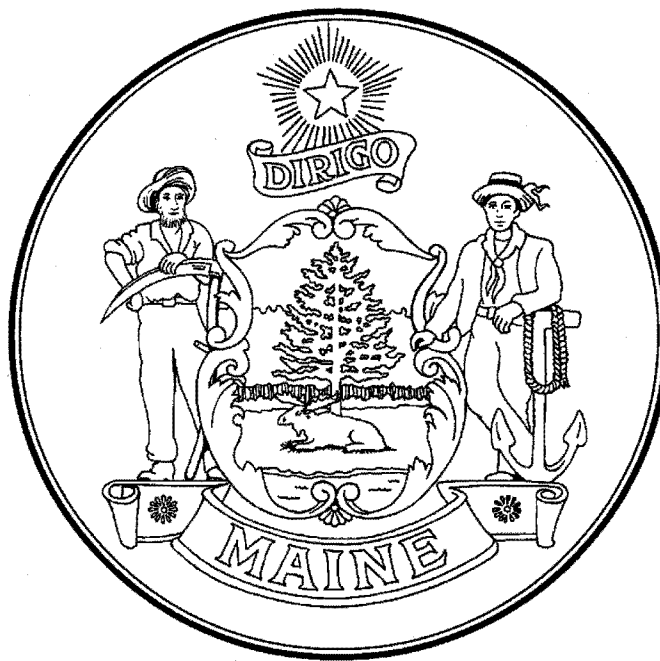


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
May 29, 1997
PRELIMINARY AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of May 8, 1997, Council Meeting

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OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Proposal from Business & Economic Development Committee
to Review Agencies Pursuant to Government Evaluation Act

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of Proposed Interim Studies

Item #2: After Deadline Requests

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

REP. ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL
CHAIR

SEN. MARK W. LAWRENCE
VICE-CHAIR



118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SEN. CHELLIE PINGREE
SEN. JANE A. AMERO
SEN. ANNE M. RAND
SEN. R. LEO KIEFFER
REP. CAROL A. KONTOS
REP. JAMES O. DONNELLY
REP. MICHAEL V. SAXL
REP. RICHARD H. CAMPBELL

SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY

May 8, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council meeting to order at 2:42 p.m. in Room 124, State House.

ROLL CALL

Senators:

Senate President Lawrence, Sen.
Pingree, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand,
Sen. Harriman

Note: Sen. Harriman was elected by his
caucus as Assistant Minority
Leader in Sen. Kieffer's absence.

Representatives:

Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Kontos,
Rep. Donnelly, Rep. Saxl, Rep. Campbell

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
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes
Paul Mayotte, Director, Office of
Information Services
Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate
Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House
Millicent MacFarland, Assistant Clerk of
the House

SUMMARY OF APRIL 14, 1997 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: That the Meeting Summary be accepted and placed on file.
(Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Sen. Rand;
unanimous).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Item #1: Proposed Capital Improvements Plan for 1997 Interim

Ms. Tubbesing drew members' attention to material in their packets which presented recommended Capital improvements projects for the coming interim. She stated that the architect and engineers who comprise the Master Plan team had worked carefully to develop a scope of work which emphasizes correction of the life safety issues which have been identified in the course of the development of the Master Plan and, at the same time, begin to address some of the cosmetic issues which reflect long-deferred maintenance.

Ms. Tubbesing noted that the planning team proposes to prequalify both the general contractor and key subcontractors, consistent with past practice, and it was critical to initiate the prequalification process as soon as possible.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize the Executive Director to proceed with initiating the process for prequalifying principal contractors and subcontractors for work on the State House during the 1997 interim; and, further, that the Council give provisional approval to the proposed projects, with the understanding that the final scope of work, including estimated costs, will be approved at a subsequent Council meeting. (Motion by Sen. Rand; second by Sen. Harriman; unanimous).

Item #2: Personnel Activity

Ms. Tubbesing reported that two members of the Revisor's staff have submitted their resignations: Robin Switser, Engrossing Proofreader, who will assume a full-time position in the Clerk's Office immediately; and Margaret Allen, a Proofreader, who has accepted a position outside of state government. Rep. Donnelly asked if the rate of turnover in the Revisor's Office is normal and mused whether the pressure placed on the Revisor's Office had been a factor in the resignations. Margaret Matheson, the Revisor of Statutes, responded that the employees were, in both cases, leaving to take better positions and that she had no indication that pressure of work had been a significant factor in either of these resignations.

No Council action was required on this item.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Speaker Mitchell, who chairs the Committee, reported that the Committee had met prior to the Council meeting for the primary purpose of reviewing a series of recommendations from Paul Mayotte related to staffing in the Information Services Office. She recalled that this Council had extended the "freeze" on both filling vacancies and reclassifications in the Information Systems Office that the 117th Council had originally instituted -- pending the selection of a new Director. Since he undertook his responsibilities as Information Services Director in mid-March, Mr. Mayotte has focussed on reviewing the Legislature's current use of technology, the opportunities for extending our use of technology and the staffing implications. She stated the recommendations that he has presented to the Personnel Committee -- and that the Committee was now presenting to the Council -- are designed to address some immediate needs - and, in some cases, some long-pending situations.

Motion: That Kevin Crandall be hired as a full-time permanent employee for the position of Client Desktop Support Administrator, Salary Range 8, Step 5, effective immediately. (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Sen. Rand).

Speaker Mitchell noted that this is an existing position and is currently budgeted in Range 7. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: That the existing position of Computer Support Technician be reclassified, assigned to Range 7, and retitled Network Administrator; and that Casey Begin be assigned to this position retroactive to January 1, 1997. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Sen. Rand; unanimous).

Motion: That the position of Computer Programmer be transferred from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to the Information Services Office and reclassified from Range 8 to Range 9, consistent with the responsibilities assigned to this position; and that Elizabeth Gosselin be assigned to this position effective immediately. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Rep. Donnelly).

Speaker Mitchell noted that this action had the full support of the Revisor. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: That the currently vacant position of Administrative Coordinator be reclassified from Range 7 to Range 8 and retitled Internet/Intranet Administrator; and that the Director of Information Services be authorized to fill this position in consultation with the Executive Director. (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Rep. Donnelly; unanimous).

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, reported that the Committee had also reviewed two requests for income protection pursuant to the Council's personnel policies.

Motion: That the Legislative Council award income protection in accordance with Council policy. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Rep. Donnelly; unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Proposal from Business & Economic Development Committee to Review Agencies, pursuant to Government Evaluation Act

At the Chairs' request, David Boulter provided Council members with a brief overview of the Government Evaluation Act (GEA), a process created by the 117th Legislature to replace the Audit and Program Review process. The GEA sets out a schedule for review of all state agencies, but it transfers the responsibility for initial data collection from the Legislature to the individual agency and gives legislative committees the option of simply reviewing the data or conducting a comprehensive review. He concluded that the Legislative Council's role is to determine the resources required to support the level of review that the Committee recommends.

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, then recognized Rep. Vigue, House Chair of the Business & Economic Development Committee. Rep. Vigue noted that his Committee is scheduled to review 47 agencies, unlike most committees who have only 2-3 agencies to review; and that his Committee wants to start now.

Discussion: Senate President Lawrence asked why the Maine Development Foundation is considered to be a government agency. Mr. Boulter replied that he did not know, noting that, while at one time half of the Foundation's funding had been a general fund appropriation this is no longer the case. He agreed to pursue the answer to this question.

The Senate President then asked the estimated cost of the reviews to be conducted under GEA. Mr. Boulter responded that he felt that his office could absorb the staffing demands with existing staff, and that the costs would be attributable to the per diem and expenses for committee members. He noted that when the bill had originally been discussed in Committee last spring (State & Local Government), the committee had anticipated that most of the review could happen during the regular session. Ms. Tubbesing added that the average cost for a meeting of a full committee is \$1,500. Mr. Boulter then stated that he thought most committees would come forward with requests for only 1 meeting. Speaker Mitchell stated that she would like to have "the full picture" of the proposed level of activity for all committees and the associated costs before she voted on a single request, and she asked Mr. Boulter to work with his staff and the chairs of the policy committees to assemble this information. Rep. Saxl asked that this "survey" also inquire whether the reviews of agency data could be done by a subcommittee rather than

the full committee. Rep. Kontos then indicated her particular interest in tracking the costs of this new process -- especially since one of the factors underlying the elimination of the Audit & Program Review Committee had been cost.

Motion: That the request be tabled pending receipt of information regarding the review plans of all committees. (Motion by Sen. Rand; second by Rep. Saxl; unanimous).

Item #2: Procedures for Handling Major Substantive Rules During a Special Session

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, asked David Boulter to provide Council members with background on this item. Mr. Boulter reported that the major substantive rules which the Board of Nursing had filed the previous day, pointed out that the Administrative Procedures act specifies filing requirements for rules submitted during a regular session, but not a special session. Because the APA is silent on rule filing requirements for a special session, Mr. Boulter recommended that the Council define a process to assure standard treatment in the future. He outlined three primary options:

1. Reject the filing at this time because the rules were not filed within 45 days of the end of the Regular Session and direct the agency to resubmit them to a subsequent regular session. This option would delay implementation of the rules about one year.
2. Accept the rules for review and print a rules review resolve, refer it to committee and handle the resolve this session. This option would permit implementation of the rules later this year if approved but would require an expedited review by the committee.
3. Accept the rules for review, making clear in the acceptance letter to the agency that the Legislature is under no obligation to do so and is not bound to act on them this session due to the limited time for review. In that case, a rules review resolve could be printed, referred to committee, and either be dealt with by the committee within the next few weeks if it has time or be carried over to the next session. If the resolve is carried over it may delay implementation of the rule by up to a year.

He concluded by noting that the third option appears to offer the most flexibility to the Legislature for the following reasons: 1) it gives the Legislature the opportunity to review the rules as time permits anytime between now and the Second Regular Session; and 2) because the Legislature would retain possession of the rules, this

option would remove any confusion on the part of agencies as to whether they are authorized to proceed with implementation of the rule.

Motion: That the Council adopt option #3 and accept the rules submitted by the Board of Nursing for Review, making clear in the acceptance letter to the Board that the Legislature is under no obligation to review the rules or act on them during the current session and that, if the resolve is carried over, it may delay implementation of the rule by up to a year (Option #3). (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Sen. Rand; unanimous).

Item #3: 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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m., on the motion of the Chair.

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 ANNE M. RAND, DISTRICT 28
 BRUCE W. MACKINNON, DISTRICT 33



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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

March 24, 1997

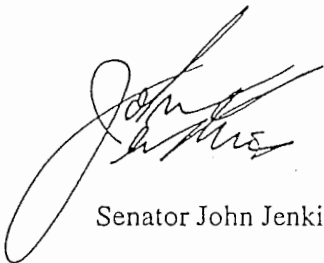
The Honorable Representative Elizabeth Mitchell, Chair
 The Honorable Senator Mark Lawrence, Vice-Chair
 Legislative Council
 115 State House Station
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Dear Representative Mitchell and Senator Lawrence:

The Business and Economic Development Committee has discussed the responsibilities of the committee in regard to the Government Evaluation Act. Under the current review schedule outlined in statute the committee must review a total of 48 agencies by the year 2005. Both the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation are on the 1997 review schedule in addition to 18 boards and independent agencies. Given the volume of information to review, the Committee has developed a revised review schedule and submit it to the Legislative Council for approval. The committee's proposed schedule is as follows:

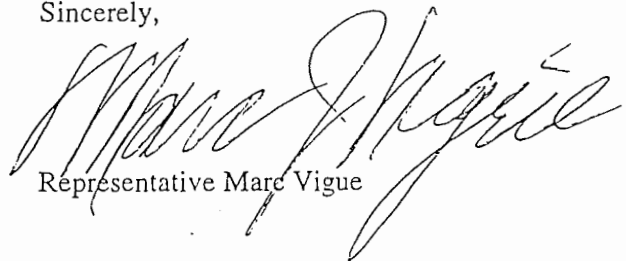
<u>Review Date</u>	<u>Agency/Dept.</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Interim and second session of 118th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maine Development Foundation • Department of Economic and Community Development • Department of Professional and Financial Regulation 	Reviewing the departments first may provide valuable information in establishing a review schedule for the remaining agencies as the departments often are closely involved in the work of the boards and independent agencies.
1999	11 agencies	Specific agencies to be reviewed will be determined upon completion of the agencies scheduled for the 118th interim.
2001	11 agencies	
2003	12 agencies	
2005	11 agencies	

The proposed scheduled is based upon the desire to achieve a balance in the committee's responsibility to the Government Evaluation process and related session activities. As proposed, the committee would meet to review the two departments and the Maine Development Foundation beginning in the interim and continuing into the second regular session. To accomplish this, the committee would request submission of the program evaluation report from the three identified agencies on an accelerated timetable. By statute this report must be submitted to the committee of jurisdiction no later than November 1, in order to conduct the review beginning in the interim the committee would request a submission date of August 1 to ensure adequate time for review. The other agencies would be notified of the committee's intent to delay the review process with the caveat that a specific date would be provided by the end of the second regular session. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the committee's proposal.



Senator John Jenkins

Sincerely,

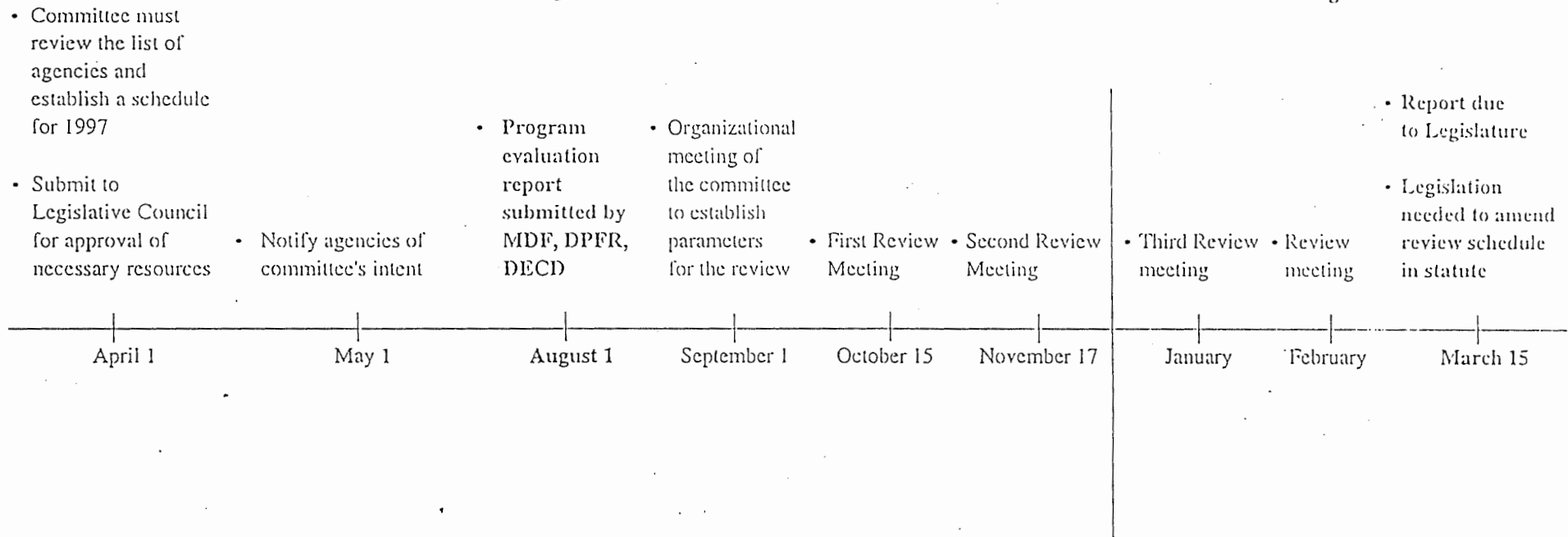


Representative Marc Vigue

Proposed Government Evaluation Act Schedule for 118th

First Regular Session

Second Regular Session






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To: The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Chair
The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council

From: 
David E. Boulter, Director

Date: May 21, 1997

Re: Government Evaluation Act - Committee Schedules for review

This memo is to provide the status of joint standing committees in scheduling reviews of agencies under the Government Evaluation Act, as you requested at the last Legislative Council meeting.

1. The following joint standing committee will be reviewing a number of agencies under the GEA, and has requested a review to begin prior to the start of the 2nd Regular Session and continue into the 2nd Regular Session.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Agencies to be reviewed</u>	<u>Review Schedule</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
BEC	DECD MDF DPFR	Interim (4 meetings) and 2nd Session	OPLA staff; legislative per diem and expenses for committee to meet 4 times during interim, beginning in August

2. The following joint standing committees will be reviewing certain agencies under the GEA and will conduct those reviews during the 2nd Regular Session.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Agencies to be reviewed</u>	<u>Review Schedule</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
ACF	Agriculture	During 2nd Session	OPLA Staff
EDU	Education, Telecommunications Relay Board	During 2nd Session	OPLA Staff
HUM	A&DAPC, OSA	During 2nd Session	
IFW	DIFW	During 2nd Session	OPLA Staff
LAB	MSRS	During 2nd Session	OPLA Staff
MAR	DMR	During 2nd Session	OPLA Staff
NAT	DEP BEP	During 2nd Session	OPLA Staff
SLG	Capitol Planning Commission	During 2nd Session	OPLA Staff
UTE	Public Advocate	During 2nd Session	OPLA Staff

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3. The following joint standing committees will not be reviewing agencies during the 2nd Regular Session under the GEA.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Agencies to be reviewed</u>	<u>Review Schedule</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
AFA	None	N/A	N/A
BAN	None	N/A	N/A
CRJ	None	N/A	N/A
JUD	None	N/A	N/A
LVA	None	N/A	N/A
TAX	None	N/A	N/A
TRA	None	N/A	N/A

I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this matter.

DEB/LAW

XC: Sally Tubbesing, Exec. Dir.
John Wakefield, Director, OFPR

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PROPOSED INTERIM STUDIES
118th Legislature -- First Special Session

LD	Emergency	Title	Committee	Purpose	Size/# of Legislators	Start Date	Reporting Date	Staffing	Compensation	Fiscal Info
350 C-"A" (H-89)	Yes	Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payers of Health Care Benefits	BAN	Study the feasibility of a streamlined claims processing system and a single claims processing system for 3rd-party payors of health care benefits	15 members of which 4 are legislators	Within 15 days of appts (July 1, 1997)	No later than Feb. 2, 1998	Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses for legislators	(97-98) PS \$1760 AO \$2100 TOT \$3860 GF # of meetings: 8
933 C-"A" (H-238)	No	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Insurance Fraud	BAN	Study current statutory provision concerning insurance fraud, including model national legislation	12 members of which 2 are legislators	Within 15 days of appt (appts. no later than 30 days after eff. date)	No later than Mar. 1, 1998	Bureau of Insurance, with assistance from OPLA	Per diem and expenses for legislators	(97-98) PS \$880 AO \$1,300 TOT \$2,180 GF # of meetings: 8
--	n/a	An Act to Protect the Privacy of Genetic Information	BAN	Request authorization to meet 3 times during the interim (LD 1243-carry over)	BAN Comm	Interim	---	OPLA	per diem & expenses	not specified
1343 C-"A" (S-183)	Yes	Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Business in Maine	BEC	Study the effect of government regulation on small businesses throughout the State	13 members, of which 4 are legislators	Within 15 days of appts (appt made within 30 days of eff. date)	No later than Dec. 15, 1997	Commission may request assistance from Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses for legislators	(97-98) PS \$1,320 AO \$1,700 TOT \$3,020 GF (97-98) AO \$500 Other Funds # of meetings: 6
1452 C-"A" (H-504)	Yes	An Act to Establish the Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for All Regions of the State	BEC	Creates the Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for all Regions of the State to evaluate the causes of unequal economic development and recommend strategies to overcome the barriers	14 members, of which 5 members are legislators	No later than October 7, 1997	Interim: No later than Feb. 15, 1998 Final: No later than Nov. 15, 1998	Legislative Council	Per diem for legislators; expenses for public members not compensated by their employer	PS \$1,375 (97-98) AO \$3,750 Tot \$5,125 GF # of meetings: 5 PS \$1,650 (98-99) AO \$4,300 Tot \$5,950 GF # of meetings: 6

LD	Emergency	Title	Committee	Purpose	Size/# of Legislators	Start Date	Reporting Date	Staffing	Compensation	Fiscal Info
1603 C-"A" (S-275)	Yes	Resolve, to Foster Economic Growth through the Recognition and Development of Maine's Franco-American Resource	BEC	Study and report on the issues associated with Maine's Franco-American community, particularly with regard to economic development opportunities available in Maine because of its Franco-American resource	27 members, of which 4 are legislators	No later than 2 months from the eff date	No later than Dec. 1, 1997	Maine Franco-American Center and Legislative Council	Per diem for legislators and expenses for all members	PS \$1,100 (97-98) AO \$5,750 Tot \$6,850 GF # of meetings: 4 \$50,000 Univ of Me System (97-98) AO \$500 Other Funds (98-99)
Joint Order S.P. 668	No	Joint Select Committee on Research and Development	BEC	Review current policies and programs within the State in support of applied research and development in the following target areas: aquaculture and marine sciences and technology, biotechnology, composite materials engineering, environmental sciences and technology, and information sciences and technology (LD 1854)	10 legislators	No later than October 15, 1997	No later than January 1, 1998	Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses	
n/a	n/a	n/a	CRJ	Staff study to determine the scope of juvenile justice problems and juvenile services in Maine; at direction of committee chairs; request authorization to meet once or twice during interim	not specified	not specified	Nov. 1, 1997	OPLA	not specified	not specified
1447 C-"A" (H-544)	No	Resolve, to Establish a Committee to Review the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act	EDU	Review the federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 to determine appropriateness of the State's current response to asbestos abatement in schools throughout Maine	6 members: P.O.'s may not appt legislators (4)	Within 15 days of appts (appt within 30 days of eff date)	No later than Feb. 1, 1999	Legislative Council	Expenses of members who are <u>not</u> state employees	AO \$ 1,000 (97-98) # of meetings: 5 AO \$2,100 (98-99) # of meetings: 8
1581 C-"A" (H-703)	No	An Act to Improve the Child Development Services System and Encourage Collaboration in Early Childhood Programs with School Administrative Units	EDU	Study and make recommendations regarding the most efficient and cost-effective manner in which Child Development Services System could achieve greater efficiency and economy and the cost-effectiveness of hiring professional staff to be employed at the regional child development services sites as compared to contracting services with nonprofit and for-profit service providers	18 members, of which 6 are legislators	No later than September 15, 1997	No later than January 1, 1998	Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses for legislators	PS \$1,980 (97-98) AO \$1,800 Tot \$ 3,780 GF # of meetings: 6 PS \$1,980 (98-99) AO \$2,300 Tot \$ 4,280 GF # of meetings: 6

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106 C-"A" (H-158)	No	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Review the Effectiveness of Statewide Confidentiality Laws Dealing with the Care of People with Mental Illness	HHS	Examine state and federal confidentiality laws relating to information and records of treatment of persons receiving mental health services	24 members of which 2 are legislators	No later than Oct. 15, 1997	Jan. 1, 1998	Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses for all members	(97-98) PS \$4,400 AO \$4,500 TOT \$8,900 GF # of meetings: 4
146 C-"A" (H-10)	No	Resolve, To Establish the Commission to Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings	HHS	Examine the use of pharmaceuticals in long-term care settings, including: (1) reimbursement, (2) consulting fees, (3) dispensing, (4) conflicts of interest, and (5) overprescribing	10 members of which 3 are legislators	No later than Oct. 15, 1997	Jan. 1, 1998	Legislative Council	Expenses for all members; per diem for nonsalaried members	(97-98) PS \$1,320 AO \$3,200 TOT \$4,520 GF # of meetings: 4
581 C-"A" (H-273)	Yes	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation	HHS	Study (1) the adequacy of mental retardation services for persons who are not covered by the community consent decree and (2) the allocation of existing resources	17 members of which 3 are legislators	No later than Aug. 1, 1997	Dec. 1, 1997	Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses for all members	(97-98) PS \$3,850 AO \$6,000 TOT \$9,850 GF # of meetings: 5
657 C-"A" (H-301)	Yes	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Long Term Care Facilities	HHS	Examine (1) how rates are set, (2) levels of profit guaranteed, (3) advisability of rate equalization, (4) possibility of regulating rate setting similar to PUC, and (5) how to maintain quality	15 members of which 4 are legislators	Within 15 days of appts (appts. no later than 30 days after eff. date)	Dec. 15, 1997	Legislative Council	Per diem & expenses for legislators	(97-98) PS \$1,100 AO \$1,500 TOT \$2,600 GF # of meetings: 5
787 C-"A" (H-173)	Yes	Task Force on Youth and Families	HHS	An independent commission to improve the status of services to the State's youth and families	16 members of which 6 are legislators	No later than Aug 1, 1997	No later than Dec. 1, 1997	Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses for all members	(97-98) PS \$4,400 AO \$4,500 TOT \$8,900 GF # of meetings: 5
---	No	(1737) An act to Provide for Confidentiality of Health Care Information (1779) An Act Regarding Access to Medical Information (carry over)	HHS	Study confidentiality of health care information, including medical records; request authorization to meet twice during the interim (1 meeting already held) (LD 1779-carry over)	n/a	n/a	not specified	HUM Committee	Per diem and expenses for comm. meetings	not specified

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1744 C-"A" (S-334)	No	Resolve, to Plan for Services for Children with Mental Health Needs	HHS	A subcommittee of the HHS Committee shall meet on a monthly basis with DMHMR and DHS to report on the progress of the department in designing a comprehensive system for the delivery of children's mental health services and designating gatekeeper responsibilities and functions	(4-5)	Not specified	No later than December 15, 1997	DMHMR, Dept of Education, Department of Corrections, DHS	Not specified, fiscal note assumes per diem and expenses for legislators	Unknown as the number of legislators has not been finally determined
1604 C-"A" (S-281)	Yes	An Act to Revise Certain Provisions of Fish and Wildlife Laws	IFW	Study and summarize the current laws, policies and procedures of the State in the stocking of alewives in inland waters	11 members of which 6 are legislators	No later than Aug. 1, 1997	Nov. 15, 1997	Legislative Council, with assistance from IFW and DMR	Per diem and expenses for legislators	(97-98) PS \$1,650 AO \$2,000 Tot \$3,650 GF # of meetings: 5
944 C-"A" (H-251)	No	Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with Disabilities	JUD	Review the current system of distribution and funding of telecommunication equipment and explore alternatives, including programs in other states	12 members of which 2 are legislators	Within 14 days of appts (appts. no later than 30 days after eff. date)	With 30 days after convening of the 2nd Regular Session of the 118th	Legislative Council	Per diem for legislators and expenses for all members	(97-98) PS \$550 AO \$4,250 TOT \$4,800 GF # of meetings: 5
n/a	n/a	Access, Privacy and the New Computer Technology: A Challenge for Government in Maine	JUD	Subcommittee to meet 5 times during the interim and hold one public hearing on access to electronic information	5 members	not specified	not specified	JUD sub-committee (5 members)	Per diem and expenses for members	not specified # of meetings: 5
332 C-"A" (H-549)	Yes	Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to Unemployment Compensation	LAB	Study the Unemployment Compensation System to assess whether it is meeting the changing needs of the labor force and the business community	11 members of which 4 are legislators	Upon completion of appts (appts. no later than 30 days after eff. date)	Feb. 1, 1998	Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses for legislators	(97-98) PS \$1,100 AO \$4,500 TOT \$5,600 # of meetings: 5
--	No	Resolve, Instructing the Worker' Compensation Board to Study and Make Recommendation Regarding the Occupational Disease Law	LAB	Compile data on other states' OD laws; request authorization for interim study (LD 835-carry over)	n/a	not specified	Expected beginning of 2nd regular session	OPLA staff study	n/a	n/a
----	n/a	Privitization of state liquor stores	LVA	Staff study w/ oversight by committee	LVA committee	interim	-----	OPLA	Per diem & expenses	\$ not specified # of meetings: 3
----	n/a	Citizen-initiative process	LVA	Staff study w/ oversight by committee	LVA committee	interim	-----	OPLA	Per diem & expenses	\$ not specified # of meetings: 3

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967 C-"A" (H-392) H-"A" (H-555)	No	An Act to Expand Recycling through Reduced Burning	NAT	Task force to study backyard burning practices and impacts throughout the State	7 members of which 4 are legislators	Upon completion of appts	No later than Jan. 15, 1998	Legislative Council	Per diem & expenses for legislators	PS \$880 AO \$1,300 TOT \$2,180 GF # of meetings: 4
1651 C-"A" H-391 and H-566 (566 not avl)	Yes	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Study and Make Recommendations on the Establishment of a Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program to Meet the Requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act	NAT	Commissioner shall meet with Natural Resources Committee or subcommittee at least twice between July 1, 1997 and December 1, 1997 to update and consult with the committee on the progress of the study	committee or subcommittee	After July 1, 1997	January 5, 1998	Commissioner of Environmental Protection	Not specified, fiscal note assumes per diem and expenses for legislators	Unknown as the number of legislators has not been specified
1391 C-"A" (H-309) H-"A" (H-440)	No	An Act to Reestablish the State Compensation Commission	SLG	Recommendations on compensation of Legislators and representatives for Indian Tribes, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of the State and State Auditor (This is an on-going commission)	5 members (members may not be Legislators at time of appointment)	Within 15 days of appts (appts within 15 days of eff date)	No later than Jan. 15, 1998; then every two years	Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses for all members	PS \$2,200 (97-98) AO \$3,500 Tot \$5,700 GF # of meetings: 8 PS \$2,200 (98-99) AO \$2,000 Tot \$4,200 GF # of meetings: 8
1610 C-"A" (H-328) H-"A" (H-452)	No	Resolve to Establish a Commission to Designate Outstanding Maine Citizens Whose Portraits Are to Be Displayed in the State House	SLG	Designate outstanding Maine citizens to honor by display of a portrait in the State House	8 members, of which 1 is a legislator	Within 15 days of appts (appt within 30 days of eff date)	No later than Jan. 15, 1998	Legislative Council	Expenses for all members	PS \$275 (97-98) AO \$2,150 Tot \$2,425 GF (includes per diem for 1 legis.) # of meetings: 5

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1368 H-"A" (H-565)	No	Resolve to Create a Task Force to Develop a Single Payment System for State and Federal Taxes for Small Business	TAX	Develop a mechanism for single-form filing and payment system for state and federal tax payments and withholdings for small businesses	11 members, of which 3 are legislators	Within 15 days of appts (Appt within 30 days of eff date)	No later than Dec. 1, 1999	Bureau of Taxation and Legislative Council	Per diem for legislators and expenses for all members	PS \$825 (97-98) AO \$1,500 Tot \$2,325 GF # of meetings: 5 PS \$990 (98-99) AO \$1,800 Tot \$2,790 GF # of meetings: 6 \$3,790 for FY 99-00 # of meetings: 6
1377 C-"A" (S-206) H-"A" (H-493)	Yes	Resolve, to Establish a Maine Mobility Fund Task Force	TRA	To find a way to fully realize the promise of the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and the State's Sensible Transportation Policy Act, with emphasis on public transportation and to ensure that transit services receive adequate funding	19 members, of which 4 are legislators	Within 30 days of eff date	No later than Jan. 15, 1998	Office of Policy & Legal Analysis, w/ approval of Legislative Council	Expenses and per diem for legislators	(97-98) PS \$1,540 AO \$1400 Tot \$2940 AO \$500 Other Funds (97-98) # of meetings: 7
260 C-"A" (H-364) Enacted 5/20/97	No	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Production and Issuance of Registration Plates	TRA	Study the production and issuance of license plates, including equipment and methods for assigning unique identifiers (continuation of earlier task force)	11 members of which 4 are legislators	No later than May 15, 1996	During the 2nd Regular Session of the 118th	Secretary of State, assistance in preparing legislation from OPLA	Expenses for legislators	Costs covered by unexpended Highway Fund allocation # of meetings: ?
Joint Order Supplement No. 7	No	Joint Select Committee to Oversee Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company		Monitor the developments at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company	7 Legislators	No later than October 15, 1997	January 31, 1998	Legislative Council	Per diem and expenses	
n/a	n/a	Select Committee to Study the Health Effects of Reformulated Gasoline	----	Re-establishment of past committee?	not specified	not specified	not specified	OPLA	not specified	not specified

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LD/SPONSOR	COMMITTEE	COMMISSION	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	REPORT	COMPENSATION	APPROP	# MTGS
LD 803 APPROP TABLE	CRJ	Work Group to Examine Legal Rights of Children who Testify as Alleged Victims of Sexual Abuse	9 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. of Human Services & AG	11/15/98	Legislators: per diem & expenses Others : not entitled	FY 98 PS: 440 AO: 400 FY 99 PS: 770 AO: 700	4 7
LD 857 (Emergency) APPROP TABLE	EDU	Task Force to Determine the Tuition Rates of a Receiving School for a Student from Another School District	7 members; including 1 legislator	Dept. Education	1/1/98	Legislators: per diem & expenses Others : not entitled	PS: \$275 AO: 250	5
LD 998 (Emergency) APPROP TABLE	HUM	Comm/Study Certificate of Need Laws	15 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. of Human Services	12/1/97	All members: per diem & expenses (Per diem to be paid by Legislature; Expenses to be paid by DHS from existing funds)	PS: \$3,300	5
LD 1048 APPROP TABLE	EDU	Task Force to Review the Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions	11 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. Educ; Council on Voc Ed	1/1/98	Legislators: per diem & expenses Others : mileage only	PS: \$330 AO: 300	3
LD 1437 APPROP TABLE	BEC	Study the State's Regional Service Center Communities	13 members; including 3 legislators	Various Exec. Depts.	1/1/98	Legislators: per diem & expenses Others : not entitled	PS: \$ 990 AO: 1,900	6
LD 1589 APPROP TABLE	BEC	Task Force/Information Technology in the Public Sector	23 members; including 2 legislators	DAFS: SPO	11/15/98	Legislators: per diem & expenses Others : not entitled	FY 98 PS: \$440 AO: 400 FY 99 PS: \$660 AO: 600	4 6
LD 1841 APPROP TABLE	EDU	Education Research Institute				N/A	FY 98 AO: \$75,000 FY 99 AO: \$75,000	

PROPOSED STUDIES REQUIRING FUNDING
FROM LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNT

Committee	Study	# Members	# Meetings	Est. Cost
BAN	Privacy of Genetic Information (LD 1243)	13	3(?)	PS: \$2,145 AO: 2,450
BEC	Joint Order/Research & Development	14	4(?)	PS: \$3,080 AO: 3,300
	Government Evaluation Act Reviews	13	4	PS: \$2,860 AO: 2,600
CRJ	Juvenile Justice in Maine	13 (?)	2	PS: \$1,430 AO: 1,800
HHS	Confidentiality of Patient Care Info (LD 1737)	13	2	PS: \$1,430 AO: 1,800
	Progress Meetings with DMHMR/SAS and DHS (LD 1744)	5	4	PS: \$1,100 AO: 1,500
JUD	Access Privacy & Computer Technology	5 13	15 1 PH	PS: \$2,090 AO: 3,000
LAB	Staff Study/Occupational Disease Laws (LD 835)	--	--	--
LVA	Staff Study/Privatization of State Liquor Stores	13	3	PS: \$2,145 AO: 2,450
	Staff Study/Citizen Initiative Process	13	3	PS: \$2,145 AO: 2,450
NAT	Oversight of DEP Study/Federal Clean Air Requirements	5	5	PS: \$1,375 AO: 1,750
UTL	Joint Order/Maine Yankee	7	6(?)	PS: \$2,310 <u>AO: 2,100</u>

PS: \$22,110
AO: 25,200
\$47,310

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LR 2541	An Act to Amend the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement	
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LR 2456	An Act to Allow Local School Districts to Use Funds Currently Allocated for Mobile Temporary Classrooms for the Construction of Permanent Classrooms	
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STATES

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos, Carol A.

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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.

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LR 2431 JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
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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
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EMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence, Mark W.

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LR 2399 JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO EDUCATING FAMILY MEMBERS
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SPONSOR: Sen. Ruhlin, Richard P.

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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