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# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
# August 22, 1997
# REVISED AGENDA

Lynn Randall
Legislative Council Info.

## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

## SUMMARY OF JULY 14 COUNCIL MEETING

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: Personnel Actions

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)

## 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

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| Senators: | President Lawrence, Sen. Pingree, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand, Sen. Kieffer |
| Representatives: | Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Campbell<br>**Absent:** Rep. Kontos, Rep. Donnelly, Rep. Saxl |
| Legislative Officers: | Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council<br>Jim Clair, Deputy Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review<br>Peggy Reinsch, Principal Attorney, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis<br>Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes<br>Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services<br>Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House<br>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 | | | | | |
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| **FY 97 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY** | | | | | |
| | | | **ADJUSTED** | | |
| **APPROP #** | **LINE CAT** | **EXPENSE CATEGORY TITLE** | **BUDGET** | **SPENT/OBLIGATED** | **UNOBLIGATED AMOUNT** |
| | | | | | |
| **Legislative** | 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 |
| | | Total Salaries | 7,249,303.00 | 7,478,762.26 | (229,459.26) |
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| | | 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) |
| | | Total Benefits | 3,205,075.00 | 2,868,945.91 | 336,129.09 |
| | | **Total Personal Services** | **10,454,378.00** | **10,347,708.17** | **106,669.83** |
| | | | | | |
| | All Other | | 4,071,893.00 | 4,021,063.47 | 50,829.53 |
| | | **Total All Other** | **4,071,893.00** | **4,021,063.47** | **50,829.53** |
| | | | | | |
| | Capital | | 90,438.00 | 87,901.59 | 2,536.41 |
| | | **Total Capital** | **90,438.00** | **87,901.59** | **2,536.41** |
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| | | **Account Total** | **14,616,709.00** | **14,456,673.23** | **160,035.77** |
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| **Unencumbered Balance Forward Analysis** | | | | | | |
| **GENERAL FUND** | | | | | | |
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| **Account Number** | **Account Name** | **FY 97** | **FY 98 Proj.** | **Projected** | **Proposed** | **Net Proj.** |
| | | **Unenc. Bal.** | **Anticipated** | **Available** | **Transfer** | **Available** |
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| 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 |
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| 01031A063601 | Law and Legislative Ref. Library | 63,210.00 | (63,210.00) | - | | - |
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| $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. | | | | | | |

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REQUIREMENTS FOR UNENCUMBERED BALANCE FORWARD

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| **LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNT** | | | | | | |
| | Re-encumber lapsed PO's: | | | | | |
| | J.S. McCarthy | 47,230.00 | | | | |
| | Copy Center | 2,275.00 | | | | |
| | | 49,505.00 | | | | |
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| | 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 | | | | |
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| | Total All Other/Capital Needs | **182,824.78** | | | | |
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| | Health Insurance ( June invoice not | | | | | |
| | received until July-payment FY 98) | 65,800.00 | | | | |
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| | **Total Projected Need** | **248,624.78** | | | | |
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| **LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY** | | | | | | |
| | Required for previously approved | | | | | |
| | improvements in the Library | 63,210.00 | | | | |
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| | Total Projected Need | **63,210.00** | | | | |
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# 118TH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
# SECOND REGULAR SESSION
# REVIEW OF REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION

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| **October 6th (Monday)**<br>**5 p.m.** | **Filing Deadline**<br>• Legislators (Title & Summary)<br>• Departments/Agencies (Final Drafts) |
| **October 26th (Sunday)** | **Legislative Council Meeting - Screening** |
| **October 29th (Wednesday)** | **Notification of Council's action mailed to sponsors** |
| **November 3rd (Monday)** | **Deadline for:**<br>• Submitting final drafts, or sufficient information to draft all bills accepted by the Council on October 26th<br>• Filing appeals |
| **November 13th (Thursday)**<br>**3 p.m.**<br>**(or November 8th (Saturday))** | **Legislative Council Meeting to consider appeals and incomplete requests** |

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# VERDI L. TRIPP

P.O. Box 413,
Topsham, ME 04086 ~ 729-0336

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**
District 52 (Topsham)


August 13, 1997

Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives
Elizabeth H. Mitchell
State House Station 1
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.

# VERDI L. TRIPP

P.O. Box 413,
Topsham, ME 04086 ~ 729-0336

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**
District 52 (Topsham)


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.

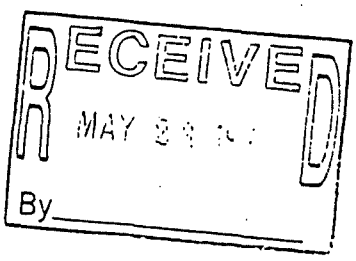
Sen. Philip Harriman and I met with David Boulter to discuss scheduling. Since we were about to begin the first session of the 118th Legislature, he worried that his staff would not have enough time to prepare a report and suggested this final Select Committee meeting be held during the summer of 1997.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

I would respectively 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 L. Tripp,
Co-Chair, Special Legislative Committee to Study the
Health Affects of Reformulated Gasoline




117th Maine Legislature

Jeffrey H. Butland
President of the Senate

Dan A. Gwadosky
Speaker of the House

May 22, 1996

David E. Boulter, Director
Office of Policy & Legal Analysis
13 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. Boulter:

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

# SELECT COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF REFORMULATED GASOLINE: MEMBERS

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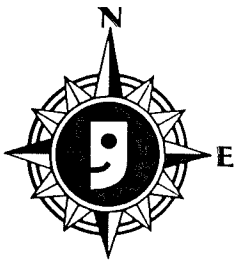
|---|---|
| **Senator Philip Harriman**, Co-Chair | 773-5390 (office)<br>846-0799 (home) |
| **Rep. Verdi Tripp**, Co-Chair | 729-0336 |
| **Senator Richard Carey** | 495-3333 |
| **Representative Richard Gould** | 695-2791 |
| **Rep. Glenys Lovett** | 883-3030 |
| **Rep. Christine Savage** | 785-4632 (home) |

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES
OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND




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.

*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

**Kevin C. Baack, Ph.D.**
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

United Way

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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