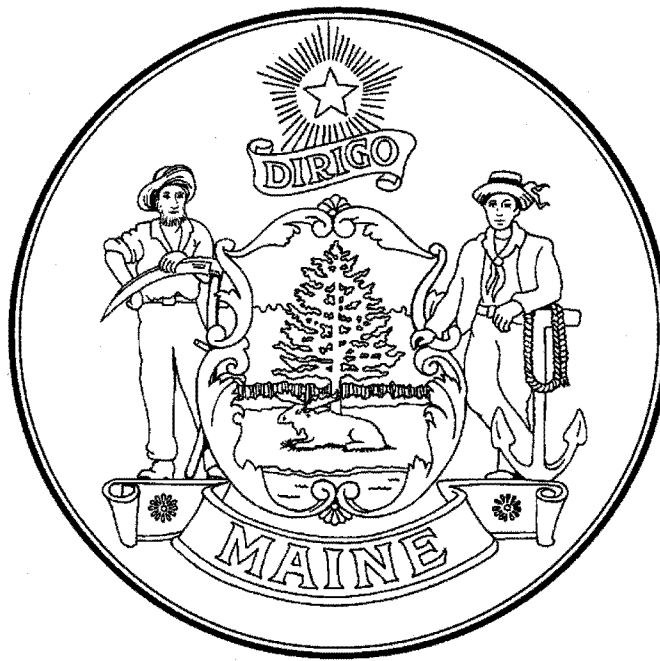


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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**August 22, 1997**  
**REVISED AGENDA**

Lynn Randall  
Legislative Council Info.

**CALL TO ORDER**

4151  
Dick Davis

**ROLL CALL**

**SUMMARY OF JULY 14 COUNCIL MEETING**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Item #1: Personnel Actions *Heather Henderson, OPLA (Lisa Copenhagen)*
- Item #2: Legislative Appropriations for FY 1997: Year End Status Report
- Item #3: State House Repairs and Renovations
- a. East Porch Ceiling: Status Report
  - b. Recommendation to Authorize Award of Contract for State House Repairs and Renovations to Ledgewood, Inc.
  - c. Opportunity to Transfer Unused Funds to Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance Pursuant to Law
- Item #4: Proposed Cloture Date and Screening Schedule for Second Regular Session

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

CSG/ERC Legislative Steering Committee

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Item #1: Request from Representative Tripp to Re-establish Select Committee to Study the Health Effects of Reformulated Gasoline
- Item #2: Performance Budgeting and Strategic Planning: Current Status and Issues (Request of Sen. Rand) *Set up a briefing*  
*set up working group.*

**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

July 14, 1997

### CALL TO ORDER

The Council Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council to order at 10:45 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

### ROLL CALL

**Senators:** President Lawrence, Sen. Pingree,  
Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand, Sen. Kieffer

**Representatives:** Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Campbell  
**Absent:** Rep. Kontos, Rep. Donnelly,  
Rep. Saxl

**Legislative Officers:** Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director,  
Legislative Council  
Jim Clair, Deputy Director, Office of  
Fiscal and Program Review  
Peggy Reinsch, Principal Attorney,  
Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes  
Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative  
Information Services  
Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House  
Millicent MacFarland, Assistant Clerk  
of the House

### SUMMARY OF JUNE 16 COUNCIL MEETING

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary be approved as written and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Sen. Pingree; unanimous).

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

**Item #1: Recommendation to Hire Clifton Graves to Fill Position of Internet/Intranet Administrator**

Ms. Tubbesing deferred to Paul Mayotte, who provided Council members with a brief overview of the screening process that he had employed: candidates' technical skills and specific Internet experience were evaluated carefully, and the finalists were interviewed by several of the key Web page "customers" within the Legislature. Mr. Mayotte reported that, based on this evaluation process, he had recommended to Ms. Tubbesing that Clifton Graves be offered the position.

This item did not require formal Council action.

**Item #2: Prequalification of Contractors for State House Work**

Ms. Tubbesing presented a brief progress report on the selection of contractors, noting that she was working with the Bureau of General Services, as had been done in past years, to structure the process for prequalifying contractors. The prequalification process is designed to ensure that firms who do work in the State House have prior experience working in buildings on the National Register of Historic Landmarks, have managed projects of comparable scope and have the resources necessary to complete the work on schedule. She reported that two of the six firms who submitted qualification statements had met the prequalification requirements: Granger Northern, Inc. and Ledgewood, Inc., both firms based in Portland. She concluded by saying that these two firms have now been given the bid package, which includes the full specifications for the work, as well as detailed drawings, and that the bid opening had been set for August 5.

Rep. Campbell questioned whether Granger Northern was actually a Maine company, and Ms. Tubbesing agreed to get additional information.

The item did not require formal Council action.

**Item #3: FY 97 Budget: Preliminary Report on Final Balances**

Ms. Tubbesing very briefly reported that, with the close of Fiscal Year 1997, she and Rose Breton had begun analyzing the final balances in all of the accounts assigned to the Legislature and that they would present a detailed report at the August Council meeting.

The item did not require Council action.

**Item #4: Legislative Study Commissions: Status Report**

Ms. Tubbesing again shared preliminary information, stating that the Legislature had created 25 study commissions that required staffing through the Council. She noted that the late June final adjournment date had the effect of pushing the deadline for appointments to many of these Commissions into early to mid October.

This item did not require Council action.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES****CSG/ERC '97 Legislative Steering Committee**

Senator Amero, Steering Committee Co-Chair, reported that the Conference program was now complete and that it included several "high-powered" nationally-recognized speakers, in addition to a healthy representation of Maine legislators and executive department officials. Speaker Mitchell asked all members of the Council to commit to making their staff available to support Maine's extensive hosting effort, noting that the success of the Conference would rely heavily on a strong team effort.

**Committee on Legislative Information Technology**

Senator Pingree, Committee Co-Chair, reported that the Committee was meeting following the Council meeting and that she would report on its progress in August.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS****Item #1: Request from Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government regarding Construction of a Playground in Capitol Park**

Sally Tubbesing drew members' attention to the memo from the Chairs of the State and Local Government Committee and reported that she and Earle Shettleworth would schedule a meeting of the State House and Capitol Park Commission as soon as the appointments to that Commission are complete.

Speaker Mitchell stated that she had reservations about the State and Local Government Committee's request to refer the issue to the State House Commission and that she wanted her reservations to be communicated to the Commission, as part of the referral. In response to Senator Rand's question about who would make the final recommendation regarding a

playground, Ms. Tubbesing answered that the State House Commission is advisory to the Council and would make its recommendation to the Council. In the continuing discussion, Council members raised the following questions:

- Would the State House Commission generally hold a public hearing on a topic like this? (Sen. Rand)

Ms. Tubbesing responded that the Commission was generally committed to drawing together all interested parties, viewing this as critical to developing a sound recommendation to present to the Council.

- Is there a shortage of playgrounds in Augusta? (Sen. Amero)

Both Clerk of the House Joe Mayo and Margaret Matheson responded, as residents of Augusta, that "there are several beautiful ones in the area."

- Are there any community-funded pressure-treated playgrounds in Augusta? (Rep. Campbell)

Speaker Mitchell responded that almost every Augusta neighborhood has one.

**Motion:** That the item be referred to the State House and Capitol Park Commission. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Sen. Pingree).

**Amendment to Motion:** Sen. Amero asked that the motion be amended to add a third criterion -- need -- to the two that had been included in the letter from the State & Local Government Commission. Rep. Campbell seconded this, and Senate President Lawrence accepted the amendment to his motion.

The vote on the motion as amended was unanimous.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m., on the motion of Senate President Lawrence.

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE					
FY 97 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
APPROP #	LINE CAT	EXPENSE CATEGORY TITLE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	SPENT/OBLIGATED	UNOBLIGATED AMOUNT
<u>Legislative</u>	Personal				
01030A008101	Services	Salaries	7,030,158.00	7,094,812.37	(64,654.37)
		Overtime	78,806.00	92,005.04	(13,199.04)
		Retro Pay Contract		87,704.35	(87,704.35)
		Retirement Incentive		7,836.40	(7,836.40)
		Vacation Pay	17,905.00	63,750.27	(45,845.27)
		Longevity Pay	16,834.00	16,427.80	406.20
		Unemployment Compensation	46,600.00	67,221.03	(20,621.03)
		Per Diem	59,000.00	49,005.00	9,995.00
		<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>7,249,303.00</b>	<b>7,478,762.26</b>	<b>(229,459.26)</b>
		Health Insurance	1,566,671.00	1,295,063.20	271,607.80
		Dental Insurance	83,540.00	64,946.01	18,593.99
		Retirement	1,462,564.00	1,417,558.71	45,005.29
		Group Life	20,414.00	15,997.08	4,416.92
		Medicare	70,986.00	73,980.91	(2,994.91)
		Child Care	900.00	1,400.00	(500.00)
		<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>3,205,075.00</b>	<b>2,868,945.91</b>	<b>336,129.09</b>
		<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>10,454,378.00</b>	<b>10,347,708.17</b>	<b>106,669.83</b>
	All Other		4,071,893.00	4,021,063.47	50,829.53
		<b>Total All Other</b>	<b>4,071,893.00</b>	<b>4,021,063.47</b>	<b>50,829.53</b>
	Capital		90,438.00	87,901.59	2,536.41
		<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>90,438.00</b>	<b>87,901.59</b>	<b>2,536.41</b>
		<b>Account Total</b>	<b>14,616,709.00</b>	<b>14,456,673.23</b>	<b>160,035.77</b>

- FY 97 Special Session  
- 2% pay increase

not paid here -  
reductions

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE						
Unencumbered Balance Forward Analysis						
GENERAL FUND						
Account Number	Account Name	FY 97	FY 98 Proj.	Projected	Proposed	Net Proj.
		Unenc. Bal.	Anticipated	Available	Transfer	Available
			Need			
01030A004002	Productivity Initiatives	4.00		4.00	(4.00)	-
01030A005301	Comm on Interstate Coop	-		-		-
01030A008101	Legislative	248,625.00	(248,625.00)	-		-
01030A024201	Comm Uniform State Laws	277.00	(277.00)	-		-
01030A044403	Misc Studies Legislative	78,748.00		78,748.00	(78,748.00)	-
01030A061501	Leg St Capitol Comm	27,616.00	(27,616.00)	-		-
01030A063701	Me-Can Advisory Comm	2,626.00		2,626.00	(2,626.00)	-
01030A072201	Apportionment Commission	12,802.00		12,802.00	(12,802.00)	-
01030A074701	Res Fund State Hse Pres & Maint			-	107,953.00	107,953.00
01030A079301	Me Hlth Care Reform Comm	13,773.00		13,773.00	(13,773.00)	-
01030A082401	Educ Research Institute	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	-		-
	TOTALS	409,471.00	(301,518.00)	107,953.00	-	(107,953.00)
01031A063601	Law and Legislative Ref. Library	63,210.00	(63,210.00)	-		-

*remaining*

\$107,953 projected available for transfer to the State House Preservation and Maintenance Fund.

In accordance with Title 3, section 162, subsection 12-A, the Legislative Council may approve the transfer of unexpended balances of General Fund appropriations to the Legislature to the Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance up to \$250,000 a year.



REQUIREMENTS FOR UNENCUMBERED BALANCE FORWARD

<b>LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNT</b>					
	Re-encumber lapsed PO's:				
	J.S. McCarthy	47,230.00			
	Copy Center	2,275.00			
		49,505.00			
	FY 97 Bills Not Paid in FY 97:				
	Data Processing	7,552.99			
	Telecommunications-April	32,573.99			
	Telecommunications-May	23,463.39			
	Central Copy-April	13,500.18			
	Central Printing	13,975.17			
	Letter Systems	2,364.40			
	Nynex	2,384.01			
	Programmers Paradise	2,841.45			
	Copy Center	8,597.20			
	ValCom	22,064.00			
	K-Log	2,799.00			
	Nevrona Design	447.00			
	Programmers Paradise	757.00			
		133,319.78			
	<b>Total All Other/Capital Needs</b>	<b>182,824.78</b>			
	Health Insurance ( June invoice not received until July-payment FY 98)	65,800.00			
	<b>Total Projected Need</b>	<b>248,624.78</b>			
	<b>LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY</b>				
	Required for previously approved improvements in the Library	63,210.00			
	<b>Total Projected Need</b>	<b>63,210.00</b>			



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 18, 1997

TO: Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Chair  
and Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Sally *Sally*

SUBJECT: Bids for State House Repair and Renovation Project: Results of Recommendation

As I reported at the July 14 Council meeting, the bid opening for our Summer work was on Tuesday, August 5. Both of the firms whom we had prequalified -- Granger Northern, Inc. and Ledgewood, Inc. -- submitted bids as follows:

Granger Northern, Inc.	\$797,500
Ledgewood, Inc.	\$712,163

Both bids have been reviewed for completeness; and, due to the difference in the two bids, Ledgewood has confirmed all of its numbers. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend that the Council authorize the award of a contract to Ledgewood, Inc. for \$712,163 for the scope of work that the Council had previously approved.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the project at the Council meeting this Friday.

**DRAFT**

**118TH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
REVIEW OF REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION**

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*October 3 Friday*  
**October 6th (Monday)**  
**5 p.m.**

**Filing Deadline**

- Legislators (Title & Summary)
- Departments/Agencies (Final Drafts)

*27th (Monday) 10:00*  
**October 26th (Sunday)**

**Legislative Council Meeting - Screening**

*30th Thursday*  
**October 29th (Wednesday)**

**Notification of Council's action mailed to sponsors**

*4th (Monday)*  
**November 3rd (Monday)**

**Deadline for:**

- Submitting final drafts, or sufficient information to draft all bills accepted by the Council on October 26th
- Filing appeals

**November 13th (Thursday)**  
**3 p.m.**  
**(or November 8th (Saturday))**

**Legislative Council Meeting to consider appeals and incomplete requests**

*November 15 10:00*

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**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
NEW STUDY COMMISSIONS  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

COMMISSION/STUDY	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	# MTGS	REPORT	COMPENSATION	BUDGET
Commission to Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings LD 146 - Resolves 1997, c. 71	10 members; including 3 legislators	Roy Lenardson Deborah Friedman	3	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$495 AO: 950
Task Force on Production and Issuance of Registration Plates LD 260 - P.L. 1997, c. 311	11 members; including 4 legislators  (Appointments Complete)	Secy' of State; Jill Ippoliti (drafting only)		118th/2nd	Expenses: legislators only	Highway funds available from unexpended balance previously allocated for this purpose
Commission to Study the Unemployment Compensation System LD 332 - Resolves 1997, c. 65 (Emergency)	11 members; including 4 legislators  (Appointments complete except for Governor's appointment)	To Be Determined	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 880 AO: 1,300
Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits LD 350 - Resolves 1997, c. 79 (Emergency)	15 members; including 4 legislators	Colleen McCarthy Reid Megan Dennen	8	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 1,760 AO: 2,100 (Allocation of funds from Bureau of Insurance)
Study Group to Assess Needs of the State Fire Marshal LD 359 - Resolves 1997, c. 10	13 members; including 1 legislator  (Appointments Complete)	Dept. of Public Safety		3/1/98	Not Authorized	
Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation LD 581 - Resolves 1997, c. 79 (Emergency)	17 members; including 3 legislators	Jane Orbeton Marion Hylan Barr	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS:\$ 660 AO: 1,100

COMMISSION/STUDY	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	# MTGS	REPORT	COMPENSATION	BUDGET
Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Long-term Care Facilities LD 657 - Resolves 1997, c. 81 (Emergency)	15 members; including 4 legislators	Jon Clark Jon Kachmar	5	12/15/97	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$1,100 AO: 1,500
Work Group to Examine the Legal Rights of Children who Testify in cases in which they have been the alleged Victims of Sexual Abuse LD 803 - P.L. 1997, c. 548	9 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. of Human Services & AG	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$440 AO: 400
Interagency Task Force on Homelessness & Housing Opportunities LD 913 - P.L. 1997, c. 552	12 members; no legislators			12/1/97	Expenses only: legislators	
Commission to Study Insurance Fraud LD 933 - Resolves 1997, c. 77 (Emergency)	12 members; including 2 legislators	Bureau of Insurance; Colleen McCarthy Reid	5	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 550 AO: 1,000
Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with Disabilities LD 944 - Resolves 1997, c. 72	13 members; including 3 legislators	Carrie McFadden	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses legislators only	PS: \$ 660 AO: 2,350
Commission to Study Certificate of Need Laws LD 998 - Resolves 1997, c. 82 (Emergency)	15 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. of Human Services	5	12/1/97	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$550 AO: 500
Task Force on Registration of In-home Personal Care and Support Workers LD 1046 - Resolves 1997, c. 29 Emergency	11 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. of Human Services		1/1/98	Not authorized	
Task Force to Review the Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions LD 1048 - Resolves 1997, c. 74	11 members; including 2 legislators	Dept. of Education & Me. Council on Vocational Education	3	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$330 AO: 300
Legislative Review of Revisions to the State's Clean Air Strategy LD 1058 - P.L. 1997, c. 531	Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources	Amy Holland	1	118th/2nd	Per diem and expenses	PS: \$715 AO: 650 (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)

COMMISSION/STUDY	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	# MTGS	REPORT	COMPENSATION	BUDGET
Task Force on State and Federal Tax Filing LD 1368 - Resolves 1997, c. 66	11 members; including 3 legislators	Bureau of Taxation OFPR Peggy Reinsch (legal support)	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 660 AO: 1,100
Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund LD 1377 - Resolves 1997, c. 73 (Emergency)	19 members; including 4 legislators	Patrick Norton Phillip McCarthy	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$880 AO: 800 (Alloc: 500)
State Compensation Commission LD 1391 - P.L. 1997, c. 506	5 members; no legislators	OFPR David Elliott (legal)	FY 98: 8 FY 99: 8	Biannual (by January 1st)	Legislative per diem & expenses	FY 98 PS: \$2,200 AO: 3,500  FY 99 PS: \$2,200 AO: 2,000
Task Force on Regional Service Center Communities LD 1437 - Resolves 1997, c. 78	13 members; including 3 legislators	Various Exec. Depts.	6	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 990 AO: 1,900
Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for All Regions of the State LD 1452 - P&S 1997, c. 51	14 members; including 5 legislators	Carrie McFadden Megan Dennen	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$1,100 AO: 1,500
Task Force to Study Cost-Effectiveness of the Child Development Services System LD 1581 - P.L. 1997, c. 534	16 members; including 4 legislators	Phillip McCarthy David Elliott	3	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$ 660 AO: 1,100
Task Force on Information Technology in the Public Sector LD 1589 - P.L. 1997, c. 554	23 members; including 2 legislators	DAFS; SPO (Governor convenes)	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$440 AO: 400
Commission to Study the Development of Maine's Franco-American Resource LD 1603 - Resolves 1997, c. 83 (Emergency)	27 members; including 4 legislators	Maine Franco- American Center at UMS	5	12/1/97	Legislators: per diem & expenses Others : expenses only payable by the University of Maine System  UMS Direct Appropriation	PS: \$1,100 AO: 1,500 [Alloc: 500]  AO: \$47,400
Maine Commission on Outstanding Citizens LD 1610 - Resolves 1997, c. 64	8 members; including 1 legislator	To Be Determined	5	1/15/98	Legislator: per diem & expenses Others : expenses only	PS: \$ 275 AO: 2,150

COMMISSION/STUDY	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	# MTGS	REPORT	COMPENSATION	BUDGET
Legislative Review of DEP's Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program to Meet the Requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act LD 1651 - Resolves 1997, c. 57	5 member subcommittee of Natural Resources Committee	Amy Holland	2	1/5/98	Per diem and expenses	PS: \$550 AO: 500 (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)
Interstate Economic Development Commission for Northern New England States LD 1657 - P.L. 1997, c. 254	15 members; including 2 legislators		6/yr		Not entitled	This Act takes effect when AG notifies Revisor the other 2 states have enacted concurrent legislation.
Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts LD 1716 - P.L. 1997, c. 518 (Emergency)	15 members; no legislators (CEO-FAME convenes)		4/yr	3/1/99	Not authorized	
Progress Meetings with DMHMR/SAS and DHS on Design of Comprehensive Mental Health Services Delivery System for Children LD 1744 - Resolves 1997, c. 80	3 member subcommittee of Health and Human Services Committee (Appointments Complete)	Jane Orbeton	4	12/15/97	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$660 AO: 600
Multistate Tax Compact LD 1760 - P.L. 1997, c. 411	6 members; including 4 legislators		3/yr		Expenses only	A.O. \$600 per year (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)
Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers LD 1832 - Resolves 1997, c. 68	16 members; including 2 legislators	Department of Human Services	4	12/1/97	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$440 AO: 400
Commission to Study the Restructuring of the State's Fiscal Policies to Promote the Development of High-technology Industry in Maine LD 1897 - P.L. 1997, C. 557 Emergency	20 members; including 4 legislators	OFPR? Contractual?	6	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$1,320 AO: 7,700 (Alloc.-A.O. \$25,000)
Tax Committee Study LD 1897 - P.L. 1997, C. 557 Emergency	Joint Standing Committee on Taxation	Kevin Madigan	4	118th/2nd	Per diem and expenses	PS: \$2,860 AO: 2,600

COMMISSION/STUDY	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	# MTGS	REPORT	COMPENSATION	BUDGET
Maine Commission on Children's Health Care LD 1904 - P.L. 1997, C. 560	16 members; including 7 legislators	SPO Jane Orbeton	4	12/15/97	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$1,540 AC: 1,900
Task Force on Improving Access to Prescription Drugs for the Elderly LD 1904 - P.L. 1997, C. 560	9 members; including 6 legislators	Peggy Reinsch Darlene Shores Lynch	4	1/15/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$1,320 AC: 1,700
Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses in Maine LD 1905 - Resolves 1997, c. 85	12 members; including at least 2 legislators	John Kelley Darlene Shores Lynch	4	1/1/98	Per diem and expenses: legislators only	PS: \$880 AC: 1,300
Privacy of Genetic Information (see LD 1243)	Banking & Insurance Committee (5 member subcommittee)  (Appointments Complete)	Colleen McCarthy Reid	Subcomm: 2 Full Comm: 1	12/15/97	Per diem & expenses	PS: \$1,265 AC: 1,650 (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)
BEC Review of Agencies under the Government Evaluation Act	Business & Economic Dev. Committee	Carrie McFadden	3		Per diem & expenses	PS: \$2,145 AC: 1,950 (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)
Scope of Juvenile Justice Problems and Services in Maine	Criminal Justice Committee (5 member subcommittee)	Marion Hylan Barr Megan Dennen	Full Comm: 1 Subcomm: 1	11/1/97	Per diem & expenses	PS: \$990 AC: 1,400 (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)
Jt. Select Committee on Research & Development	14 legislators	Roy Lenardson Amy Holland	3	1/1/98	Per diem & expenses	PS: \$2,310 AC: 2,600 (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)
Jt. Select Committee to Oversee Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company	13 legislators  (Appointments Complete)	Jon Clark	4	1/31/98	Per diem & expenses	PS: \$1,540 AC: 1,900 (Costs absorbed within Legislative Budget)

Prepared by the Office of the Executive Director 8/21/97



# GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

C NORTHERN  
NEW ENGLAND

*Through employment, residential, educational and support services, Goodwill works to enhance the social and economic independence of people with disabilities and others who experience barriers to such independence.*

- Mission Statement

**Gary D. Vogel**  
PRESIDENT OF  
THE BOARD

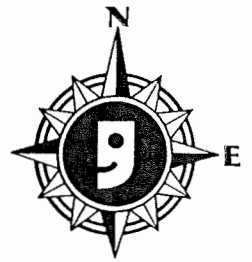
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EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR



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August 19, 1997

The Honorable Elizabeth Mitchell and Members of the Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Offices  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Representative Mitchell and Council Members:

As I'm sure you are aware, accessibility for Deaf individuals at the Legislature and for government services has been an on-going issue for many years. Great progress has been made towards increasing access. There is one concern, however, that needs to be addressed in a more satisfactory manner. TTY access is not adequate at the State House or in the State Office Building.

TTY's are available in certain offices within the two buildings but they are not public TTY's. One must ask for permission to use the TTY's and often the offices are closed when an individual needs access. Some of the TTY's are at people's desks and they need to move in order for a person to use them.

In March 1996 a Report was submitted to the Legislative Council entitled, *Study to Increase Access to the Legislature and Government Services for Persons Who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing and to Make Progress Towards Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act*. That study indicates that the TTY phone in the Law Library is available for use by the general public as well as by office staff. There is no signage for this TTY and the staff in the Library have never been informed that this TTY is considered the public TTY for the building.

The concern about the lack of public TTY's became evident during the last legislative session when Deaf individuals were lobbying Appropriation's Committee members. The TTY in the Library is available only when the full Legislature is in session and not when individual committees are meeting.

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities to make existing buildings and facilities accessible and usable by deaf persons, including structural alterations, except where modification of the facility would result in an undue burden to the public entity. Right now in the State House alone there are approximately twelve pay phones available for hearing individuals to use. There are no public TTY's that offer the same convenience, time access and privacy as the phones available to hearing people.

We would like to request that two public pay TTY phones be installed: One in the rotunda area on the third floor of the State House where the bank of pay phones exists and one by the elevators on the ground floor of the state office building near to the entrance of the tunnel. We would also like appropriate signage at all the hearing pay phones giving the location of the two public pay TTY's.

I have enclosed a brochure and some pricing information for pay TTY telephones that includes purchase, lease and service contract costs. These phones have recently become much more affordable. Please do not hesitate to call me if you need any additional information.

We would appreciate it if you could let us know what action you plan to take on this issue as soon as possible. The Legislature will be in session soon and there are several individuals who would like equal phone access to partake in the process.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Mary Edgerton  
Advocate

CC: Sally Tubbesing

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
District 52 (Topsham)

August 13, 1997

Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives  
Elizabeth H. Mitchell  
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Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Speaker Mitchell:

I was disappointed to learn that the Special Legislative Committee to Study the Health Affects of Reformulated Gasoline established by the leadership of the 117th Maine Legislature had been eliminated by the Legislative Council 8-2 at its May 29, 1997 meeting.

As co-chairs of that particular committee, Sen. Philip Harriman and I strongly object to a vote to disband such an important committee without having been notified that such an action was going to be considered.

Over 100 members of the 117th House of Representatives and Senate signed a petition requesting this special committee. Of the seven public hearings they requested by petition, the leadership authorized and funded only an organizational meeting, three public hearings and a wrap up meeting to direct Amy Holland from Dave Boulter's office to produce a comprehensive report on the findings for the committee. That report would then be forwarded to members of the 118th Maine Legislature.

Besides Sen. Harriman and me, members of the committee included Senator Richard Carey, Representatives Christine Savage, Glenys Lovett and Richard Gould.

We held hearings in Scarborough and Wiscasset and were very concerned about the many concerns expressed about the health affects of oxygenated reformulated gasoline used in the seven southern counties of Maine.

Sen. Harriman and I believe that this committee should be allowed to finish its work. We believe that additional public hearings should be authorized in other counties so a complete report can be presented to the second session of the 118th Maine Legislature for its consideration.

Besides requesting that the Legislative Council reconsider its action of May 29, 1997, we would further request that additional hearings be authorized this fall so the maximum amount of testimony on the subject can be included in the final report.

Please also consider that Alaska and North Carolina have banned the use of RFG because of health concerns, and California is currently in the final stages of doing the same. That alone should send red flags and raise serious questions about this oxygenate.

Thank you and I look forward to the Legislative Council meeting of August 22. Please let me know if you need additional information about what the committee has done.

Sincerely,

  
Verdi L. Tripp

cc: members of the select committee  
✓ Legislative Council Exec. Dir.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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August 22, 1997

Members of the Legislative Council:

As co-chair of the Special Legislative Committee to Study the Health Affects of Reformulated Gasoline established on May 22, 1996, I was disappointed to learn that it had been eliminated by this Legislative Council 8-2 at its May 29, 1997 meeting.

I ask that you reconsider your action and allow the Select Committee to conclude its work. On behalf of the committee, I am also asking that the Legislative Council allow us three additional public hearings to be held Portland-South Portland, Lewiston-Auburn and Augusta-Waterville areas. These will allow a greater number of Maine people to present information before the Select Committee.

Over 100 members of the 117th House of Representatives and Senate signed a petition requesting this special committee and public hearings in all of the seven southern counties required to use RFG with the oxygenates Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). We were only granted two. Geographically we were forced to select Scarborough and Wiscasset, although low population areas.

Also, since the public hearings a year ago this summer, other states are now considering legislative action to eliminate RFG with MTBE from their states. Heading that list is California, one of the largest states which is particularly concerned with findings of MTBE in some of its public water supplies.

There has been some mention that the Select Committee should have completed its task during the 117th Maine Legislature. The petition was presented to leadership early in that second session. However, the request was not granted until May 22, 1996, just prior to the end of that second session. As soon as possible, the Select Committee held a day long organizational meeting which included testimony from the oil industry, administration officials and key leaders of the move to eliminate it from use in Maine.

The two public hearing dates were established shortly after. The Select Committee intended to have its wrap-up meeting in the fall of 1996 but a Special Legislative session caused us to cancel that plan.

Sen. Philip Harriman and I met with David Boulter to discuss scheduling. Since we were about to begin the first session of the 118th Legislature, he worried that his staff would not have enough time to prepare a report and suggested this final Select Committee meeting be held during the summer of 1997. We were prepared to do that when I was alerted by a lobbyist in June to the action of this Council.

I would respectfully suggest that in the future when a Select Committee has not completed its task, that this Legislative Council at least consult with its chair before voting to eliminate it.

This Select Committee, although severely restricted in the number of public hearings and consequently the number of Maine people it could hear, has already expended funding, and much time and effort to date in its work. We were tasked to collect pertinent information and present a to our legislative colleagues. I ask you to allow it to complete its work and present its report.

Sincerely,

*Verdi*  
Verdi L. Tripp,  
Co-Chair, Special Legislative Committee to Study the  
Health Affects of Reformulated Gasoline

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9-96 public hearing*

*Still in Legislature*

*2 Sen*

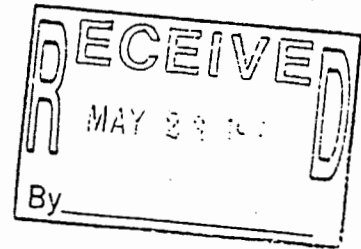
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*W. Gould is no longer in Legislature*

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117th Maine Legislature



Jeffrey H. Butland  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

May 22, 1996

David E. Boulter, Director  
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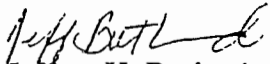
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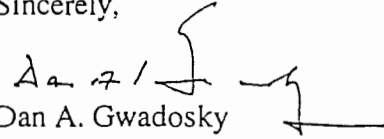
Pursuant to our authority in establishing the Select Committee to Study the Health Effects of Reformulated Gasoline, we are asking your assistance in providing staff support for the Committee as follows:

1. Four meetings
  - a. organizational meeting to be held at the Capitol
  - b. 2 meetings in affected counties, to be determined by Committee Chairs
  - c. final meeting to summarize conclusions

The committee is comprised of 2 senators and 4 representatives, who will be authorized expenses only. The committee is ready to begin their work as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning the scope of necessary staff support.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey H. Butland  
President of the Senate

  
Dan A. Gwadosky  
Speaker of the House

cc: Sen. Philip Harriman, Senate Chair  
Rep. Verdi Tripp, House Chair

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