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October 20, 1997

TO: Members of the 118th Legislature

FROM: Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Chair
Mark W. Lawrence, Vice-Chair

SUBJECT: Legislative Council Review of Bill Requests for the Second Regular Session

As you know, the Legislative Council screens legislators' bill requests for the Second Regular Session pursuant to our Joint Rules. 580 legislator bills by the October 6 cloture date; and the Council will meet next Monday, October 27, to consider each of these bills. The screening process was designed to provide a mechanism for limiting the workload in the Second Regular Session. Lists of bills titles will be available in the offices of all Council members, as well as the Legislative Information Office, the Offices of the Secretary and Clerk and all of the staff offices.

Joint Rule 203 provides that each bill or resolve proposed for introduction have a roll call vote. Because of the time involved in this process, we have agreed to follow tradition and will **not** permit sponsors to present -- or defend -- their bill requests at the screening meeting next Monday. A complete list of bills, including the Council's action of this meeting will be mailed out to all members later that week, along with information about the procedure for filing appeals. In the event that you wish to appeal a bill request that the Council initially rejected, you are authorized to attend the "Appeals Meeting" in November; and we will reimburse your mileage.

We hope this information is useful to you and would be happy to answer your questions.

SPONSOR: Sen. Amero of Cumberland — LR 2812 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Simplify the Process of Transferring Business Ownership under the Terms of a Divorce Settlement

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SPONSOR: Rep. Baker of Bangor — LR 2875 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Establish the Endowment Incentive Program

SPONSOR: Rep. Barth, Jr. of Bethel — LR 2873 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Regarding the Delayed Reregistration of Certain Trucks

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SPONSOR: Rep. Belanger of Wallagrass — LR 3080 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sexual Offenders

SPONSOR: Rep. Belanger of Wallagrass — LR 3280 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Create an Enterprise Zone in Aroostook County

SPONSOR: Rep. Berry, Sr. of Belmont — LR 3059 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Repeal Certain Changes Made to State Employee and Teacher Retirement Benefits

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SPONSOR: Rep. Bisulca of Penobscot Nation — LR 2541 — ACCEPTED ON: 06/16/97
An Act to Amend the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement

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SPONSOR: Rep. Bragdon of Bangor — LR 3191 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Encourage Open Adoption for Children in Department of Human Services Custody

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SPONSOR: Rep. Bragdon of Bangor — LR 3194 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Allow Public Housing Projects to Use the Most Cost-effective Heating Fuel or Source

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SPONSOR: Rep. Brennan of Portland — LR 2627 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Promote Access to Public Higher Education

SPONSOR: Rep. Brennan of Portland — LR 2632 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief and to Ensure Equitable School Funding

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SPONSOR: Rep. Bunker, Jr. LR 2679
of Kossuth Township ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORALIZING CONGRESS TO ENFORCE NAFTA PROVISIONS DEALING WITH MAINE AND NEW BRUNSWICK

SPONSOR: Sen. Butland LR 2728
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Year 2000 Project

SPONSOR: Sen. Butland LR 3219
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Clarify the Law Requiring the Appointment of the Pineland Development Authority

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SPONSOR: Rep. Cameron LR 2929
of Rumford ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Require a Tax Identification Number for Sales Tax Exemptions on Hay and Animal Bedding

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SPONSOR: Rep. Campbell LR 3239
of Holden ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Promote Competitiveness Regarding the Sale of Recreational Vehicles by Allowing Better Discounts

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SPONSOR: Sen. Carey LR 3173
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Clarifying the Public Service Corporation Exception

SPONSOR: Sen. Cathcart LR 2865
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Extend the Prevailing Wage Laws to the Maine Turnpike Authority

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SPONSOR: Sen. Cathcart LR 3111
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Restore the Normal Retirement Age for State Employees and Teachers

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SPONSOR: Rep. Chick LR 2675
of Lebanon ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Allow the York County Commissioners to Send Out Tax Bills to Towns Twice a Year

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SPONSOR: Rep. Cianchette LR 2808
of South Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Filing of Municipal Campaign Reports

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SPONSOR: Sen. Cleveland LR 2909
of Androscoggin ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Continue Work-based Learning for Maine's Youth

SPONSOR: Sen. Cleveland of Androscoggin — LR 3066
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Assist People with Housing Needs

SPONSOR: Sen. Cleveland of Androscoggin — LR 3216
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Establish the Maine Renewable Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund

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SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell of Gardiner — LR 2910
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Regarding the Energy Testing Laboratory of Maine

SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett of Kennebec — LR 2804
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Foster Economic Development and Tourism in Maine

SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett of Kennebec — LR 3001
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Update the Guide Dog Access Law

SPONSOR: Rep. Driscoll of Calais — LR 3212
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend Road Signs along I-95 and the Maine Turnpike to Indicate the Location of Full-service Gas Stations by Using the Handicap Accessibility Symbol

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SPONSOR: Rep. Dutremble of Biddeford — LR 2849
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Secession

SPONSOR: Rep. Farnsworth of Portland — LR 2798
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Grant the Legislature Additional Oversight of Medicaid Funds Used by the Department of Human Services for Educational Services

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SPONSOR: Sen. Ferguson, Jr. of Oxford — LR 2859
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Regarding Short-rotation Tree Fiber Farming and Genetically Engineered Trees

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SPONSOR: Rep. Green of Monmouth — LR 3063
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Equalize and Clarify the Tax on Hard Cider

SPONSOR: Rep. Green of Monmouth — LR 3238
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Ensure Long-term Funding of Agricultural Research Stations Connected with Land Grant Colleges

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SPONSOR: Sen. Harriman of Cumberland — LR 2668 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Prohibit the Taxing of Retirees' Pensions

SPONSOR: Sen. Harriman of Cumberland — LR 2756 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Ensure the Safety of Maine Children with Mental Health Problems

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SPONSOR: Rep. Hatch of Skowhegan — LR 3225 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Allocate Funds for the Maine Apprenticeship Program

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SPONSOR: Rep. Jabar, Sr. of Waterville — LR 2968 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Definition of Design Professionals

SPONSOR: Rep. Jones of Greenville — LR 2817 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Charter of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District to Increase the Bond Authorization

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SPONSOR: Rep. Kerr of Old Orchard Beach — LR 2937 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Enhance Home-based Services for Maine's Elderly

SPONSOR: Sen. Kieffer of Aroostook — LR 3211 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Permit the Consideration of Any Location in the State for the Location of the New Criminal Justice Academy

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SPONSOR: Rep. Kneeland of Easton — LR 2698 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Correct and Supplement Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

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SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos of Windham — LR 2856 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Protect Children from Sexual Predators

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos of Windham — LR 3090 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Facilitate Local Distribution of Natural Gas

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos of Windham — LR 3157 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Continue the Membership of the Maine Legislature in the Council of State Governments

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SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos of Windham — LR 3181
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act Relative to the Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over Nonutility Attachments to a Public Utility Plant

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SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos of Windham — LR 3184
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act to Ensure the Transferability of the Generating Assets of Electric Utilities

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SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos of Windham — LR 3243
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Access to Capital for Maine Businesses

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SPONSOR: Sen. LaFountain III of York — LR 3262
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act Relating to Reciprocal and Captive Insurance Companies

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SPONSOR: Rep. LaVerdiere of Wilton — LR 2735
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act to Preserve Certain Electric Utility Billing Arrangements Until Competition is Implemented

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SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence of York — LR 2902
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act to Permit Off-label Use of Prescription Drugs for Cancer, HIV or AIDS

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence of York — LR 2904
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act to Prevent Employment Discrimination Due to Medical History

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SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence of York — LR 2905
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Maine's Public Drinking Water Control Program

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SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence of York — LR 2907
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act to Establish Ethical Standards for the Office of Governor

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SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence of York — LR 2981
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97

An Act to Dedicate Certain Income from Fines to Land Acquisition

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SPONSOR: Sen. Longley of Waldo — LR 3251
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Create Incentives for Employers to Contribute toward the Cost of Comprehensive Health Insurance for Families

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SPONSOR: Sen. MacKinnon of York — LR 2723
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Sanford Water District

SPONSOR: Rep. McAlevey of Waterboro — LR 2647
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Enhance the Bail Requirements for Persons Charged with Murder

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SPONSOR: Rep. McElroy of Unity — LR 2838
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Regarding the State Subsidy for Kindergarten Programs

SPONSOR: Rep. McKee of Wayne — LR 2805
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Charter of the State Young Men's Christian Association of Maine

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SPONSOR: Sen. Michaud of Penobscot — LR 2974
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Tax Exemptions for Pollution Control Equipment

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SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell of Vassalboro — LR 2803
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Transfer Spectacle Pond from the State of Maine to the Town of Vassalboro

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SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell of Vassalboro — LR 2930
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Allow Maine Technical College System Employees to Participate in Teacher's Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equity Fund

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SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell of Portland — LR 2786
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Minimize State Revenue Loss to Ineffective Health Coverage

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SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell of Portland — LR 2872
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Support the Long-term Care Steering Committee

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell of Portland — LR 3009
ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Address the Crisis in Access in Dental Care for Low-income Children

SPONSOR: Rep. Murphy, Jr. LR 2789
of Kennebunk ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebunk Light and Power District

SPONSOR: Sen. Murray, Jr. LR 2654
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Make Corrections to the Laws Governing the Maine Bail Code

SPONSOR: Rep. Muse LR 2914
of South Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Approve a Maine Technical College System Lease with the South Portland Housing Authority

SPONSOR: Sen. Nutting LR 3172
of Androscoggin ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Ensure That Temporary Structure Property Is Subject to Taxation

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Neal LR 3137
of Limestone ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Require All Regulated Public Utilities to Report to the Public Utilities Commission the Sale, Lease or Other Transfer of Assests Paid for by Ratepayers

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Neal LR 3138
of Limestone ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Clarify the Tax-exempt Status of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

SPONSOR: Rep. Ott LR 2935
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Delay the Implementation of Performance-based Budgeting for State Government

SPONSOR: Sen. Paradis LR 3275
of Aroostook ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Concerning Highway Construction in Aroostook County

SPONSOR: Sen. Pingree LR 2773
of Knox ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Encourage Accountability and Return on Investment for Maine Taxpayers with Economic Development Initiatives

SPONSOR: Sen. Rand LR 3068
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Improve Traffic Safety

SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl of Bangor — LR 2961 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Restructure the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company Power Purchase Agreement

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SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl of Portland — LR 2744 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Create a Maritime Empowerment Zone

SPONSOR: Rep. Sirois of Caribou — LR 2895 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Construct a Full Service Rest Area on Interstate 95 30 Miles North of the Medway Rest Area

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SPONSOR: Sen. Small of Sagadahoc — LR 3151 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Ensure Indoor Environmental Quality Assessments for Public Schools

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SPONSOR: Rep. Snowe-Mello of Poland — LR 2953 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Encourage Private Schools to Provide Flexible and Diverse Counseling and Residential Services

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SPONSOR: Rep. Stevens of Orono — LR 2959 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Make Voting Places Accessible to Handicapped People

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SPONSOR: Rep. Watson of Farmingdale — LR 2922 — ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Appropriate Funding for the Maine Arts Commission to Implement the Learning Results

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November 12, 1997

TO: All Legislators Who Have Filed Appeals on Bill Requests

FROM: Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Chair
Mark W. Lawrence, Vice-Chair

SUBJECT: Legislative Council Meeting to Consider Appeals

The Legislative Council will meet next Thursday, November 20, beginning at 2:30 p.m., to consider the appeals that have been filed with the Revisor's Office. We wanted to share with you information about how we have organized this meeting so that you can plan accordingly.

Each member of the Council will have received copies of all of the appeal letters that were filed and had an opportunity to review them prior to next week's meeting. Following the Council's past practice, we will give legislators who are present the opportunity to speak briefly on behalf of their bills; however, we would stress that it is not necessary for you to be present in order for your request to be considered. We will be taking up the appeals in reverse alphabetical order; however, we will try to accommodate those legislators who have long distances to travel by taking them out of order if they are present.

In order to get though the 211 appeals that have been filed, we will ask you to limit your remarks on each request that you have appealed to 3 minutes. Your remarks should focus on the emergency nature of your proposed legislation. Council members may have questions following your remarks.

We hope this information will assist you in planning your schedule, and encourage you to call either of us or other members of the Council if you have questions about the appeal process.

cc: Members of the Legislative Council