree, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand, Sen. Kieffer
Representatives:	Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Kontos, Rep. Donnelly, Rep. Saxl, 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

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, with the consent of the members, proceeded directly to the report from the Search Committee for the Legislative Information Services Director.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Search Committee/Legislative Information Services Director

Since Senate President Lawrence, who chairs this committee was temporarily absent, Speaker Mitchell asked Sally Tubbesing to present the Committee's report. Ms. Tubbesing recapped the Committee's process, noting that the Committee had conducted formal interviews with four candidates the previous week. Senate President Lawrence, who had returned, reported that the Committee's final step had been to review Ms. Tubbesing's reports of reference checks and that the Committee had voted unanimously to recommend that the Council appoint Paul E. Mayotte to the position of Director of Legislative Information Services. Senator Lawrence drew members' attention to Mr. Mayotte's resume, which was included in the agenda packet, noting that Mr. Mayotte had been Director of Information Systems at Bath Iron Works and that he brings both extensive management experience and experience in a very complex technical environment to the Legislature. He introduced Mr. Mayotte, who was in attendance, and asked if Council members wished to direct any questions to him.

Motion: That the Council appoint Mr. Paul E. Mayotte to the position of Director of Legislative Information Services for a 3-year term, pursuant to statute, and that he be assigned to Step 5 in his assigned salary range. (Motion by Sen. Rand; second by Rep. Kontos).

Discussion: Sen. Amero asked what the actual salary was, and Ms. Tubbesing responded that it was \$65,166.40. Sen. Amero then asked if this was within the range recommended by the "original" Committee on Legislative Information Technology. Rep. Joe Carleton, who had chaired that Committee in the 117th Legislature and was present, responded that his Committee had recommended a starting range that peaked at this amount, which is actually the midpoint of the salary range to which all Office Directors are assigned. He stressed that the position the Council had created requires strength in technical skills, planning and management and that this is a hard combination to find. He speculated that a comparable position in the private sector would pay **twice** this salary and indicated that he "had no problem with this salary."

The vote on the motion was then taken, and the motion approved unanimously with all 10 members present and voting.

Senator Lawrence congratulated Mr. Mayotte who had returned to the meeting following the vote; and he also expressed his thanks to the members of the Search Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #2: Request for Authorization for Participants in the Boy Scout Spring Camporee to Have Access to the Hall of Flags on Saturday, May 17.

Sally Tubbesing reported that this request had been placed on the agenda at the request of the Chair, Speaker Mitchell. The Boy Scouts have requested authorization to have access to the Hall of Flags during the weekend of their spring camporee so that they can view the flags. Ms. Tubbesing stated that she and Clerk Mayo had discussed the staffing requirements that this request would entail. She also noted that Don Switter, Director of Capitol Police, has been working with the Boy Scouts to insure that arrangements are in conformance with rules governing the use of Capitol Park (e.g. proof of insurance; provisions for water; trash removal; sanitary facilities; etc.), but that he does not have the staff to assure adequate coverage of the State House during the hours the Hall of Flags would be open. Speaker Mitchell clarified that opening the State House to an estimated 1200 people would entail some costs, such as overtime.

Motion: That the request be approved and that Ms. Tubbesing be directed to come back to the Council with a plan for accommodating the request and a proposed budget. (Motion by Rep. Campbell; second by Sen. Amero; unanimous).

Item #3: 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council members agreed to table all other items on the printed agenda for this meeting to their next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:07 p.m. on the motion of Rep. Kontos.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACTION ON REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
March 18, 1997

	Action
SPONSOR: Sen. Amero, Jane A.	ACCEPTED
LR 2464 An Act to Continue the Operation of State Government for the First Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1998	
SPONSOR: Rep. Bunker, Jr., George H.	ACCEPTED
LR 2395 An Act to Require Notice to Telephone Subscribers of the Sale or Transfer of an Interchange Carrier or a Change in Rates	
SPONSOR: Rep. Bunker, Jr., George H.	ACCEPTED
LR 2396 An Act to Create the Pleasant River Standard Water District	
SPONSOR: Rep. Davidson, Thomas M.	ACCEPTED
LR 2455 An Act to Create the Maine Scholarship Lottery Game	
SPONSOR: Rep. Kerr, George J.	ACCEPTED
LR 2458 An Act to Establish Local Option Tax	
SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos, Carol A.	WITHDRAWN
LR 2438 An Act to Prohibit Snowmobiles From Operating on Public School Grounds	
SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos, Carol A.	ACCEPTED
LR 2444 An Act to Extend the Electric Rate Stabilization Program	
SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence, Mark W.	ACCEPTED
LR 2462 An Act Concerning the Authority of the Secretary of State to Suspend and Revoke Licenses and Privileges to Operate in Maine	

SPONSOR:	Rep. Murphy, Jr., Thomas W.	ACCEPTED
LR 2407	An Act to Promote Higher Education	
SPONSOR:	Sen. Pingree, Rochelle	ACCEPTED
LR 2465	An Act to Change the State's Fiscal Year from July 1st to October 1st	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Quint, Michael W.	(NO ACTION)
LR 2463	An Act to Redefine and Broaden the Penalties for Individuals Using Unregistered Guns in the Commission of Crimes	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Saxl, Jane W.	ACCEPTED
LR 2425	An Act Authorizing the Department of Transportation to Provide Signage for the World War II Memorial in Bangor	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Tuttle, Jr., John L.	ACCEPTED
LR 2375	An Act to Allow Micropigmentation	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Usher, Ronald E.	WITHDRAWN
LR 2417	An Act to Suspend the License to Operate a Motor Vehicle of a Person Convicted of Operating a Snowmobile While Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs or Speeding on a Snowmobile	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Wheeler, Gary J.	ACCEPTED
LR 2440	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Shrimp Harvesting Season	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Winglass, Robert J.	WITHDRAWN
LR 2461	An Act to Authorize Motor Vehicle Owners to Disable Passenger Side Airbags	

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR:	Rep. McKee, Linda Rogers	ACCEPTED
LR 2451	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING PRESIDENT CLINTON TO NEGOTIATE A BAN ON ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES	

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SPONSOR:	Rep. Bodwell, II, William E.	TABLED 03/18/97
LR 2456	An Act to Allow Local School Districts to Use Funds Currently Allocated for Mobile Temporary Classrooms for the Construction of Permanent Classrooms	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Kontos, Carol A.	TABLED 02/27/97
LR 2391	An Act Concerning Correctional Impact Statements	
SPONSOR:	Rep. McAlevey, Michael J.	TABLED 02/27/97
LR 2405	An Act to Modify the Retirement Laws for the 38th Training Troop of the Maine State Police	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Usher, Ronald E.	TABLED 02/27/97
LR 2406	An Act Regarding the Rights of Mobile Home Park Residents	

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SPONSOR: Rep. Donnelly, James O. Tabled
01/16/97

LR 2319 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO CONSIDER
PREVAILING WINDS CAUSING POLLUTION FROM OTHER AREAS
IN PRIORITIZING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: Rep. Donnelly, James O. Tabled
02/27/97

LR 2320 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS
CONCERNING FLAG DESECRATION

SPONSOR: Sen. Kilkelly, Marjorie L. Tabled
03/18/97

LR 2454 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS
TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE MILITARY BUDGET TO CITIES AND
STATES

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos, Carol A. Tabled
02/27/97

LR 2430 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING STATE AGENCIES, CITIZENS,
BUSINESS AND THE GOVERNOR TO CONSOLIDATE EXPERTISE
FOR THE MONITORING OF COMPETITIVE MARKETS FOR ELECTRICITY,
NATURAL GAS AND OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY IN A SINGLE
STATE AGENCY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A CONSISTENT
ENERGY POLICY

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos, Carol A. Tabled
02/27/97

LR 2431 JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
ENACT LEGISLATION TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM POWER PLANTS
TO ENVIRONMENTALLY COMPARABLE LEVELS REGARDLESS OF AGE;
THE GOVERNOR TO CONTINUE MAINE'S INVOLVEMENT IN FEDERAL
AND REGIONAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
OF ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING; AND THE OWNERS OF
EXEMPT UTILITY FOSSIL FUEL PLANTS TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE
EMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence, Mark W. Tabled
02/27/97

LR 2399 JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO EDUCATING FAMILY MEMBERS
ABOUT BREAST CANCER

SPONSOR: Sen. Ruhlin, Richard P. Tabled
02/27/97

LR 2318 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE AND MAINE'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO RETAIN AND PRESERVE THE HISTORIC POST OFFICE IN
CASTINE, MAINE