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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
October 27, 1997
REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1997 COUNCIL MEETING

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- Committee on Legislative Information Technology
- State House and Capitol Park Commission: Progress Report

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Disposition of 486 Computers (referred to Committee on Legislative Information Technology - see above)

Item #2: Executive Orders (Memo from David Boulter/Margaret Reinsch, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request to Extend November 4th Deadline for Filing Information for Members of China Delegation

Item #2: Oblate House Feasibility Study (at request of Speaker Mitchell)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Workshop on Performance Budgeting: **Thursday, October 30, 1 - 3:30 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

REP. ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL
CHAIR

SEN. MARK W. LAWRENCE
VICE-CHAIR

118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY

September 24, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The Council Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council to order at 11:26 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Lawrence, Sen. Pingree, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand, Sen. Kieffer
Representatives:	Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Kontos, Rep. Campbell Absent: Rep. Donnelly and Rep. Saxl The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, noted that Representative Saxl was out-of-state on legislative business.
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 Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House Millicent MacFarland, Assistant Clerk of the House

SUMMARY OF AUGUST 22 COUNCIL MEETING

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #1: State House Repairs and Renovations: Follow up

East Portico Ceiling

Ms. Tubbesing reported that the architect and structural engineer had approved plans for repairing the East Portico Ceiling that involved repairs to the joints between the granite blocks on the third floor balcony, as well as replacement of the ceiling itself. The total estimate for this work is approximately $45,000. She reminded Council members that they had approved a transfer of funds at the August Council meeting to fund these repairs, as well as the demolition of the damaged ceiling in July.

No formal action was required on this item.

Bond Issue

Ms. Tubbesing reported that she and Peggy Schaffer, a member of the Speaker's staff, had attended a meeting the previous week to discuss plans for a campaign to support the proposed bond issue to fund the purchase of adoptive equipment, and repairs and renovations in the University System and in the State House that are designed to improve access and/or fire safety and protection.

No formal Council action was required; however, Speaker Mitchell expressed her hope that this Council and Legislature would provide leadership in continuing work on the State House.

Third Floor Corridors

Ms. Tubbesing reported that she had explored the feasibility of repainting the third floor corridors at the Council's request, and that the major issue is the extent of abatement that would be required due to lead paint. Senator Kieffer asked when the corridors had last been painted and whether that paint contained lead. Ms. Tubbesing responded that it had been at least 15 years since the corridors had been completely repainted, and that the paint used at that time was lead-based.

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, then informed Council members that the executive branch had launched a major study of space needs and had contracted with SMRT, a Portland architectural firm, for this purpose. She expressed her concern that the functions of the Legislature and its needs must be a formal part of these discussions and recommended that the Council send two members to participate in this planning effort. She then asked Rep. Saxl and Rep. Campbell to serve as the Council's representatives on this effort and directed Ms. Tubbesing to inform the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services of the Council's desire to participate.

Motion: That the Executive Director make arrangements to paint the third floor corridors before the Legislature reconvenes, and additional areas if the funds are available. (Motion by Rep. Campbell; second by Senate President Lawrence; unanimous).

Item #2: 486 Computers: Status (At the request of Senate President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell)

Ms. Tubbesing drew members' attention to the letter in their agenda packet that she had received from Senate President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell, asking for a detailed accounting of the disposition of 486 work stations. Before turning the presentation over to Paul Mayotte, Director of Information Services, she stated that Mr. Mayotte's focus since he assumed his newly-created position had been to move the Legislature into a completely networked situation as quickly and economically as possible.

Mr. Mayotte stated that he had been working with the Council's Committee on Legislative Information Technology and with staff throughout the building to develop a robust long-term plan for use of technology in the Legislature. The foundation for that plan requires a significant equipment upgrade in the near term; and the Legislature has a substantial inventory of 486 work stations that do not support either the operating systems or software applications that are already in use.

Senate President Lawrence noted that he and the Speaker were concerned about getting some kind of work station on every employee's desk and asked Mr. Mayotte if he saw any advantage to installing 486's as "free-standing" machines that would not be attached to the Legislature's local area network. Mr. Mayotte responded that these machines would not have e-mail and that it would be necessary to purchase additional printers to support these non-networked machines. Rep. Joe Carleton, who was in attendance, stated that 486 machines are essentially obsolete, and that upgrading them essentially diverts funds from the longer-term migration effort. Sen. President Lawrence asked Mr. Mayotte if he had explored the cost of upgrading the 486's, and Mr. Mayotte replied that both his research and consultation with the Gartner Group suggested that upgrading, which could cost nearly $1,000 per machine, is not cost effective.

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, concluded this discussion by asking Senator Pingree and Rep. Carleton, who co-chair the Committee on Legislative Information Technology, to further explore the development of a plan for placing 486's in areas in the State House and State Office Building that are not currently on the Local Area Network and to make recommendations to the Council.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on Legislative Information Technology

Senator Pingree reported that the Committee was meeting that afternoon.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Deadline for Submission of Major Substantive Rules: Consideration of Establishing an Early Deadline (memo from David Boulter)

At the Chair's invitation, David Boulter, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, reviewed the memo that he had prepared for the agenda packet. With the proposed March 31 adjournment date for the Second Regular Session, the current deadline for filing proposed rules (March 3) would limit the Legislature's time for reviewing these proposals and preparing legislation.

The memo offered options for addressing this situation; and after brief discussion, the Council voted on the following approach:

Motion: That the Legislative Council establish Friday, February 20, 1998 as the filing deadline for provisional rules pursuant to the Council's statutory authority. (Motion by Rep. Kontos; second by Sen. Kieffer; unanimous).

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, asked Mr. Boulter to prepare a memo notifying departments of this action for her signature.

Item #2: Interim Study Commissions

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, informed Council members that many of the interim study commissions created by legislation during the First Regular Session had been significantly late in convening. She reported that she had convened several where a majority of the appointments had been made, but that this had not been possible in those cases where the Governor's appointments constitute a quorum. She and Senate President Lawrence have been encouraging the Governor to move on these appointments as quickly as possible.

This was an informational item; no Council action was required. Sally Tubbesing stated that she would provide Council members with an updated list of these study commissions with notes regarding their status.

Item #3: Bill Requests for the Second Regular Session

Senator Kieffer reported that he had had several inquiries about whether the Council had established guidelines for accepting bills for the Second Regular Session. Sen. Rand stated that she had been responding to similar inquiries by stating that the Council will have to be "very tough" given the reduced length of the session. The Chair, Speaker Mitchell reminded Council members that the availability of a sizable surplus would certainly generate many bill requests; and Senator Kieffer, acknowledging that this was probably the case, suggested that the provisions of the Constitution (limiting the scope of legislation in the Second Regular Session to that of an "emergency nature") are still there. Rep. Kontos indicated that she would like to have a report from the Office of the Revisor and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis on concept drafting and asked Mr. Boulter how many had been filed during the previous session. Mr. Boulter responded that 6 had been filed. Rep. Kontos reported that she had filed one of these and found it to be a "very positive experience".

No Council action was required on this item.

Item #4: Executive Orders

Rep. Kontos stated that she had some concern that Executive Orders were being used to accomplish policy-related goals that the Legislature had rejected and expressed her concern that the Legislature "needs to be keenly aware of what the Executive Branch is doing," particularly in view of term limits. Rep. Donnelly supported her concern, and Council members asked for a summary of statutory provisions and case law that pertains to Executive Orders at the October meeting. Sally Tubbesing stated that she would distribute a set of all of the Executive Orders issued since the convening of the 118th Legislature to each Council member.

The Council took no formal action on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

LORING COMMERCE CENTRE

Brian N. Hamel
President

October 17, 1997

Ms. Sarah C. Tubbesing
Executive Director
State of Maine Legislative Council
State House Station #115
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Ms. Tubbesing:

Pursuant to "Section 13080-L Annual Report" of the Loring Development Authority of Maine's (LDA) enabling legislation, enclosed please find a complete report on the activities of the LDA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1997.

It is my intention to give a presentation on LDA activities and progress to the Business and Economic Development Committee during the next Legislative Session in Augusta and to provide them with a copy of this annual report package at the presentation.

We are pleased with our progress during the past year and continue to works towards the economic recovery of Aroostook County.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me.

Sincerely,

Brian N. Hamel
President

Enclosures

cc: Senator John T. Jenkins - Business and Economic Development Committee Co-Chair
Representative Marc J. Vigue - Business and Economic Development Committee Co-Chair

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118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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.

115 STATE HOUSE STATION, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0115 TELEPHONE 207-287-1615 FAX 207-287-1621

Recommendation of the Committee on Legislative Information Technology
Re: Installation of Personnel Computers In Committee Rooms

At the request of the Legislative Council made during the September 24, 1997 Council Meeting, the Committee on Legislative Information Technology reviewed the options for installing 486 PCs in Committee Rooms.

Background:
The Legislature is in the process of replacing its inventory of 486 chip based PCs with Pentium chip based PCs. As a result of this action, a quantity 486 PCs would be available for reassignment. These are WANG DTI PCs with 33mHZ 486 chips, 8 meg of internal RAM, and hard drives ranging from 150 meg to 240 meg of storage. The machines will become available from now through mid-December.

Options Reviewed:

1. Upgrade the 486 PCs to Pentium chips, increase RAM, install larger hard drives.

   Discussion - The upgrading these units was found to include technical risk and a high level of cost for a marginal level of performance improvement. Intel does not offer an upgrade Pentium processor specifically identified for the WANG DTI model PC. It was the opinion of Rep. Vedral that the type of RAM used in the DTI was no longer commonly available. It might be possible to cannibalize RAM from other PCs. Doing so would make the cannibalized units incapable of functioning. The cost of an upgraded 1.3gig hard drive would be in the range of $225 to $300 plus labor to install.

   Recommendation - The Committee recommends not to expend resources to upgrade these units.

2. Install the machines as is in Committee Rooms.

   Discussion - One or two 486 PCs would be installed in each Committee Room. The PCs would not be networked unless there is pre-existing network access in the room. Software includes Word and Excel, and if network access is available, e-mail. Printers ($250-$300 ea.) and supporting switching would be provided for each room to enable local printing.

   Recommendation - The Committee recommends installing 486 PCs in Committee Rooms as described above.

Maine State Legislature

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: David E. Boulter, Director

DATE: October 20, 1997

RE: Executive Orders

At the last Council meeting, members requested that this office report on the source of authority of the Governor to issue executive orders. Margaret Reinsch, a Principal Analyst in OPLA, researched this matter and has prepared a memorandum (attached) that provides an overview of the source of authority for executive orders, powers and limitations. The memo also lists all executive orders issued by Governor King. Only one executive order (1 FY 97/98) relating to school construction policy has been issued since the Legislature adjourned in June.

The memo also notes that pursuant to 1 MRSA § 521, the Governor is required to file a copy of each executive order with the Legislative Council within one week of issuance of the order.

If you have any questions, Peggy and I would be happy to answer them at the Council meeting.

xc: Sally Tubbesing, Exec. Dir.

Attachment
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October 15, 1997

TO: David E. Boulter, Director
FROM: Margaret J. Reinsch, Principal Analyst

re: Executive orders

You asked for a brief discussion of executive orders: what they are, their powers and their limitations. I hope the following information answers your questions.

DEFINITION

As simple as it sounds, an executive order is simply a document that the governor issues and declares to be an "executive order." Neither the Maine Constitution nor the Maine Revised Statutes contain definitions, general authority or standards for executive orders. Even without written authority, however, Gubernatorial executive orders are recognized, as Presidential executive orders are on the federal level, as the chief executive's legitimate exercise of powers granted to the office by the Constitution or by statute. Presidential executive orders have been upheld by the courts as having the force of law. Although no relevant case law exists in Maine, the treatment is expected to be the same.

SOURCES OF AUTHORITY

The Maine Constitution provides two broad sources of executive authority. Article V, Part First, §1 provides that "The supreme executive power of this State shall be vested in a Governor." Section 12 provides that "The Governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed." To the extent that an executive order falls under either one of these sources of power - and most, if not all, will - it will be presumed valid. A question could arise, however, if the executive order is interpreted as <u>making</u> law and therefore exercising "legislative power" that is vested solely in the Legislative Branch by Article IV, Part First, §1 of the Maine Constitution. Again, no relevant Maine case law exists, but Presidential executive orders are routinely upheld despite the challenge that

they represent law making, a function reserved to the Congress. Apparently, the definition of "executive power" is interpreted broadly on the federal level.

POWERS AND LIMITATIONS

Generally, executive orders regulate actions of State officials and agencies. They usually do not affect private citizens directly, although they may affect individuals who come in contact with State agencies or State employees. Limitations on executive orders, other than their sources of authority, are not stated in the statutes or the Constitution. There is no authority for an executive order to direct activities within the Legislative or Judicial Branches, and I have found no record of any President or governor who attempted to use an executive order to do so. However, an executive order may apply to administrative functions of the government that directly affect the use of State services by the Legislature and the Judiciary (e.g., postal services).

An executive order is often used to establish a study task force on a specific subject or a commission to oversee a particular situation or controversy. Sometimes permanent advisory commissions are created by executive order. Occasional these are later codified into statute, sometimes with specific reference to the original executive order. The question was raised whether the fact that the Legislature had an opportunity to create a study commission and declined to do so limits the Governor's authority to create a study group on the same subject by executive order. The answer is no; whether the Legislature refused to create a study commission or did in fact create such a group has no effect on the power of the Governor to use an executive order to reach the same result.

See Attachment 1 for a list of executive orders issued by Governor King.

DURATION

The duration of executive orders appears to be indefinite; an executive order retains its force beyond the term of office of the executive issuing it, unless the order itself contains its own expiration date. Presidents and Governors have issued executive orders rescinding or amending executive orders issued by their predecessors.

Attachment 1: Governor King's executive orders

The following is a list of the executive orders issued by Governor Angus King. (Executive orders are numbered on a Fiscal Year basis.)

5	FY 94/95	Special Budget and Expenditure Order of 1995	January 5, 1995
6	FY 94/95	An Order Regarding Administrative Rulemaking	January 5, 1995
7	FY 94/95	An Order Concerning The State Purchases Review Committee	January 5, 1995
8	FY 94/95	Governor's Board on Executive Clemency	January 27, 1995
9	FY 94/95	An Order Reestablishing The Governor's Select Committee on Judicial Appointments	February 10, 1995
10	FY 94/95	An Order Amending executive order 10 FY 91/92	March 7, 1995
11	FY 94/95	An Order Creating The Maine Council On Sustainable Forest Management	April 25, 1995
12	FY 94/95	Special Budget and Expenditure Order of 1995	May 15, 1995
13	FY 94/95	Order Establishing The Governor's Task Force On Prevention Of Adolescent Self-Destructive Behavior	May 31, 1995
1	FY 95/96	An Order Establishing The Maine Task Force On Interstate Banking And Branching	August 2, 1995
2	FY 95/96	Special Budget And Expenditure Order of October, 1995	October 17, 1995
3	FY 95/96	An Order To Establish The Maine Atlantic Salmon Task Force	October 20, 1995
4	FY 95/96	An Order to Establish the Land Acquisition Priorities Advisory Committee	January 3, 1996
5	FY 95/96	An Order Establishing the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports	January 30, 1996
6	FY 95/96	An Order Establishing The Maine Harness Racing Task Force	February 12, 1996
7	FY 95/96	An Order to Establish The Recreational Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee	March 7, 1996

8	FY 95/96	An Order to Establish the Advisory Committee on Gambling	April 3, 1996
9	FY 95/96	An Order Concerning State Grants and Contracts	April 11, 1996
10	FY 95/96	An Order Creating The Maine Task Force on Mental Health	May 20, 1996
1	FY 96/97	An Order To Achieve Greater Efficiencies In Intergovernmental Relations	October 1, 1996
2	FY 96/97	An Order Transferring Funds from Unallocated Highway Surplus Account Pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 1654	November 8, 1996
3	FY 96/97	An Order Designating The State Agencies Responsible for Water Quality Certification	December 17, 1996
4	FY 96/97	An Order to Establish the Communities for Children Partnership	January 16, 1997
5	FY 96/97	An Order Establishing the Council on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment	April 22, 1997
6	FY 96/97	An Order Revising the Maine Justice Assistance Council	May 22, 1997
7	FY 96/97	An Order Establishing The Maine Environmental Priorities Council	May 22, 1997
8	FY 96/97	An Order Establishing the State Correctional Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee	June 18, 1997
1	FY 97/98	An Order to Revise and Improve School Construction Policy	July 1, 1997

Source: Governor King's executive orders, received from Governor's Office, October 9, 1997

Attachment 2: Maine statutes related to executive orders

1. The Freedom of Access law provides that any advisory organization created by an executive order is subject to the Freedom of Access law unless the executive order specifically exempts the organization from the Act. The importance of this provision applies mainly to the provisions concerning public proceedings and public records. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§§2 and 3.

2. Current law requires the Governor to maintain a file of all executive orders, including those of previous Governors, currently in effect, and to allow public access to that file. The law also requires that the Governor file a copy of each executive order with the Legislative Council, the Law and Legislative Reference Library and every county law library, within one week of issuance. 1 MRSA §521.

3. The State Court Administrator is required to submit fiscal impact information concerning executive orders as well as proposed legislation. The fiscal statement is supposed to be included in the executive order if the Order has a fiscal effect on the judicial system. 4 MRSA § 17, sub-§17.

4. The statutes governing the organization and compensation of boards and commissions specifically excludes from its application boards and similar organizations authorized exclusively by executive order. 5 MRSA §12002, sub-§, ¶D.

5. The Retirement System statutes contain references to specific executive orders requiring lay offs and shut downs as they relate to average final compensation of state employees. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§4.

6. The Criminal History Record Information Act recognizes that a criminal justice agency authorized to have access to otherwise-confidential information may be created by an order issued by the President or the chief executive of a state, the order of which has the force of law. 16 MRSA §611, sub-§§4 and 7. The Act also authorizes release of otherwise-confidential information to any person as authorized by an executive order. 16 MRSA §613, sub-§2.

7. The statutes concerning the funding of state mandates includes executive orders in the definition of "mandate" if the executive order requires a local unit of government to expand or modify that unit's activity so as to necessitate additional expenditures from that unit's local revenues. 30-A MRSA §5658, sub-§1, ¶C.

OBLATE HOUSE: PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY

Purposes of the Study:

- Define repairs and improvements required for use as a public building (e.g. code issues; ADA) and estimated costs.
- Develop estimated operating budget (utilities; routine maintenance and repairs).
- Develop rough architectural drawings for potential tenants (e.g. FAME).

Proposed Study Budget: $8,000.00

Department Administrative and Financial Services	$ 5,000.
University of Maine at Augusta	1,700.
Legislature	1,300.
	$ 8,000.

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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

TO: Representative Elizabeth Mitchell, Chair
Senator Mark Lawrence, Vice Chair
Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Lloyd LaFountain III, Senate Chair
Representative Jane Saxl, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance

DATE: September 25, 1997

RE: Request for Legislative Council Authorization

As you know, the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development is required by the Government Evaluation Act to review the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation during the 118th Legislature. Because of the overlapping jurisdiction over the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and its divisions: the Bureau of Banking, Bureau of Insurance, Office of Consumer Credit Regulation and Office of Licensing and Registration between the Business and Economic Development Committee and our committee, the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance has agreed to conduct the review of the Bureau of Banking and the Bureau of Insurance. We are confident that our committee's substantive expertise and understanding of banking and insurance regulatory issues will benefit the sunset review of the department.

The Business and Economic Development Committee has been authorized by the Legislative Council to meet three times during the interim to conduct its review of the department, along with reviews of the Maine Development Foundation and the Department of Economic and Community Development. That committee had its first meeting yesterday and has scheduled two additional meetings for October 27th and December 1st. *The purpose of this letter is to request Legislative Council approval for*

the Banking and Insurance Committee to meet twice between now and January in order to allow the two committees to coordinate the review of their respective components of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. We feel that meeting outside of the legislative session is necessary to give the committee the fullest opportunity to fulfill its statutory requirements under the Government Evaluation Act. We look forward to assisting the Business and Economic Development Committee in conducting a complete review of the department's efficacy and performance.

Thank you for consideration of our request. Please contact us or our legislative analyst, Colleen McCarthy Reid, if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

cc: Senator John Jenkins
Representative Marc Vigue
Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Commissioner S. Catherine Longley, DPFR
David Boulter, OPLA
David Elliott, OPLA

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Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

October 27, 1997

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Chair, Legislative Council
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Madam Chair:

The following proposed schedule is hereby submitted for the consideration of the Legislative Council. We are recommending no increase in the schedule of fees for Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature. We are however adding an additional item, which is Roll Calls.

	117th Rate	Proposed Rate 118th
1. Bills & Resolves (L.D.s) FIRST CLASS-Mailed Daily	$275.00	$275.00
2. Bills & Resolves (L.D.s) FIRST CLASS-Mailed-Twice Weekly	225.00	225.00
3. Bills & Resolves (L.D.s) THIRD CLASS-Mailed Twice Weekly	175.00	175.00
4. Bills & Resolves (L.D.s) PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	100.00	100.00
5. Amendments (Combined with any Legislative Document Service)-Mailed Weekly	60.00	60.00
6. Amendments PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	40.00	40.00
7. Legislative Record FIRST CLASS-Mailed Weekly	65.00	65.00
8. Legislative Record PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	50.00	50.00
9. Public & Private & Special Laws, Resolves, & Constitutional Resolutions FIRST CLASS-Mailed Weekly	130.00	130.00

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10. Public & Private & Special Laws, Resolves & Constitutional Resolutions PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	80.00	80.00
11. Weekly Computer Printout-Status of Bills FIRST CLASS MAIL	125.00	125.00
12. Weekly Computer Printout-Status of Bills THIRD CLASS MAIL	55.00	55.00
13. Weekly Computer Printout-Status of Bills PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM	30.00	30.00
14. Advance Notice of Public Hearings on Bills FIRST CLASS-Mailed Weekly	15.00	15.00
15. Weekly Listings of Bills Printed & Enacted FIRST CLASS MAIL	15.00	15.00
16. Joint Resolution FIRST CLASS MAIL	40.00	40.00
17. House & Senate Daily Calendars FIRST CLASS-Mailed Weekly	30.00	30.00
18. House & Senate Daily Calendars with Supplemental Calendars FIRST CLASS-Mailed Weekly	60.00	60.00
19. Legislative Council-Notice of Preliminary Agenda and Minutes, After Deadline List Pre and Post Versions	85.00	85.00
20. Weekly Legislative Calendar (1 year Jan. - Jan.) FIRST CLASS MAIL	25.00	25.00
21. Roll Call Votes (House & Senate) FIRST CLASS MAIL-Mailed Weekly		75.00
22. Roll Call Votes (House & Senate) PICKED UP AT DOCUMENT ROOM		25.00

I will be happy to respond to any questions the Council may have on this proposed schedule which has been discussed with appropriate legislative support agencies.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Mayo

Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR BILL SCREENING

October 27 (Monday)

10:00 a.m.

Regular Business Meeting
Screening Bill Request for 2nd Regular Session

October 30 (Thursday)

Notification of Council Action to Sponsors

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Workshop on Performance Budgeting

November 4 (Tuesday)

Deadlines

- Filing Appeals.
- Submission of sufficient info or drafts for all bills approved for introduction on 6/27.

November 20 (Thursday)
(Revised Date)

2:30 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting
Consideration of Appeals

SARAH C. TUBBESING
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OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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September 29, 1997

TO: Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Chair
Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Sally

SUBJECT: Interim Study Commissions: Status of Appointments

The enclosed list includes all of the study commissions that were established by law or by your action as a Council last spring. The information is current through Thursday, September 25. We do update it as we receive additional new letters of appointment, and will provide you with another status report at your October Council meeting.

In the meantime, if you have specific questions, I would encourage you to call either Teen Griffin or me.

Enclosure

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Task Force on Production and Issuance of Registration Plates **LD 260 - P.L. 1997, c. 311**	11 members; including 4 legislators	Continuation of 1996 Study		118th/2nd	Secy' of State; Jill Ippoliti, OPLA (drafting only)	(Continuation of previously-established study)
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)	Following appointments (Apptmt Deadline: July 14)	4	1/1/98	Heather Henderson OPLA	Convened on 9/24 Chair: Senator Sharon Treat
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. 63 (Emergency)**	15 members; including 4 legislators	By July 15	8	1/1/98	Colleen McCarthy Reid Megan Dennen OPLA	Governor has 9 of the 15 appointments, which have not been made to date. Convening delayed until a quorum has been appointed.
Study Group to Assess Needs of the State Fire Marshal **LD 359 - Resolves 1997, c. 10**	13 members; including 1 legislator	By August 11		3/1/98	Karen Peterson Dept. of Public Safety	Convened on September 9 Chair: Randall Keep
Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation **LD 581 - Resolves 1997, c. 79 (Emergency)**	17 members; including 3 legislators	By August 1	4	1/1/98	Jane Orbeton Marion Hylan Barr OPLA	To be convened on 9/29

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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	By October 20	4	1/1/98	Dept. of Human Services Attorney General	Appointments are in process.
Commission to Study Insurance Fraud **LD 933 - Resolves 1997, c. 77 (Emergency)**	12 members; including 2 legislators	By October 20	5	1/1/98	Bureau of Insurance and Colleen McCarthy Reid OPLA	President: 1 apptmt (complete) Speaker : 1 apptmt (complete) Governor: 10 appointments (still pending)
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	By October 20	4	1/1/98	Carrie McFadden, OPLA	11 of the 13 appointments are still pending
Commission to Study Certificate of Need Laws **LD 998 - Resolves 1997, c. 82 (Emergency)**	15 members; including 2 legislators	By August 1	5	12/1/97	Dept. of Human Services	Governor: 8 apptmts (still pending) Pres/Spkr (joint): 7 apptmts (complete) Convening must be delayed until a quorum is available to schedule the first meeting.
Task Force on Registration of In-home Personal Care and Support Workers **LD 1046 - Resolves 1997, c. 29 Emergency**	11 members; including 2 legislators	15 days following appointment of all members		1/1/98	Dept. of Human Services	To be convened on 9/29
Task Force to Review the Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions **LD 1048 - Resolves 1997, c. 74**	11 members; including 2 legislators	By October 20	3	1/1/98	Dept. of Education & Me. Council on Vocational Education	7 of 11 apptmts have been made.

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Task Force on State and Federal Tax Filing **LD 1368 - Resolves 1997, c. 66**	11 members; including 3 legislators	By November 4	4	1/1/98	Bureau of Taxation; OFPR; Peggy Reinsch, OPLA (legal support)	President: 1 apptmt (complete) Speaker: 2 apptmts (complete) Governor: 8 apptmts (pending)
Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund **LD 1377 - Resolves 1997, c. 73 (Emergency)**	19 members; including 4 legislators	By October 20	4	1/1/98	Patrick Norton Phillip McCarthy OPLA	2 of 19 apptmts have been made
State Compensation Commission **LD 1391 - P.L. 1997, c. 506**	5 members; no legislators	By October 20	**FY 98:** 8 Biannual **FY 99:** 8 (by January 1st)		OFPR David Elliott, OPLA (legal)	President: 2 apptmts (pending) Speaker: 2 apptmts (pending)
Task Force on Regional Service Center Communities **LD 1437 - Resolves 1997, c. 78**	13 members; including 3 legislators	Within 15 days of completion of appointments (Appointment deadline was 7/14)	6	1/1/98	Various Exec. Depts.	Governor: 4 apptmts (pending) President: 1 apptmt (complete) Speaker: 2 apptmts (complete) Ex Officio: 6
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	By October 15	4	1/1/98	Carrie McFadden Megan Dennen OPLA	No appointments have been made
Task Force to Study Cost-Effectiveness of the Child Development Services System **LD 1581 - P.L. 1997, c. 534**	16 members; including 4 legislators	By September 15	3	1/1/98	Phillip McCarthy David Elliott OPLA	2 of 16 apptmts have been made
Task Force on Information Technology in the Public Sector **LD 1589 - P.L. 1997, c. 554**	23 members; including 2 legislators	By September 30	4	1/1/98	DAFS; SPO (Governor convenes)	President: 1 apptmt (complete) Speaker: 1 apptmt (complete) Status of other apptmts is unknown (submitted to DAFS)

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Commission to Study the Development of Maine's Franco-American Resource **LD 1603 - Resolves 1997, c. 83 (Emergency)**	27 members; including 4 legislators	By August 12	5	12/1/97	Maine Franco-American Center at UMS	President: 7 apptmts (complete) Speaker: 7 apptmts (complete) Governor: 8 apptmts (pending) Currently working on scheduling first meeting
Maine Commission on Outstanding Citizens **LD 1610 - Resolves 1997, c. 64**	8 members; including 1 legislator	By November 4	5	1/15/98	To Be Determined	3 of 8 apptmts have been made
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	n/a	2	1/5/98	Amy Holland OPLA	Subcommittee has been appointed
Interstate Economic Development Commission for Northern New England States **LD 1657 - P.L. 1997, c. 254**	15 members; including 2 legislators	n/a	6/yr		not assigned	Act takes effect when New Hampshire & Vermont have enacted concurrent legislation
Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts **LD 1716 - P.L. 1997, c. 518 (Emergency)**	15 members; no legislators	By September 15 (FAME CEO to convene)	4/yr	3/1/99	FAME	Governor: 5 apptmts (pending) President: 5 apptmts (4 are complete) Speaker: 5 apptmts (complete)
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		4	12/15/97	Jane Orbeton OPLA	Subcommittee has been appointed and is at work
Multistate Tax Compact **LD 1760 - P.L. 1997, c. 411**	6 members; including 4 legislators	n/a	3/yr		Staff to be appointed by the Exec Dir of the Compact once it has been set up.	Committee is set up in Title 5, MRSA; no deadline for appointments is specified.

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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	By August 12	6	1/1/98	Contractual authorized	Governor: 3 apptmts (pending) President: 7 apptmts (6 are complete) Speaker : 7 apptmts (complete) Ex officio : 3 (complete) Scheduling first meeting is in progress.
Tax Committee Study **LD 1897 - P.L. 1997, C. 557** **Emergency**	Joint Standing Committee on Taxation	n/a	4	118th/2nd	Kevin Madigan OFPR	Study is underway
Maine Commission on Children's Health Care **LD 1904 - P.L. 1997, C. 560**	16 members; including 7 legislators	By October 10	4	12/15/97	SPO and Jane Orbeton, OPLA	Governor: 3 apptmts (pending) President/Speaker (joint): 7 apptmts (complete) President: 2 apptmts (complete) Speaker: 2 apptmts (complete) Ex officio: 2 (complete)
Task Force on Improving Access to Prescription Drugs for the Elderly **LD 1904 - P.L. 1997, C. 560**	9 members; including 6 legislators	By October 10 (Deadline for apptmts is Oct.20)	4	1/15/98	Peggy Reinsch and Darlene Shores Lynch OPLA	All apptmts are still pending
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	By November 4	4	1/1/98	John Kelley and Darlene Shores Lynch OPLA	Governor: 6 apptmts (pending) President: 3 apptmts (complete) Speaker: 3 apptmts (2 are complete)
Privacy of Genetic Information (see LD 1243)	Banking & Insurance Committee (5 member subcommittee)	n/a	Subcomm: 2 Full Comm: 1	12/15/97	Colleen McCarthy Reid OPLA	Appointments are complete.

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Scope of Juvenile Justice Problems and Services in Maine	Criminal Justice Committee (5 member subcommittee)	n/a	Full Comm: 1 Subcomm: 1	11/1/97	Marion Hylan Barr Megan Dennen OPLA	Full Committee has met.
Jt. Select Committee on Research & Development	14 legislators	By October 15	3	1/1/98	Roy Lenardson Amy Holland OPLA	JSC convened on 9/24 Chair: Senator Mary R. Cathcart
Jt. Select Committee to Oversee Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company	13 legislators	By October 15	4	1/31/98	Jon Clark OPLA	Convened on 8/27

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