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118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

April 14, 1997

Approved May 8, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council to order at 1:12 p.m. in Room 134 of the State House.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Lawrence, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand Absent: Sen. Pingree; Sen. Kieffer
Representatives:	Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Donnelly, Rep. Saxl, Rep. Campbell Absent: Rep. Kontos
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 Paul Mayotte, Director, Information Services Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House Millicent MacFarland, Assistant Clerk of the House

SUMMARIES OF FEBRUARY 27, AND MARCH 18, 1997, COUNCIL MEETINGS

Motion: That the Summaries be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Saxl; second by Sen. Rand; unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing presented the following items for the Council's consideration:

Item #1: Legislature's Current Year Budget: Status

Ms. Tubbesing drew members' attention to materials in their packets which reported actual expenditures through March 31 in each of the accounts administered by the Legislature, compared to the total budget for the fiscal year. She reported that, based on the current rate of expenditures, she and Rose Breton are projecting that there will be virtually no balance remaining in either the All Other or Capital lines and that the balance remaining in Personal Services will be less than $200,000. She concluded by reminding Council members that these projections assume a May 31 adjournment in accordance with reductions that had been adopted by the 117th Legislature.

This was an information item: No Council action was required.

Item #2: Recommendation Regarding Appointment of Paul Mayotte to the Information Services Policy Advisory Board

Ms. Tubbesing drew members' attention to a memo which recommended the appointment of Paul Mayotte, Information Services Director, as the Legislature's representative on the Information Services Policy Advisory Board.

Motion: That the Executive Director's recommendation be approved. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Rep. Campbell; unanimous).

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, congratulated Mr. Mayotte.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Request for Legislative Council Endorsement of Statewide Goals (Memo from Evan Richert, Chair, Commission on Performance Budgeting)

Motion: That the memo from Evan Richert be sent to the Chairs of each of the Legislature's policy committees for their review and recommendations. (Motion by Sen. Amero; second by Rep. Saxl; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: After Deadline Requests

Requests to introduce legislation to the First Special 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

John Wakefield announced that the Chairs of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee had agreed that the list of all bills assigned to the Appropriations Table and their associated costs would be distributed to members of leadership and Committee Chairs every Friday. This represents a significant departure from practice in prior legislatures and is designed to increase the level of information that is generally available.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. on the motion of Rep. Saxl.