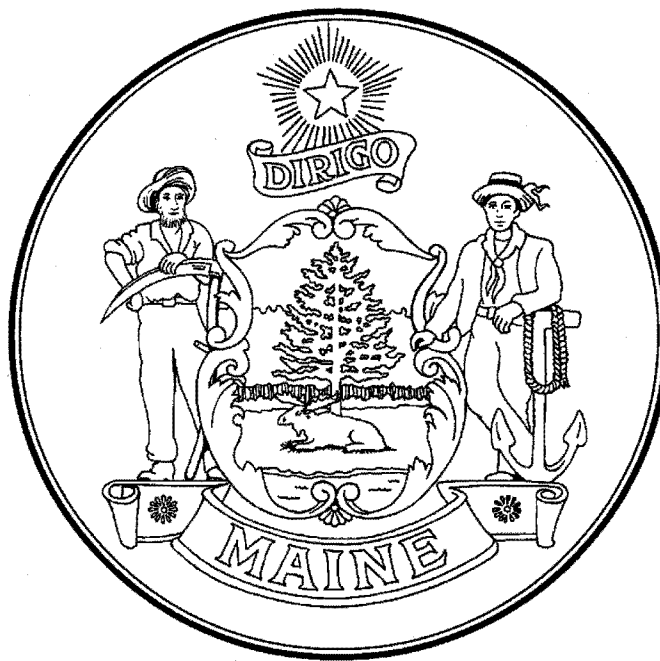


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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 20, 1997

REVISED AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SUMMARIES OF SEPTEMBER 24 AND OCTOBER 27 COUNCIL MEETINGS

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REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Legislative Document Service: Proposed Fee Schedule for Second Regular Session

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of Legislators' Appeals of Council Action on Bill Requests

Item #2: After Deadline Bill Requests

Item #3: Requests for Extension of Reporting Deadline from Interim Study Commissions:

- Commission to Examine Rate Setting and Financing of Long-Term Care Facilities. (Letter from Joseph M. Kozak, Chair)
- Commission to Study the Restructuring of the State's Fiscal Policies to Promote the Development of High-Technology Industry in Maine. (Letter from Mark B. LeDuc).
- Task Force to Review Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions. (Letter from Philip A. Dionne, Chair)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

REP. ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL
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SEN. MARK W. LAWRENCE
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118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

REP. ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL
CHAIR

SEN. MARK W. LAWRENCE
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SARAH C. TUBBESING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY
October 27, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Legislative Council to order at 11:14 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Lawrence, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand, Sen. Kieffer Absent: Sen. Pingree
Representatives:	Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Kontos, Rep. Donnelly, Rep. Saxl, Rep. Campbell
Legislative Officers:	Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council John Wakefield, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review David Boulter, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes 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 Rose Marie Breton, Assistant for Administrative Services, Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, proceeded directly to **NEW BUSINESS**, Item #6.

Item #6: Consideration of Requests to Introduce Legislation to the Second Regular Session.

Speaker Mitchell first thanked Margaret Matheson, David Boulter and John Wakefield and their staffs for their work in compiling the information in the Notebooks. She reported that legislators had filed 569 bill requests, compared to 456 two years ago. She reminded Council members that the workload for the Second Regular Session already includes 170 carryover bills, 70 bills that have been filed by departments and independent agencies, and the potential for more than 30 bills from the interim studies that are currently underway.

At the Chair's suggestion, Council members discussed ways to consolidate some of the bill requests, and two options were considered:

Motion: That all of the bill requests that emerged from the work of the informal "Housecleaners" study be consolidated into a single bill. (Motion by Sen. Amero; second by Rep. Campbell; motion failed 5-2).

Motion: That all of the "housekeeping" bill requests be defeated. (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Sen. Rand; approved).

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, then asked Ms. Matheson to briefly review the information contained in the notebooks to facilitate members' use of it, and she closed her remarks by reminding those present that a bill requires **6 affirmative votes** to be accepted.

A summary of the Council's action on bill requests was distributed to individual sponsors following the meeting. The information is available on the Legislature's Website; and paper copies may be obtained from the Legislative Information Office.

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, then returned to the **Agenda**. Lacking a quorum at this point, those members present informally discussed several items on the agenda. A brief summary of the discussion of those items taken up follows. The Council took no formal action on any of these items.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item #2: Interim Study Commissions: Status Report

The status report revealed that several commissions have not yet convened. Some of those that have begun work have already explored requesting extensions of their reporting deadlines, and discussion focused on **a)** the staffing issues this creates (since OPLA staff will need to turn their attention to joint standing committees by mid-December) and **b)** the fact that the "short session" does not offer much leeway for extensions.

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell indicated that she would set up a Subcommittee of the Council to look at current policies and practices related to establishing interim studies.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on Legislative Information Technology

Rep. Carleton, Committee Co-Chair, had had to leave by the time the Council took up this item. Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services, reviewed with Council members the report that the Committee had prepared with recommendations for equipping committee hearing rooms and offices

with 486 PC's before the start of the Second Regular Session. Rep. Campbell asked whether the printers that would be installed could include a fax capability. The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, stated that it is essential that the needs of the Legislature's committees be addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Executive Orders

Sally Tubbesing drew members' attention to the memo which Dave Boulter and his staff had prepared in response to the Council's request at its September meeting. Council members agreed that they all want to have copies of Executive Orders as they are issued and Rep. Kontos asked that staff develop a process for analyzing them to identify any policy issues of interest to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Council members agreed to deal with these requests on a case-by-case basis.

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

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, stated that the State must make a decision about whether it will accept the gift of the Oblate House by Friday, October 31, and noted that a group had been working to explore all the options for use of this facility which had originally been the private residence of the Hill family. She recognized Charles Jacobs, Deputy Commissioner of Financial and Administrative Services, who reported that he had worked with a small group to draft a historical preservation easement to ensure the original house would be protected regardless of its ownership. Mr. Jacobs also stated that, based on preliminary study, it would require an estimated \$2.5 million outlay to make the building suitable for public use (compliance with life safety and ADA requirements; parking; etc.) Christine Burke, representing the Augusta Board of Trade, and representatives from the firm of Bunker & Savage were also in attendance, and participated in a discussion of the potential use of space in the building; estimated revenues to be derived from renting out both conference and office space; and the assumptions that had been used to develop these estimates.

Speaker Mitchell indicated that the Governor did not want to accept the gift without the support of the Legislative Council, and stated that the Council and the Governor have an extraordinary opportunity to be "visionary" and acquire a facility that would provide a unique public space and that could meet some of the State's priority functional requirements. Mr. Jacobs responded that, despite its architectural significance, the highest priority is to concentrate existing resources on renovating the State Office Building and, ultimately, some of the buildings on the AMHI Campus. He noted that the State's record for maintaining buildings, particularly **preserving** historical buildings, is not strong.

The discussion concluded with those members present agreeing to pursue the discussion with the Governor.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



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MEMORANDUM

From: Jane Orbeton
To: Representatives Lovett, Joyner, and Snowe-Mello
and Senators Mitchell and Paradis
Date: November 7, 1997
Re: Committee meeting November 7th

The Health and Human Services Committee met today for a briefing on planning for children's mental health services from the Departments of Corrections, Education, Human Services and Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. The only materials reviewed at the meeting were the plans contained in the draft plan sent to you in October. The departments are planning to submit a final plan by the report date set in the resolve, December 15th.

I am enclosing the Department of Human Services Social Services Block Grant report that was sent to me prior to the meeting and that I distributed at the meeting.

Also enclosed is a memo from me about a request for legislative review of agency rules, the DHS spousal impoverishment, rule filed by Mary Jane Beyer. The eight members of the committee present all voted to review the rule in January. No action from the committee is required until then. I will be contacting Ms. Beyer and DHS to clarify the question and any applicable law. We will then schedule a hearing for an hour early in January.

cc: David Boulter
Sally Tuberville

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
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November 4, 1997

TO: Honorable Judy Paradis, Senate Chair
Honorable J. Elizabeth Mitchell, House Chair
and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and
Human Resources

FROM: Sally Tubbesing 
Executive Director of the Legislative Council

SUBJECT: Request for Legislative Review of Agency Rules Pursuant to
5 MRSA, Chapter 377-A

The enclosed application from Mary Jane Beyer requests legislative review of rules adopted by the Department of Human Services, related to the rules promulgated in the #322 Maine Medicaid Eligibility Manual - Community Spouse Minimum Income Standard and Shelter Allowances. Ms. Beyer has submitted this application pursuant to statute (5 MRSA, Chapter 377-A), as an individual who is directly affected by the rule.

According to the law, the Committee has 15 days from today to decide whether or not to schedule a meeting to review the rule. If the Committee votes **not** to review the rule, the statute requires you to notify me of the decision so I can prepare a report to that effect to Ms. Beyer and the Legislative Council.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the review process.

Enclosures

cc: David Boulter, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Mary Jane Beyer

October 28, 1997

Sally Tubbesing
Executive Director
Legislative Council
Maine State Legislature
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Ms Tubbesing:

I appreciate your prompt attention to my request for information regarding legislative review of the rule of the Department of Human Services: #332 Maine Medicaid Eligibility Manual - Community Spouse Minimum Income Standard and Shelter Allowance.

Enclosed is the application for review. I hope that I have clearly expressed the reasons for my concern as I have no right of appeal to address this Medicaid practice directly. I am also asking the Department of Human Services for a review.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Jane Beyer".

Mary Jane Beyer

1 Harris Rd #22
Orono, ME 04473
(207)866-7263

APPLICATION FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF AGENCY RULES

Please Print or Type

1. Applicant Information

a. Is this a:

Group Application _____ Individual Application ✓

Note: Group applications should indicate the person who is to be contacted and must include the "Group Application List" (Attachment A) for the application to be considered complete.

Name: Beyer Mary Jane _____
Last First Initial

Address: _____
Number/Street Town Zip

Telephone: _____

2. Name of Agency which has proposed or adopted the rule

Agency: Dept of Human Services, Bureau of Family Independence

3. Rule Citation

Include section and paragraph if applicable
(Example: 01-001 MRSA 226.1)

#322 Maine Medicaid Eligibility Manual sec 4220, 4221 #151
Rule Section Paragraph
(as received from Li Weeks, Office of Secty St)

4. Effect on the Applicant Rule # 97-344 (as printed in Bangor Daily News 10/15/97)

Individual applicants: Indicate how the individual applicant is "adversely and substantially affected" by the rule. see attached

Group applications: Indicate what "substantial interest" the group has in the rule.

October 27 1997

Request for Legislative Review of Agency Rules
Department of Human Services
Bureau of Family Independence

Rule Number 97-344, #322 Maine Medicaid Eligibility Manual

#4 Effect on the Applicant.

The provisions of this rule are discriminatory, based on marital status, i.e., divorced; making no allowance for protection of income or shelter of the former spouse, thus contributing to the impoverishment and financial duress of the former spouse.

Because Medicaid will not honor a court order for alimony, this applicant is, in effect, contributing \$624.49 monthly to the care of a former spouse, thus "freeing" state funds for the protection of income and shelter of community spouses of married institutionalized persons, in amounts of over \$1300.00 per month. This applicant is not eligible for Medicaid or other forms of public assistance, even though living with lung and kidney cancer with a gross monthly income of approximately \$800.00 per month, whereas the above-mentioned community spouses may be receiving AFDC/SSI payments as part of their stipend.

Furthermore, the Medicaid eligibility rules allow no appeal or due process for a person or persons who are adversely and substantially affected by the allocation of income procedures used in assessing individual income standards and allowances.

The applicant believes this rule is in violation of subsec.(b)(D).42 U.S.C. Sect. 1396r-5, which follows:

(D) Rebutting ownership

The rules of subparagraphs (A) and (C) are superseded to the extent that an institutionalized spouse can establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the ownership in interests in income are other than as provided under such subparagraphs.

This applicant contends that a settlement agreement, duly signed by the former spouse, together with a court order, issued by the Superior Court of the State of Maine, constitute preponderance of evidence that income interests belong to the applicant.

#5 The partial amendment of existing rule #322 Maine Medicaid Eligibility Manual - Community Spouse Minimum Income Standard and Shelter Allowance, Rev. 7/97, #151 (Section 4220, p. 156a.) inappropriately omits former spouse consideration when defining the Minimum Income Standard, Monthly Income Allowance, and the Monthly Income Allocation.

Consideration of the former spouse is a feature of allotments and benefits for federal employees, member of the Armed Services, members of the Diplomatic Corps, as well as the Social Security Administration. Whereas the Medicaid program is an agency of the federal government, specifically the Social Security Administration, it is inappropriate for Medicaid to intentionally and adversely contribute to the financial and health impoverishment of this class of persons.

It is inappropriate that any person should be summarily deprived of anticipated income by the action of a governmental agency charged with providing for the health and welfare of the public.

It is inappropriate that no appeal process is available to former spouses to present living expenses due to exceptional financial circumstances, and to have no recourse to a fair hearing (#322, Rev. 7/97, #151, p. 157. Also Section 4221, p. 159.). (It is also inappropriate that a former spouse should be told by a local Medicaid representative "get in line when he dies".)

#6 Specific changes to the rule applying to Minimum Income Standard and Shelter Allowance should include in every instance consideration of FORMER SPOUSES, TO THE EXTENT OF ANY DIVORCE/CHILD SUPPORT PREVIOUSLY ORDERED BY A JUDICIAL COURT.

In the event the institutionalized spouse has a former spouse and a community spouse, it would be expected that court-ordered alimony would have been an expense of the married spouses.

It may be noted that 42 CFR ~~435.125~~ does not specifically exclude or even mention alimony as an exclusion to the income formula, even though this is the justification used by the Maine Department of Human Services to deny this type of exclusion.

TITLE 5
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND SERVICES

CHAPTER 377-A
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF AGENCY RULES

5 § 11111. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. **Agency, person and rule.** "Agency," "person" and "rule" are defined in section 8002, except that "rule" also means a proposed rule.
2. **Committee.** "Committee" means a joint standing committee of the Legislature.
3. **Director.** "Director" means the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

5 § 11112. Application for review

Any group of 100 or more registered voters, who have a substantial interest in a rule, or any person who may be directly, substantially and adversely affected by the application of a rule, may file an application for review with the executive director. With respect to any application or petition for review pursuant to this section, the petition or application shall be verified and certified in the same manner provided in Title 21-A, section 354, subsection 7, paragraphs A and C. The applicant shall state with specificity on a form prepared by the director, the following:

1. **Name of agency; citation of rule.** The name of the agency and the citation of the rule, including section and paragraph if applicable;
2. **Affect on applicant.** A statement of how the rule may directly, substantially and adversely affect the operations or interests of the applicant, or the nature and extent of the applicant's interest in the rule;
3. **Statement.** A statement of why the rule, in the opinion of the applicant, is inappropriate or unnecessary; and
4. **Recommendation.** A recommendation proposing changes in the rule or the statute which the rule implements.

5 § 11113. Committee review

The executive director shall, upon receipt of an application for review, determine the appropriate joint standing committee of the Legislature responsible for review of the rule in question and send the application and a copy of the rule in question to each member of the committee. Each member of the committee shall individually review the application to determine whether the applicant is qualified and whether the public interest would be served by a review of the rule in question by the full committee. If a committee member decides that the review should be made, he shall notify the director within 15 days after notice was sent. If 1/3 or more of the full committee notify the director that a review of the rule should be made, the director shall advise the chairman of the committee, who shall schedule a meeting of the committee to review the rule. If the committee votes not to review the rule, a report to that effect shall be prepared by the director and sent to the applicant and the Legislative Council.

The applicant and the affected agency shall be notified of a decision to review the rule and shall be permitted to make expanded statements of their position to the full committee. The committee, in the course of its review, may hold a public hearing, request and obtain opinions of the Attorney General, obtain information from the agency and conduct further investigation approved by the Legislative Council. The committee shall make its determination and report within 90 days of the first notification to the committee chairmen that a review shall be made.

5 § 11114. Criteria for review

When reviewing a rule under this chapter, the committee shall consider, in addition to any matters proposed by the applicant, the following:

- 1. Consistency with legislation.** Whether the rule is consistent with and necessary to the intent of the statute which the rule implements;
- 2. Reasonableness of effects.** Whether the effects of the rule are reasonable, including its benefits and costs, and including costs of compliance and administration;
- 3. Circumstances.** Whether circumstances have changed since the passage of the statute which the rule implements;
- 4. Abuse of discretionary powers.** Whether the rule may tend to promote abuse of discretionary powers of the agency; and
- 5. Fee.** Whether any fee established by rule is reasonable and whether the sums collected relate to the costs of administration.

5 § 11115. Committee recommendation

If the committee determines that any of the criteria for review have not been met, it may discuss their findings with the agency. No agency may, on the basis of these discussions or any subsequent report of the committee, terminate a rule that is required by law. If the committee determines that the rule in question is inappropriate or unnecessary, it shall notify the applicant of its decision and may direct the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis to draft legislation to amend the law to provide that the authority of the agency to adopt the rule is clarified, modified or limited. Only by a majority vote of the committee shall legislation be introduced to amend or enact legislation pursuant to this section. No legislation may be introduced to implement a decision of a minority of the committee.

After approval of the draft legislation, it shall be submitted according to the legislative rules for final preparation and introduction to the Legislature, if the Legislature is in session, or if not, to the next regular session of the Legislature.

If the committee determines that no legislative action is required it shall prepare a brief report of its findings and transmit it to the applicant, agency and Legislative Council.

5 § 11116. Limitation

- 1. Debt obligations.** A joint standing committee may not review an agency rule which is part of official action towards issuance or securing repayment of bonds, notes or other debt obligations of the State, its instrumentalities or political subdivisions.
- 2. Review on committee's own motion.** This chapter shall not limit a committee from reviewing a rule on its own motion.
- 3. Failure to review.** The failure of a committee to review a rule or to recommend modification or termination is not an implied legislative authorization of its substantive or procedural lawfulness and shall not be considered for any purpose in a judicial proceeding. No legislative review of a rule may supersede the judicial review granted in section 8058 or 11001.



Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

State of Maine
House of Representatives
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October 27, 1997

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Chair, Legislative Council
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Madam Chair:

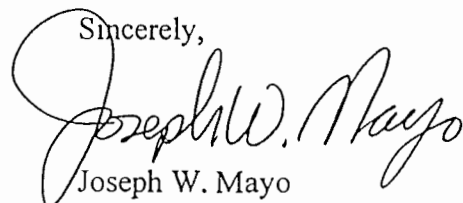
The following proposed schedule is hereby submitted for the consideration of the Legislative Council. We are recommending no increase in the schedule of fees for Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature. We are however adding an additional item, which is Roll Calls.

	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

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
Clerk of the House

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
November 13, 1997

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Amero, Jane A.

LR 3299 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,000,000 to Enable Maine Public Broadcasting to Implement the Federally Mandated Conversion to Digital Broadcasting

SPONSOR: Sen. Cleveland, John J.

LR 3294 An Act to Limit Mandatory Overtime

SPONSOR: Sen. Cleveland, John J.

LR 3295 An Act to Reduce Maine's Unfunded Liability

SPONSOR: Rep. Clukey, Dean F.

LR 3290 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Houlton Water Company

SPONSOR: Rep. Clukey, Dean F.

LR 3291 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Van Buren Light and Power District

SPONSOR: Rep. Gagne, Rosita

LR 3287 An Act to Allow a Court to Appoint Legal Counsel for a Parent to Act Beyond the Limits of an Appointment for Child Probation Case Purposes

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell, Elizabeth H.

LR 3289 An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of Law Necessary for the Operation of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999

SPONSOR: Sen. Pingree, Chellie

LR 3286 An Act to Permit a Local Development Commission to Assess a User Fee

SPONSOR: Sen. Pingree, Chellie

LR 3288 An Act to Improve Access to Women's Heathcare

SPONSOR: Sen. Rand, Anne M.

LR 3298 An Act to Improve State House Utilization

SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr., John L.

LR 3282 An Act Regarding Veterans' Benefits

SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr., John L.

LR 3283 An Act to Permit Employees to Require Receiving Unemployment Benefits in Certain Cases

SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr., John L.

LR 3284 An Act to Authorize an Apprentice Cadet Program in the Bureau of State Police

SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr., John L.

LR 3285 An Act to Establish the State Police Law Enforcement Scholarship Program

SPONSOR: Rep. Usher, Ronald E.

LR 3296 An Act to Allow a Utility Company Vehicle to Use a Siren When Responding to an Emergency

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Brooks, Joseph E.

LR 2771 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO BAN THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF ANTI-PERSONNEL LAND MINES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR USE INTERNATIONALLY

ADDENDUM

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Murray, Jr., Robert E.

**LR 3302 An Act Concerning Enforcement of Parking Spaces for
Persons with Physical Disabilities**

SPONSOR: Sen. Paradis, Judy

LR 3300 An Act to Restore Services to Maine's Elderly

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Thursday, November 20
OPENING REMARKS

Introductory

- As you know, our primary purpose today is to consider legislators' appeals of the Council's action at our October 27 meeting to reject bill requests.
- Revisor's Office received 211 appeals by the deadline on November 4 from 87 legislators.
 - (This compares to 95 appeals 2 years ago from 62 members)
 - So we have a long day ahead!
- Many legislators are here today to present their case in person.
 - Would like to welcome them and thank them for taking the time to come.
 - Have tried to develop a process that will give each legislator an equal opportunity to be heard - will go through that in a minute.

Organization of the Book

- Before I ask Meg to briefly describe the materials in the book, would point out a couple of things.
 - a. We sent a letter to all legislators who had filed appeals informing them of this meeting and the process we would follow so that they could plan their schedules accordingly.
 - b. Remind Council members and those legislators present that it is essential to limit our workload for the coming session so we can all focus on the very important issues that are already on our plate.
- Ask Meg to go over the materials in the book.

Procedure

- Will go through the appeals in the order they appear in the book.
 - Note **reverse alphabetical order**.
 - **Exception:** we will take those legislators who live more than an hour away up as they appear so they can get home safely.

- Ask each legislator who wishes to speak on his or her bill to **limit your remarks to 3 minutes.**
 - Our sole purpose in establishing a time limit is to ensure that **all** of you who are here today have an opportunity to speak.
 - As the memo you received indicated, our primary interest is in having you tell us why it is essential that your bill be dealt with in the coming session.
- We will take a vote on each request by show of hands in accordance with the Joint Rules, which require a roll call on each request.
- Again, it requires **6 “yes” votes** for a bill to be accepted.

THANK YOU FOR ALL COMING TODAY.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 27, 1997

BILL SCREENING OVERVIEW

“Introduction”

- The primary purpose of our meeting today is to screen legislators' requests to introduce bills in the Second Regular Session.
- Before we begin, would like to thank Meg, Dave and John and their staff for work they have done to help us prepare for today's meeting - this book represents a tremendous joint effort!

The Context for Council's Work Today

- ♦ A few remarks about the workload for the Second Regular Session, which this process gives us an opportunity **to manage**:
 - Meg reports that we are about to vote on 569 requests today (compared to 456 two years ago)
 - We need to keep in mind that, in addition to the bills that we approve today -- and at the Appeals Meeting, -- the workload already includes **at least 240 bills** which are not in our control. These include:
 - **170 pending carryover requests**, which represent vehicles **already in printed form** for many of the requests before us today.
 - **70 bills** which have already been filed by departments and independent agencies (compared to 64 two years ago).
 - The legislation that will be produced by the **more than 30 interim studies** that are currently underway.

Proposal

- ♦ As I went through the Book over the weekend, realized that **many** of the bill requests represent attempts to “revive” bills that were killed last spring based on the funds that we knew to be available.
 - State’s financial picture has changed significantly since we adjourned.
 - Propose that the Council let in a Supplemental Appropriations bill, to provide **a single vehicle** for all of these individual requests.
 - Opportunity to speed up the process not only today, but in the Second Regular Session.

Procedures for Today

- ♦ Ask Meg and Dave B. to describe briefly how the book is organized.
- ♦ Joint Rules require a roll call vote on each request.
 - Propose that we consider each request separately in order as it appears in the book.
 - Take a **show of hands** on each request after we have had any discussion we need to have among ourselves.
- ♦ In past years, the Council has not given legislators who may be here to speak their own requests -- in an effort to keep the length of this meeting management.
 - Sponsors **will** have an opportunity at our next meeting to speak on before of any bill they choose to appeal.
- ♦ Ask your cooperation in making your votes clear so that they can be accurately recorded. **This will speed things up in the long run.**
- ♦ **Let Us Begin!**

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SPONSOR: LR 2541
ACCEPTED ON: 06/16/97
An Act to Amend the Act to Implement the Maine Indian
Claims Settlement

SPONSOR: Sen. Abromson LR 2682
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Exempt the Lessee Who Purchases a Vehicle from
Further Sales Tax on That Vehicle

SPONSOR: Rep. Ahearne LR 2687
of Madawaska ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Require Abutting Landowners to Pay a Fair Share
of the Costs of Maintaining a Private Road

SPONSOR: Rep. Ahearne LR 3223
of Madawaska ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Require an Annual Audit of Municipal Tax
Assessors

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

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

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Belanger LR 3100
of Wallagrass ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Create a Zone on the Northern Maine Border in
which Snowmobiles Registered in New Brunswick or Quebec May
Operate

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

SPONSOR: Sen. Bennett LR 3255
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Allow a State Agency Liquor Store to Exchange
Products with a State Liquor Store

PRE-CLOTURE BILLS ACCEPTED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AT ORIGINAL AND APPEALS MEETINGS

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SPONSOR: Sen. Bennett of Oxford	LR 3257 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Establish Guidelines for the Ownership and Use of Certain Primates	
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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. 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. Bragdon of Bangor	LR 3196 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Ensure That Lump-sum Workers' Compensation Settlements Are Credited to Child Support Obligations	
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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	
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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. Brennan of Portland	LR 2975 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$8,000,000 to Provide Affordable and Accessible Housing for Persons Who Are Mentally Retarded	
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SPONSOR: Rep. Bunker, Jr. of Kossuth Township	LR 2679 ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO ENFORCE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT PROVISIONS DEALING WITH MAINE AND NEW BRUNSWICK	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Butland of Cumberland	LR 2728 ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Provide Funds for the Year 2000 Project	

118TH LEGISLATURE - SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Cameron LR 3176
of Rumford ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Create the Maine Temporary Disability Benefits
Law

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

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

SPONSOR: Sen. Cathcart LR 2644
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Regarding the State Valuation of the Town of Orono

SPONSOR: Sen. Cathcart LR 2677
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Regarding the Spousal Allowance for Divorced Spouses
of Nursing Home Recipients Receiving Medicaid

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Chartrand LR 2815
of Rockland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Make a Nonresident Municipal Shellfish License
Fee No More than 1 1/2 Times the Resident Fee

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	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Cleveland	LR 3066
of Androscoggin	ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Assist People with Housing Needs	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Cleveland	LR 3216
of Androscoggin	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	LR 2884
of Gardiner	ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Appropriate Funds for Library Resource Sharing and for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library	
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SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell	LR 2910
of Gardiner	ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Regarding the Energy Testing Laboratory of Maine	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett	LR 2715
of Kennebec	ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Clarify Mileage Reimbursement for Employees of Community Action Agencies	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett	LR 2804
of Kennebec	ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Foster Economic Development and Tourism in Maine	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett	LR 3001
of Kennebec	ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Update the Guide Dog Access Law	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett	LR 3006
of Kennebec	ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Encourage Hospitality Industry Development in the State	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett	LR 3007
of Kennebec	ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Expand Eligibility for the Low Cost Drug Program	
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SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett	LR 3008
of Kennebec	ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Promote Competition in the State's Liquor Industry	

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SPONSOR: Rep. Davidson of Brunswick	LR 2880 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act Relating to Unfair Practices in the Provision of
Goods and Services Paid for by Insurance Claims

SPONSOR: Rep. Desmond of Mapleton	LR 3244 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act Related to Commercial Vehicle Fee Reciprocity with
New Brunswick

SPONSOR: Rep. Driscoll of Calais	LR 3212 ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
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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

SPONSOR: Rep. Dunlap of Old Town	LR 3082 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Reduce the Cost of Archery Hunting Licenses for
the Special Archery Season on Deer

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Etnier of Harpswell	LR 3115 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Transfer of
Aquaculture Leases

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

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

SPONSOR: Sen. Ferguson, Jr. of Oxford	LR 2892 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Broaden the Farm Stand Exemption

SPONSOR: Rep. Fuller of Manchester	LR 2754 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Improve Management of Contracted Personnel
Services Costs

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SPONSOR: Rep. Gagnon LR 2800
of Waterville ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Increase Penalties for Sex Offenders

SPONSOR: Sen. Goldthwait LR 3075
of Hancock ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Implement a Reorganization of the Maine Sardine
Council by the Maine Sardine Industry

SPONSOR: Sen. Goldthwait LR 3078
of Hancock ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Provide for the Licensing of Farmstead Cheese

SPONSOR: Rep. Goodwin LR 2888
of Pembroke ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES TO REMOVE TOBACCO SUBSIDIES

SPONSOR: Rep. Green LR 3060
of Monmouth ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Provide Educators More Authority to Remove Violent
Students from Educational Settings

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

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

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Hatch LR 3145
of Skowhegan ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Participating Local
Districts in the Maine State Retirement System

SPONSOR: Rep. Hatch LR 3146
of Skowhegan ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Improve Public Sector Labor Relations

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Jones LR 2737
of Greenville ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Name the Moosehead Bridge the Richard Lavigne
Bridge

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Jones LR 3198
of Greenville ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Enhance the Safety of Snowmobile Rental Operations

SPONSOR: Rep. Kane LR 2913
of Saco ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Provide Representation for Chiropractors on the
Board of the Maine Health Data Organization

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Kerr LR 2938
of Old Orchard Beach ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Reduce Costs Associated with the Regulation and
Promotion of Harness Racing and to Increase Its Efficiency

SPONSOR: Sen. Kieffer LR 3211
of Aroostook 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

SPONSOR: Sen. Kilkelly LR 2908
of Lincoln ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Relating to the State Valuation of the Town of
Wiscasset

SPONSOR: Rep. Kneeland LR 2671
of Easton ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Expand the Potato Licensing Laws to Include
Rotation Crops

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos LR 2742
of Windham ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Establish a Political Party License Plate

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos LR 2858
of Windham ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Create a Children's Trust Fund License Plate

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos LR 3181
of Windham ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Relative to the Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities
Commission over Nonutility Attachments to a Public Utility
Plant

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos LR 3184
of Windham ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Ensure the Transferability of the Generating
Assets of Electric Utilities

SPONSOR: Rep. Kontos LR 3243
of Windham ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Access to Capital for
Maine Businesses

SPONSOR: Rep. Labrecque LR 2648
of Gorham ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Amend the Membership Requirement for the
Cumberland County Budget Committee

SPONSOR: Sen. LaFountain III LR 3262
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Relating to Reciprocal and Captive Insurance
Companies

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SPONSOR: Rep. LaVerdiere LR 2735
of Wilton ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Preserve Certain Electric Utility Billing
Arrangements Until Competition is Implemented

SPONSOR: Rep. LaVerdiere LR 3186
of Wilton ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Amend Review Criteria Used by the Public
Utilities Commission

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence LR 2902
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Permit Off-label Use of Prescription Drugs for
Cancer, HIV or AIDS

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence LR 2903
of York ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Consensus Revenue
Forecasting Process

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence LR 2904
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Prevent Employment Discrimination Due to Medical
History

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence LR 2905
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Improve the Efficiency of the Maine Public
Drinking Water Control Program

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence LR 2907
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Establish Ethical Standards for the Office of
Governor

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence LR 2979
of York ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Create the Commission on Legislative Compensation

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence LR 2980
of York ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Provide Degree-granting Authority to the SALT
Center for Documentary Field Studies

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence LR 2981
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Dedicate Certain Income from Fines to Land
Acquisition

SPONSOR: Sen. Lawrence LR 3169
of York ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Prohibit Discrimination Against Osteopathic
Physicians and Provide Patient Choice

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SPONSOR: Rep. Lemaire LR 3058
of Lewiston ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Require the State to Reimburse Local School Units
for the Costs of School Employee Record Checks
and Fingerprinting

SPONSOR: Rep. Lemaire LR 3102
of Lewiston ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Establish a Migrant Worker Assistance Office in
Central Maine

SPONSOR: Rep. Lemont LR 2689
of Kittery ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group
on Motor Vehicle Fines, Enforcement and Reimbursement

SPONSOR: Rep. Lindahl LR 2633
of Northport ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Give Collective Bargaining Rights to Legislative
Employees

SPONSOR: Sen. Longley LR 2691
of Waldo ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Protect the Privacy of Alternative Dispute
Resolution Participants

SPONSOR: Sen. Longley LR 2693
of Waldo ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Honor Dairy Farmers' Right to Know

SPONSOR: Sen. Longley LR 2994
of Waldo ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Limit the State's Brain Drain

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Madore LR 2643
of Augusta ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Provide Funding for the Maine Veterans' Cemetery

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

PRE-CLOTURE BILLS ACCEPTED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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SPONSOR: Rep. McElroy LR 2838
of Unity ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act Regarding the State Subsidy for Kindergarten Programs

SPONSOR: Rep. McElroy LR 2840
of Unity ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Appropriate \$11,000 from the State Budget Surplus
to Build a Memorial in Honor of Medal of Honor Recipient
Corporal Clair Goodblood

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

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

SPONSOR: Sen. Mills LR 3158
of Somerset ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Apply ERISA Standards to Pension Benefits for
Teachers and State Employees to Clarify that They Are
Nonforfeitable Once Accrued

SPONSOR: Sen. Mills LR 3160
of Somerset ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Require the Bureau of Taxation to Report on the
Incidence of Tax Burdens to Business Sectors of the State's
Economy and to Income Classes of Citizens

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell LR 2635
of Vassalboro ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Concerning the Maine State Housing Authority's Share
of the Transfer Tax

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell LR 2662
of Vassalboro ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Create the Partnership to Rebuild Maine's Schools

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell LR 2702
of Vassalboro ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Regarding Pension Benefits for Former Governors

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

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SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell LR 2809
of Vassalboro ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Protect and Maintain Opportunities for Students by
Jobs for Maine Graduates

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell LR 2810
of Vassalboro ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Restore the State House

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell LR 2930
of Vassalboro ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
An Act to Allow Maine Technical College System Employees
Represented by the Maine Education Association Faculty and
Administrative Units to Participate in a Defined
Contribution Retirement Plan

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell LR 3242
of Vassalboro ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Provide for the 1998 and 1999 Allocations of the
State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

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

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Moore, III LR 3118
of Passamaquoddy Tribe ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Authorizing the Taking of Marine Resources by
Members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe

SPONSOR: Rep. Moore, III LR 3121
of Passamaquoddy Tribe ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act
Regarding Education Funding

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

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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
Resolve, to Approve a Maine Technical College System Lease
with the South Portland Housing Authority

SPONSOR: Rep. Nass LR 3232
of Acton ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Inform Crime Victims about the Disposition of
Charges

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. O'Neal LR 3140
of Limestone ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
Resolve, to Allow David Prentiss to Sue the State of Maine

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Neal LR 3142
of Limestone ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Reimburse Cable Companies for Expenditures Made
while Participating in the BETR Program

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 3069
of Aroostook ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Regarding Contract Procedures

SPONSOR: Sen. Paradis LR 3099
of Aroostook ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Allow a Tax Refund for Used Business Equipment
Purchased and Used in Maine

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

SPONSOR: Sen. Paradis LR 3276
of Aroostook ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Concerning Rural Hospital Care

SPONSOR: Rep. Perkins LR 2699
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Regarding the Possession of Tobacco Products by a
Juvenile

SPONSOR: Rep. Pieh LR 2957
of Bremen ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Liability Associated
with Juvenile Offenders Who Participate in Community
Service Programs

SPONSOR: Rep. Pieh LR 2988
of Bremen ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Repeal Laws Requiring Registration for Shopping
Carts

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. Pingree LR 2774
of Knox ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Protect Customers of Consumer-owned Utilities

SPONSOR: Sen. Pingree LR 2775
of Knox ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Allow for Greater Efficiency in School
Construction

SPONSOR: Sen. Pingree LR 2776
of Knox ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Ensure Employee Benefit Security

SPONSOR: Rep. Poulin LR 2711
of Oakland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Restore Funds Transferred from the Underground Oil
Storage Replacement Fund

SPONSOR: Rep. Poulin LR 2712
of Oakland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
Resolve, to Provide Support and Assistance to Persons with
Eating Disorders

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SPONSOR: Rep. Povich LR 2681
of Ellsworth ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Grant the Joint Standing Committee Having
Jurisdiction over Criminal Matters the Authority to Review
the Appointment of the Commissioner of Public Safety and the
Chief of the State Police

SPONSOR: Rep. Povich LR 2709
of Ellsworth ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Implement the Biennial Transportation Improvement
Program Regarding Shared Use of the Calais Branch Rail Line

SPONSOR: Rep. Quint LR 2927
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Consolidate the Administration of Home Health
Services

SPONSOR: Sen. Rand LR 3000
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Increase Economic Security for the State's
Low-income Children and Families and Prevent Additional Cost
to Municipalities

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Rines, Jr. LR 2700
of Wiscasset ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Portion of the Health
Insurance Premium for Dependents of Retired State Employees

SPONSOR: Rep. Rines, Jr. LR 2701
of Wiscasset ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Require that Towns be Reimbursed for the
Construction of Sand and Salt Storage Facilities

SPONSOR: Rep. Rowe LR 2864
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Encourage Human Resource and Sustainable Rural
Development in the State

SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl LR 2790
of Bangor ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Providing for Assisted Reproductive Technology
Reimbursement

SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl LR 2791
of Bangor ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Repeal the Residency Requirement for Credit Union
Directors

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SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl LR 2792
of Bangor ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Concerning Notices Given in Connection with Mortgage
Foreclosures

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl LR 2853
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Provide Senior Citizens Access to Prescription
Drugs

SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl LR 2854
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Provide Accountability in Our Probation System

SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl LR 2855
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence from Eviction

SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl LR 2870
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Regulating the Practices of Feature Motion Picture
Exhibitors and Distributors or Licensors and Providing
Remedies for Violations

SPONSOR: Rep. Sirois LR 2895
of Caribou ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
Resolve, Requiring the Department of Transportation to
Construct a Full-service Rest Area on Interstate 95 30
Miles North of the Medway Rest Area

SPONSOR: Rep. Skoglund LR 2885
of St. George ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Preserve Maine's Historic Properties

SPONSOR: Rep. Skoglund LR 3097
of St. George ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Restore Retirement Benefits for Law Enforcement
and Correctional Personnel

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

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SPONSOR: Sen. Small LR 3152
of Sagadahoc ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
Resolve, to Allow the Estate of Barbara Maxfield, on Behalf
of Allan Maxfield, Sole Beneficiary, to Sue the State or
Be Compensated by the State in the Amount of \$1,000,000

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Spear LR 2770
of Nobleboro ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Restore the Requirement That Certain Expenditures
of the Waldoboro Water District Be Approved by District
Vote

SPONSOR: Rep. Stedman LR 2680
of Hartland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
Resolve, to Name the Newly Constructed Route 2 Palmyra
Bridge in Memory of Trooper Thomas Merry

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Tessier LR 3246
of Fairfield ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Relating to the Maine School Administrative District
49 Arts and Technology Center

SPONSOR: Rep. Thompson LR 2734
of Naples ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Allow Liquor Licenses on Commercial Vessels

SPONSOR: Rep. Thompson LR 3109
of Naples ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Clarify the Confidentiality of Public Employee
Information

SPONSOR: Rep. Townsend LR 2962
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Provide Funding for Mental Retardation Day
Services for Nonclass Members

SPONSOR: Sen. Treat LR 2860
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Clarify the Responsibilities of the Advisory
Commission on Radioactive Waste during the Decommissioning
of Maine Yankee

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SPONSOR: Sen. Treat of Kennebec	LR 3112 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Restore the 10% Cap on Earnable Compensation
for State Employees and Teacher Members of the Maine State
Retirement System

SPONSOR: Sen. Treat of Kennebec	LR 3129 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Ensure that Services for the Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Are Provided in an Efficient, Accessible and
Cost-effective Manner

SPONSOR: Sen. Treat of Kennebec	LR 3130 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Protect Students of Barbering, Cosmetology and
Other Proprietary Schools

SPONSOR: Sen. Treat of Kennebec	LR 3131 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Reimburse County Governments for the Costs of
County Jail Construction

SPONSOR: Sen. Treat of Kennebec	LR 3274 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Interpreter Service
for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford	LR 2740 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Establish an Advisory Commission on Women Veterans
in the Division of Veterans' Services

SPONSOR: Rep. Vigue of Winslow	LR 2943 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Promote the Expansion of Pari-mutuel Simulcast
Wagering

SPONSOR: Rep. Volenik of Brooklin	LR 2823 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Clarify Referendum Procedures for Sunday Sale of
Alcoholic Beverages

SPONSOR: Rep. Watson of Farmingdale	LR 2920 ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
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An Act to Enhance the Membership of the Maine HIV Advisory
Committee

SPONSOR: Rep. Watson of Farmingdale	LR 2922 ACCEPTED ON: 10/27/97
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An Act to Implement the Maine Arts Commission's Arts in
Education Program

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SPONSOR: Rep. Wheeler LR 2717
of Bridgewater ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
Resolve, Authorizing Dan Corey and Nu Seed Corporation of
Monticello to Sue the State of Maine

SPONSOR: Rep. Winn LR 2883
of Glenburn ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Restore Advocacy for Handicapped Students

SPONSOR: Rep. Wright LR 2704
of Berwick ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act to Provide for Continuation of Town Government
Despite a Failed Budget Referendum

SPONSOR: Rep. Wright LR 2705
of Berwick ACCEPTED ON: 11/20/97
An Act Providing for Additional Elections for School Board
Membership

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Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry			
L.D. 253	An Act to Require a Search Warrant to Investigate Private Property for the Purpose of Forestry Examinations	SNOWE-MELLO BENNETT	05/12/97
L.D. 289	Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study Maine Forest Practices	DEXTER CASSIDY	05/12/97
L.D. 968	An Act to Require Recommended Silvicultural Stocking Standards on Land Ownerships Enrolled under the Tree Growth Tax Laws	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1200	An Act to Reform the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1232	An Act to Provide Relief from Barking Dogs	SMALL	05/31/97
L.D. 1311	An Act to Prohibit Clear-cutting	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1395	Resolve, to Establish the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1405	An Act to License Timber Harvesters and Deter Timber Trespassing	DESMOND	05/12/97
L.D. 1430	An Act to Regulate Professional Loggers	KILKELLY	05/12/97
L.D. 1465	An Act to Limit Liquidation Harvesting	SHIAH	05/12/97
L.D. 1473	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Forest Practices	CASSIDY BARTH	05/12/97
L.D. 1518	Resolve, to Establish the Maine Forest Policy Round Table Study Commission	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1746	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Development and Centralized Listing of Municipal Ordinances That Apply to Forest Practices	KILKELLY GREEN	05/12/97
L.D. 1766	An Act to Improve Management of Maine's Forests	SHIAH	05/12/97
L.D. 1852	An Act to Reorganize and Clarify the Laws Relating to the Establishment, Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Parks and Lands	KILKELLY BUNKER	05/21/97
L.D. 1874	An Act to Establish Limitations on Swine-feeding Operations	PARADIS	05/22/97

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Appropriations and	Financial Affairs		
L.D. 85	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,000,000 for Reconstruction, Renovations and Safety Improvements at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf	KERR MICHAUD	06/01/97
L.D. 174	An Act to Increase Health Insurance Benefits for Retired Educators	LEMAIRE NUTTING	05/31/97
L.D. 341	An Act to Open a Discount State Liquor Store in Calais and Conduct a Study Concerning the Opening of a Store in Fort Kent	DRISCOLL CASSIDY	06/01/97
L.D. 537	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Build 3 Regional Psychiatric Facilities	BRENNAN HARRIMAN	05/12/97
L.D. 607	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Ambulance and Fire Emergency Services from the State's Sales Tax	KILKELLY	05/21/97
L.D. 791	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Aid in the Construction of the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service on the Campus of the University of	MITCHELL E LAWRENCE	05/12/97
L.D. 890	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Reserve Fund	BENNETT KERR	05/15/97
L.D. 1062	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission		05/31/97
L.D. 1454	An Act to Amend the Prevailing Wage Laws	WRIGHT LAWRENCE	06/01/97
L.D. 1658	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Implement a Statewide Economic Improvement Strategy	LAWRENCE MITCHELL E	05/22/97
L.D. 1761	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Make Necessary Improvements to the State House	MITCHELL E MICHAUD	05/15/97
L.D. 1810	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$6,000,000 for Critical Marine Infrastructure and Technology Investments	GOLDTHWAIT ETNIER	05/22/97
L.D. 1811	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Construction of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy	LAWRENCE	05/15/97
L.D. 1812	An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$79,500,000 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Municipal and State Roads, State and Local Bridges, Airports, State Ferry Vessels and	O'GARA CLUKEY	05/27/97

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L.D. 1829	An Act to Change the State's Fiscal Year from July 1st to October 1st	PINGREE KONTOS	05/15/97
L.D. 1840	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 for Development of the East-West Highway	SAXL J	05/15/97
Banking and Insurance			
L.D. 307	An Act to Allow Self-referral for Obstetrical Care in Managed Care Plans	VIGUE DAGGETT	05/12/97
L.D. 889	An Act to Ensure Fair Claims Settlement Practices	LAFOUNTAIN	05/12/97
L.D. 1243	An Act to Protect the Privacy of Genetic Information	RAND	05/12/97
L.D. 1540	An Act to Establish a State Disaster Relief Trust Fund	KERR	05/12/97
L.D. 1783	An Act to Clarify the Laws Concerning Claims Settlement Practices	VIGUE JENKINS	05/12/97
L.D. 1848	An Act to Create the Managed Care Ombudsman Program	SAXL J	05/15/97
L.D. 1857	An Act to Protect Patients of Managed Care Plans	BROOKS	05/15/97
Business and Economic Development			
L.D. 597	An Act to Amend the Statutes Pertaining to Emergency Medical Services	VIGUE CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 1483	An Act to License Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard-of-hearing	TREAT	05/12/97
L.D. 1525	An Act to License Massage Therapists under the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers	KILKELLY WATSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1580	An Act to Improve Allopathic and Osteopathic Physician Oversight	BUCK RAND	05/12/97
Criminal Justice			
L.D. 65	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Reimbursement to the Counties for Community Corrections	MCALEVEY LAFOUNTAIN	05/12/97
L.D. 515	An Act to Set a Fixed Rate for Housing of State Prisoners	BUNKER	05/12/97
L.D. 753	An Act to Allow Police to Take Intoxicated Persons into Custody	LEMKE	05/12/97
L.D. 804	Resolve, to Create the Juvenile Crime Task Force to Develop a Continuum of Services for Juveniles	TREAT	05/12/97
L.D. 862	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Examine the Laws Pertaining to Juvenile Offenders	PLOWMAN	05/12/97

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L.D. 915	An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Juvenile Petition, Adjudication and Disposition	BUNKER	05/12/97
L.D. 1592	An Act to Require Post-release Supervision of Prisoners Who Are Identified as High-risk Offenders	BUNKER	05/21/97
L.D. 1667	An Act to Permit Involuntary Medication of Mentally Ill Persons Residing in Department of Corrections Facilities	MITCHELL B JONES SL	05/21/97
L.D. 1719	An Act Concerning Firearm Purchase Background Checks	HALL	05/21/97
L.D. 1870	An Act to Amend Criminal OUI Penalties Concerning Suspension of a Motor Vehicle Driver's License BY REQUEST	COWGER KILKELLY	05/21/97
Education and Cultural Affairs			
L.D. 623	An Act to Provide Opportunities for Choice within the Public School System	AMERO	05/21/97
L.D. 1045	Resolve, to Create the Task Force on Research and Development Investment	BIGL	05/12/97
L.D. 1168	Resolve, to Reorganize the University of Maine System	LIBBY	05/21/97
L.D. 1260	An Act Allowing Schools to Remain on the School Construction Account Priority List	MURPHY	05/12/97
L.D. 1325	An Act to Make the State Board of Education Elected	LEMKE HALL	05/12/97
L.D. 1340	An Act to Establish a Public Education Assessment Advisory Commission	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1398	An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding the Discipline of Exceptional Students	CLUKEY	05/21/97
L.D. 1416	An Act Concerning Eligibility for Service on a School Board	KILKELLY	05/21/97
L.D. 1436	An Act to Amend School Construction Laws	TREAT COWGER	05/12/97
L.D. 1544	An Act to Amend the Process by Which School Construction Is Approved	TRUE	05/12/97
L.D. 1601	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require the Legislature to Provide a Statewide System of Uniform and High-quality Education	LONGLEY	05/12/97
L.D. 1622	An Act to Require That a Course in Multicultural Education Be Included in All Teacher Preparation Programs in the State	MCKEE PARADIS	05/12/97

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L.D. 1652	An Act to Establish the Dirigo Higher Education Bond Program to Provide Financial Aid to Maine Students	DAVIDSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1653	An Act to Abolish the State Board of Education	JOY	05/12/97
L.D. 1717	An Act Establishing a Higher Education Trust as an Instrumentality of the State	MITCHELL E PENDLETON P	05/12/97
L.D. 1718	An Act to Create a Prepaid Tuition Plan	KONTOS AMERO	05/12/97
L.D. 1721	An Act Regarding Appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Board of Trustees	CATHCART	05/12/97
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L.D. 1670	An Act to Limit Indemnification in Construction Contracts	PLOWMAN	05/15/97
L.D. 1728	An Act to Promote Professional Competence and Improve Patient Care	GOLDTHWAIT	05/12/97
L.D. 1729	An Act to Require Health-care Providers to Honor Do Not Resuscitate Orders	GOLDTHWAIT TUTTLE	05/15/97
L.D. 1784	An Act to Expedite the Operation of Prelitigation Screening Panels under the Maine Health Security Act	THOMPSON	05/12/97
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L.D. 1793	An Act Regarding the Activities of Nonprofit Corporations	THOMPSON	05/12/97
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L.D. 300	An Act to Prohibit an Employer from Hiring Replacement Workers during a Strike	SAMSON CATHCART	05/22/97
L.D. 568	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to Raising the Minimum Wage	POVICH	05/12/97
L.D. 633	An Act to Provide a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Minimum Wage Earners	SHIAH CATHCART	05/12/97
L.D. 688	An Act to Increase Maine's Minimum Wage	VOLENIK RAND	05/12/97
L.D. 835	Resolve, Instructing the Workers' Compensation Board to Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Occupational Disease Law	WINSOR	05/14/97
L.D. 999	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Contractual Obligation for Members of the Maine State Retirement System	HATCH CATHCART	05/12/97
L.D. 1100	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Vesting in the Maine State Retirement System	HATCH	05/12/97
L.D. 1192	An Act to Provide Adjustments to Accommodate Increases in the Cost of Living for Injured Workers	SAMSON	05/14/97
L.D. 1193	An Act to Permit a Suit Against an Employer Who Knowingly Places a Worker at Risk of Serious Bodily Injury or Death	BOLDUC RAND	05/14/97
L.D. 1318	An Act to Clarify the Doctrine of Res Judicata in Workers' Compensation Cases	HATCH	05/14/97
L.D. 1370	Resolve, to Create Pension Portability for State and Local Government	SAXL M DAGGETT	05/12/97
L.D. 1457	An Act to Extend the Period for Payment of Workers' Compensation Benefits	CLARK	05/12/97
L.D. 1567	An Act to Reinstate Limited Rehabilitation Benefits under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 for Those with Long-term Disabilities	MILLS	05/21/97
L.D. 1661	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger and Food Security	BENOIT	05/14/97

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L.D. 1847	An Act to Modify the Retirement Laws for the 38th Training Troop of the Maine State Police	MCALEVEY CAREY	05/22/97
Legal and Veterans Affairs			
L.D. 708	An Act to Protect Small, Independent Businesses Not Meeting Minimum Lottery Sales Requirements	FULLER KILKELLY	05/12/97
L.D. 989	An Act to Grandfather Existing Structures in Relation to Fire Doors and Exits	TUTTLE	05/12/97
L.D. 1072	An Act Pertaining to the Sanford National Guard Armory	TUTTLE MACKINNON	05/12/97
L.D. 1676	An Act to Preserve Live Harness Racing in the State	SPEAR NUTTING	05/12/97
L.D. 1799	An Act to Privatize Liquor Sales	KERR AMERO	05/12/97
L.D. 1827	An Act to Authorize the Operation of Video Gaming Terminals by Certain Nonprofit Organizations	DAGGETT DUNLAP	05/14/97
L.D. 1828	An Act to Preserve Financial Integrity of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations	MICHAUD	05/12/97
L.D. 1846	An Act to Prohibit the Opening of Liquor Stores on the Maine Turnpike	DONNELLY	05/12/97
L.D. 1876	Resolve, to Allow Certain Employees to Continue to Sue the State to Recover Wages Improperly Denied under Federal Wage and Hour Laws	KONTOS LAWRENCE	05/27/97
Marine Resources			
L.D. 1445	An Act to Establish a Requirement That Holders of Lobster Fishing Licenses Must Own or Control the Vessel from Which They Conduct Authorized Activities	ETNIER	05/12/97
L.D. 1478	An Act to Decriminalize Various Marine Resource Violations and Enhance Collectibility of Associated Penalties	MILLS	05/12/97
Natural Resources			
L.D. 80	An Act to Protect Internal Waters of the State	PAUL	05/12/97
L.D. 660	An Act to Opt out of the Federal Requirement to Use Reformulated Fuel	TRIPP CAREY	05/12/97

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L.D. 1836	An Act to Facilitate Delegation of the Federal Waste Discharge Permitting Program	COWGER	05/12/97
State and Local Government			
L.D. 77	An Act to Change the Budgeting Process for York County	JOYNER	05/12/97
L.D. 188	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Minimum Qualifications for the Treasurer of State	DONNELLY AMERO	05/21/97
L.D. 361	An Act to Encourage Regionalization of Municipal Services	GAGNON CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 566	An Act to Provide Computers for Use in the Legislature	GERRY PINGREE	05/12/97
L.D. 1204	An Act to Establish the Maine Disaster Relief Laws	DAVIDSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1358	An Act to Amend the Procedures for Finalizing the Kennebec County Budget	JONES SA CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 1359	An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Budget Process	BOUFFARD JENKINS	05/12/97
L.D. 1551	An Act to Amend the Amount of Retainage on Public Building Contracts	FLOWMAN	05/27/97
L.D. 1764	An Act to Establish an Office of Regulatory Reform within the Executive Branch	MACK LIBBY	05/12/97
L.D. 1777	An Act to Permit the Creation of Cooperative Municipal Fire Districts	DAGGETT GAGNON	05/12/97
Taxation			
L.D. 1748	An Act to Modernize Maine's Fuel Tax Laws	RUHLIN DRISCOLL	05/14/97
L.D. 1803	An Act to Encourage the Payment of Delinquent Taxes	DAGGETT	05/14/97
L.D. 1820	An Act to Establish a Penalty on Gains from the Sale or Exchange of Land from Which Timber Has Been Harvested	GREEN RUHLIN	05/14/97
L.D. 1824	An Act to Establish a System of Tax Revenue Targeting	RUHLIN DONNELLY	05/21/97

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L.D. 1855	An Act Regarding the Taxation of Goods Purchased in Connection with the Operation of a High-stakes Beano or High-Stakes Bingo Game	BISULCA	06/01/97
Transportation			
L.D. 726	An Act to Increase the Bonding Limits of the Maine Turnpike Authority	JOYCE	05/12/97
L.D. 757	An Act to Create Graduated Licenses	JOYNER BENNETT	05/14/97
L.D. 1594	An Act to Transfer State Ownership of Certain Railroad Rights-of-way, Create the Calais to Eastport Rail Authority and Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,500,000 to Fund Establishment of Freight Rail Service	GOODWIN	05/12/97
Utilities and Energy			
L.D. 224	An Act Regarding Charges Assessed against Owners of Sprinkler Systems	CAMPBELL	05/12/97
L.D. 1732	An Act to Provide Choice to Maine's Electricity Customers	CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 1788	An Act to Require Notice to Telephone Subscribers of the Sale or Transfer of an Interexchange Carrier or a Change in Rates	BUNKER	05/12/97

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L.D. 289	Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study Maine Forest Practices	DEXTER CASSIDY	05/12/97
L.D. 968	An Act to Require Recommended Silvicultural Stocking Standards on Land Ownerships Enrolled under the Tree Growth Tax Laws	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1200	An Act to Reform the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1232	An Act to Provide Relief from Barking Dogs	SMALL	05/31/97
L.D. 1311	An Act to Prohibit Clear-cutting	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1395	Resolve, to Establish the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1405	An Act to License Timber Harvesters and Deter Timber Trespassing	DESMOND	05/12/97
L.D. 1430	An Act to Regulate Professional Loggers	KILKELLY	05/12/97
L.D. 1465	An Act to Limit Liquidation Harvesting	SHIAH	05/12/97
L.D. 1473	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Forest Practices	CASSIDY BARTH	05/12/97
L.D. 1518	Resolve, to Establish the Maine Forest Policy Round Table Study Commission	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1746	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Development and Centralized Listing of Municipal Ordinances That Apply to Forest Practices	KILKELLY GREEN	05/12/97
L.D. 1766	An Act to Improve Management of Maine's Forests	SHIAH	05/12/97
L.D. 1852	An Act to Reorganize and Clarify the Laws Relating to the Establishment, Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Parks and Lands	KILKELLY BUNKER	05/21/97
L.D. 1874	An Act to Establish Limitations on Swine-feeding Operations	PARADIS	05/22/97

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L.D. 85	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,000,000 for Reconstruction, Renovations and Safety Improvements at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf	KERR MICHAUD	06/01/97
L.D. 174	An Act to Increase Health Insurance Benefits for Retired Educators	LEMAIRE NUTTING	05/31/97
L.D. 341	An Act to Open a Discount State Liquor Store in Calais and Conduct a Study Concerning the Opening of a Store in Fort Kent	DRISCOLL CASSIDY	06/01/97
L.D. 537	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Build 3 Regional Psychiatric Facilities	BRENNAN HARRIMAN	05/12/97
L.D. 607	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Ambulance and Fire Emergency Services from the State's Sales Tax	KILKELLY	05/21/97
L.D. 791	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Aid in the Construction of the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service on the Campus of the University of	MITCHELL E LAWRENCE	05/12/97
L.D. 890	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Reserve Fund	BENNETT KERR	05/15/97
L.D. 1062	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission		05/31/97
L.D. 1454	An Act to Amend the Prevailing Wage Laws	WRIGHT LAWRENCE	06/01/97
L.D. 1658	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Implement a Statewide Economic Improvement Strategy	LAWRENCE MITCHELL E	05/22/97
L.D. 1761	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Make Necessary Improvements to the State House	MITCHELL E MICHAUD	05/15/97
L.D. 1810	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$6,000,000 for Critical Marine Infrastructure and Technology Investments	GOLDTHWAIT ETNIER	05/22/97
L.D. 1811	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Construction of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy	LAWRENCE	05/15/97
L.D. 1812	An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$79,500,000 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Municipal and State Roads, State and Local Bridges, Airports, State Ferry Vessels and	O'GARA CLUKEY	05/27/97

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L.D. 889	An Act to Ensure Fair Claims Settlement Practices	LAFOUNTAIN	05/12/97
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L.D. 1580	An Act to Improve Allopathic and Osteopathic Physician Oversight	BUCK RAND	05/12/97
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L.D. 753	An Act to Allow Police to Take Intoxicated Persons into Custody	LEMKE	05/12/97
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L.D. 1667	An Act to Permit Involuntary Medication of Mentally Ill Persons Residing in Department of Corrections Facilities	MITCHELL B JONES SL	05/21/97
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L.D. 1372	An Act to Unify the Court System	JABAR	05/12/97
L.D. 1384	An Act to Reform Procedure in Multiparty Lawsuits	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1482	An Act to Expand the Duties of the Violations Bureau and Enhance the Enforcement of Civil Violations	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1583	An Act to Establish the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act	TAYLOR	05/12/97
L.D. 1636	An Act to Make Mediation Mandatory in Medical Malpractice Proceedings	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1670	An Act to Limit Indemnification in Construction Contracts	PLOWMAN	05/15/97
L.D. 1728	An Act to Promote Professional Competence and Improve Patient Care	GOLDTHWAIT	05/12/97
L.D. 1729	An Act to Require Health-care Providers to Honor Do Not Resuscitate Orders	GOLDTHWAIT TUTTLE	05/15/97
L.D. 1784	An Act to Expedite the Operation of Prelitigation Screening Panels under the Maine Health Security Act	THOMPSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1786	An Act to Adopt the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act	LANE	05/12/97
L.D. 1793	An Act Regarding the Activities of Nonprofit Corporations	THOMPSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1807	An Act to Provide for Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators	PLOWMAN	05/12/97

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Labor			
L.D. 196	An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Costs for Retired State Employees and Retired Teachers	HATCH	05/12/97
L.D. 300	An Act to Prohibit an Employer from Hiring Replacement Workers during a Strike	SAMSON CATHCART	05/22/97
L.D. 568	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to Raising the Minimum Wage	POVICH	05/12/97
L.D. 633	An Act to Provide a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Minimum Wage Earners	SHIAH CATHCART	05/12/97
L.D. 688	An Act to Increase Maine's Minimum Wage	VOLENIK RAND	05/12/97
L.D. 835	Resolve, Instructing the Workers' Compensation Board to Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Occupational Disease Law	WINSOR	05/14/97
L.D. 999	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Contractual Obligation for Members of the Maine State Retirement System	HATCH CATHCART	05/12/97
L.D. 1100	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Vesting in the Maine State Retirement System	HATCH	05/12/97
L.D. 1192	An Act to Provide Adjustments to Accommodate Increases in the Cost of Living for Injured Workers	SAMSON	05/14/97
L.D. 1193	An Act to Permit a Suit Against an Employer Who Knowingly Places a Worker at Risk of Serious Bodily Injury or Death	BOLDUC RAND	05/14/97
L.D. 1318	An Act to Clarify the Doctrine of Res Judicata in Workers' Compensation Cases	HATCH	05/14/97
L.D. 1370	Resolve, to Create Pension Portability for State and Local Government	SAXL M DAGGETT	05/12/97
L.D. 1457	An Act to Extend the Period for Payment of Workers' Compensation Benefits	CLARK	05/12/97
L.D. 1567	An Act to Reinstate Limited Rehabilitation Benefits under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 for Those with Long-term Disabilities	MILLS	05/21/97
L.D. 1661	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger and Food Security	BENOIT	05/14/97

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L.D. 1708	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Issue of Discrimination against Veterans in Workers' Compensation Cases BY REQUEST	LANE RUHLIN	05/14/97
L.D. 1847	An Act to Modify the Retirement Laws for the 38th Training Troop of the Maine State Police	MCALLEVEY CAREY	05/22/97
Legal and Veterans Affairs			
L.D. 708	An Act to Protect Small, Independent Businesses Not Meeting Minimum Lottery Sales Requirements	FULLER KILKELLY	05/12/97
L.D. 989	An Act to Grandfather Existing Structures in Relation to Fire Doors and Exits	TUTTLE	05/12/97
L.D. 1072	An Act Pertaining to the Sanford National Guard Armory	TUTTLE MACKINNON	05/12/97
L.D. 1676	An Act to Preserve Live Harness Racing in the State	SPEAR NUTTING	05/12/97
L.D. 1799	An Act to Privatize Liquor Sales	KERR AMERO	05/12/97
L.D. 1827	An Act to Authorize the Operation of Video Gaming Terminals by Certain Nonprofit Organizations	DAGGETT DUNLAP	05/14/97
L.D. 1828	An Act to Preserve Financial Integrity of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations	MICHAUD	05/12/97
L.D. 1846	An Act to Prohibit the Opening of Liquor Stores on the Maine Turnpike	DONNELLY	05/12/97
L.D. 1876	Resolve, to Allow Certain Employees to Continue to Sue the State to Recover Wages Improperly Denied under Federal Wage and Hour Laws	KONTOS LAWRENCE	05/27/97
Marine Resources			
L.D. 1445	An Act to Establish a Requirement That Holders of Lobster Fishing Licenses Must Own or Control the Vessel from Which They Conduct Authorized Activities	ETNIER	05/12/97
L.D. 1478	An Act to Decriminalize Various Marine Resource Violations and Enhance Collectibility of Associated Penalties	MILLS	05/12/97
Natural Resources			
L.D. 80	An Act to Protect Internal Waters of the State	PAUL	05/12/97
L.D. 660	An Act to Opt out of the Federal Requirement to Use Reformulated Fuel	TRIPP CAREY	05/12/97

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L.D. 1730	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Great Pond Task Force	TREAT COWGER	05/12/97
L.D. 1836	An Act to Facilitate Delegation of the Federal Waste Discharge Permitting Program	COWGER	05/12/97
State and Local Government			
L.D. 77	An Act to Change the Budgeting Process for York County	JOYNER	05/12/97
L.D. 188	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Minimum Qualifications for the Treasurer of State	DONNELLY AMERO	05/21/97
L.D. 361	An Act to Encourage Regionalization of Municipal Services	GAGNON CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 566	An Act to Provide Computers for Use in the Legislature	GERRY PINGREE	05/12/97
L.D. 1204	An Act to Establish the Maine Disaster Relief Laws	DAVIDSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1358	An Act to Amend the Procedures for Finalizing the Kennebec County Budget	JONES SA CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 1359	An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Budget Process	BOUFFARD JENKINS	05/12/97
L.D. 1551	An Act to Amend the Amount of Retainage on Public Building Contracts	PLOWMAN	05/27/97
L.D. 1764	An Act to Establish an Office of Regulatory Reform within the Executive Branch	MACK LIBBY	05/12/97
L.D. 1777	An Act to Permit the Creation of Cooperative Municipal Fire Districts	DAGGETT GAGNON	05/12/97
Taxation			
L.D. 1748	An Act to Modernize Maine's Fuel Tax Laws	RUHLIN DRISCOLL	05/14/97
L.D. 1803	An Act to Encourage the Payment of Delinquent Taxes	DAGGETT	05/14/97
L.D. 1820	An Act to Establish a Penalty on Gains from the Sale or Exchange of Land from Which Timber Has Been Harvested	GREEN RUHLIN	05/14/97
L.D. 1824	An Act to Establish a System of Tax Revenue Targeting	RUHLIN DONNELLY	05/21/97

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L.D. 1853	An Act to Exempt from State Income Tax Previously Taxed Contributions to an Individual Retirement Account	LIBBY JOYNER	05/21/97
L.D. 1855	An Act Regarding the Taxation of Goods Purchased in Connection with the Operation of a High-stakes Beano or High-Stakes Bingo Game	BISULCA	06/01/97
Transportation			
L.D. 726	An Act to Increase the Bonding Limits of the Maine Turnpike Authority	JOYCE	05/12/97
L.D. 757	An Act to Create Graduated Licenses	JOYNER BENNETT	05/14/97
L.D. 1594	An Act to Transfer State Ownership of Certain Railroad Rights-of-way, Create the Calais to Eastport Rail Authority and Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,500,000 to Fund Establishment of Freight Rail Service	GOODWIN	05/12/97
Utilities and Energy			
L.D. 224	An Act Regarding Charges Assessed against Owners of Sprinkler Systems	CAMPBELL	05/12/97
L.D. 1732	An Act to Provide Choice to Maine's Electricity Customers	CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 1788	An Act to Require Notice to Telephone Subscribers of the Sale or Transfer of an Interexchange Carrier or a Change in Rates	BUNKER	05/12/97

--- End of Report ---

INTERIM STUDY COMMISSIONS

REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF REPORTING DEADLINES: ISSUES

- **The Policy Issue:**

This Legislature created a particular study commission because we, presumably, have an interest in the particular policy issue the Commission was charged with studying. Does this Legislature want to hand this issue off to the 119th?

- Should we ask that any Commission requesting an extension provide an interim report summarizing its work to date?

- **The Staffing Issue:**

Is the Commission staffed by OPLA or OFPR? If so, our own legislative committees need the full attention and energies of **all** of our staff after January 1. The session is short; the issues are complex.

- If we agree to grant an extension **beyond** January 1, we also need to suspend the Commission's work for the 3 months of the session.

- **The Administrative Questions:**

- How late was the Commission getting started?
- What impact will an extension have on the budget that was allocated to the Commission?

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Commission to Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings LD 146 - Resolves 1997, c. 71	10 members; including 3 legislators	October 3	3	1/1/98	Roy Lenardson Deborah Friedman OPLA	All 10 appointmts are to be jointly made by the Governor, President & Speaker Eight have been made to date.
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 1 appointment remaining. Convened on 10/28 Co-Chair: Senator Lloyd LaFountain Representative Tarren Bragdon
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 Hytan Barr OPLA	Convened on 9/29 Chair: Representative Randy Berry Co-Chair: Jean Manning

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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	By July 29	5	12/15/97	Jon Clark Jon Kachmar OPLA	Convened on 11/3 Chair: Joseph Kozak (appointed by Governor)
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. Legislative appointments completed DHS & AG Offices working on appointments and convening
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	Convened on 10/17 Chair: Sen. Lloyd P. LaFountain
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	Phil McCarthy, OPLA	In process of scheduling; waiting for confirmation of Interpreter availability.
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	Diane Arbour Dept. of Human Services	Convened on 10/28 Chair: Representative Michael Quint
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	Convened on 9/29 Chair: Sandy Bethanis, DHS
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	Yvonne Damberg Dept. of Education & Me. Council on Vocational Education	To be convened on 11/20

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Legislative Review of Revisions to the State's Clean Air Strategy LD 1058 - P.L. 1997, c. 531	Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources	n/a	1	118th/2nd	Amy Holland OPLA	Subcommittee has been appointed.
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)	To be convened on 11/24
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	13 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 FY 99: 8 (by January 1st)	Biannual	OFPR David Elliott, OPLA (legal)	President: 1 apptmt (pending) Speaker: 1 apptmt (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. Steve Cole, SPO	Ex Officio: 6 SPO is working with Governor's Office to schedule
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	Convened on October 30 Chair: Representative Marc Vigue
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	To be convened 11/21
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	President: 1 apptmt (complete) Speaker: 1 apptmt (complete) Status of other apptmts is unknown (submitted to DAFS) Governor to convene

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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	Convened on 10/15 Chair: Connie Lapointe Brennan
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	4 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 (complete) President: 5 apptmts (4 are complete) Speaker: 5 apptmts (complete) FAME to convene
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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Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers LD 1832 - Resolves 1997, c. 68	16 members; including 2 legislators	By November 4	4	12/1/97	Department of Human Services	Convened on 11/3 Chair: Representative Tina Baker
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	Convened on 10/17 Chair: Jeff Nathanson (Fleet Bank)
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	Convened on 10/14 Chair: Representative Randy Berry
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	To be convened on 12/4 Governor: 1 outstanding
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	To be convened on 12/1
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, subcommittee is working

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BEC Review of Agencies under the Government Evaluation Act	Business & Economic Dev. Committee	n/a	3		Carrie McFadden OPLA	Underway
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	Underway
Jt. Select Committee on Research & Development	14 legislators	By October 15	3	1/1/98	Roy Lenardson Amy Holland OPLA	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 Chairs: Senator Richard Carey Representative Carol Kontos

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STATE OF MAINE
118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

COMMISSION TO EXAMINE RATE SETTING AND THE
FINANCING OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

Joseph M. Kozak, Chair

November 13, 1997

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Chair, Legislative Council
118th Maine Legislature

Dear Speaker Mitchell:

I am writing on behalf of the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Long-term Care Facilities to request an extension of our reporting deadline.

As you know, the resolve establishing this study commission was signed into law as an emergency on June 12th. Under the terms of the resolve, the first meeting was to be held before the end of July. The resolve establishes a reporting deadline of December 15th.

As the Legislature clearly understood, the scope and magnitude of this study are significant. The issues surrounding rate setting for long-term care facilities are many, interrelated and difficult. The time-line established for the commission by the resolve provided some five months to undertake the study.

However, as you are well aware, the appointments to this commission were only recently completed. As a result, we were first convened on November 3, forty-two days before our deadline to issue a report.

Members of the commission are unanimously of the opinion that the issues raised by the study are complex, difficult and cannot be treated quickly or in a cursory manner. The commission has received data showing that the nursing facilities in the state currently carry on the order of a quarter billion dollars of debt, a sizable chunk of which is backed by the State's moral obligation. The commission feels it would be imprudent to produce any recommendations that could impact the repayment of this debt without first undertaking a thorough examination of the industry and the financial implications of any changes we might recommend. This will obviously require substantial time.

Commission members are of the opinion that the commission has insufficient time to undertake a credible study and to produce a report that will be of use to the Legislature. We also note that the issues raised by the study are sufficiently interrelated that it seems inappropriate and counter-productive for us to focus on some subset of the issues for

study; a report on such a subset of issues would likely amount to little more than a recitation of the interrelationship of those issues with other issues not examined.

We have been meeting weekly in an effort to begin the examination of the issues. We have been reviewing data and have developed a better sense of the scope of the study and the time we feel is needed to complete it. We have reviewed data on the financial condition of the industry (including long-term debt, financial ratios and comparisons with other states), staffing levels, the quality of care assessment system and the case mix reimbursement system. The data is voluminous and raises as many important questions as it answers.

In the process of examining the data we have noted a number of issues not specifically identified in the resolve that we feel need to be examined in the course of any serious study of the subject. The list is dynamic but presently includes these issues:

- What is the interface of the long-term care industry with the rest of the health care industry (how do decisions affecting one impact the other)?
- What are the effects of regulatory requirements on the industry (e.g., nurse time spent filling out forms)?
- How should and does the State's moral-obligation backing of industry debt affect state policy decisions with regard to the industry?
- How viable and stable is the industry today?
- What is the quality of current industry management and how can it be assessed?
- How do staffing levels relate to quality of care?
- What are the financial effects of the recent federal repeal of the so-called Boren Amendment?
- How will managed care impact the industry and how will it affect the State's control over the quality of care?

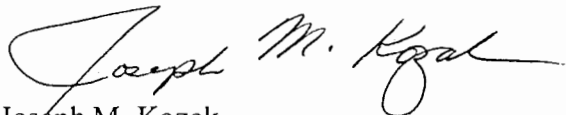
Based on our evaluation of the scope and magnitude of the study, the commission unanimously requests an extension until November 1998.

We are aware that the session begins in January. We are also aware that there are a number of issues associated with extending this study into the session, including the serious scheduling difficulties it will create for a number of members of the commission and the reduced availability of legislative staff.

We are asking for an extension to the next interim in order to avoid the difficulties associated with attempting to conduct the study during the session. This extension would allow us to set the work aside during the session and to recommence work in earnest after the session finished. Our report and recommendations would be available to the Legislature in the following session.

On behalf of the commission, I would like to thank the Council in advance for its consideration of this request. We look forward to the Council's decision and any further guidance it might care to provide to us in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph M. Kozak". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Joseph M. Kozak
Chair

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Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
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Re: Commission to Study the Restructuring of the State's Fiscal Policies to Promote the Development of High-Technology Industry in Maine

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On behalf of Chairman Jeff Nathanson, I am writing to you to request a brief extension in the reporting deadline for the Commission to Study the Restructuring of the State's Fiscal Policies to Promote the Development of High-Technology Industry in Maine.

P.L. 1997, Chapter 557 establishes a reporting deadline of January 1, 1998 for the work of the Commission. In view of the importance of the issues which the Commission has been asked to address, and keeping in mind the short timeline available to us, we would like to request an extension to January 30, 1998. The granting of this brief extension would enable the Commission to report a meaningful work product for the Legislature's consideration, without conflicting with the Legislature's desired adjournment date.

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The Commission is hopeful that this matter will be placed before the Legislative Council at its next meeting on Thursday, November 20, 1997.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you should have any questions with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark B. LeDuc

cc: Sarah C. Tubbesing, Executive Director

TASK FORCE TO REVIEW APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CENTERS
AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY REGIONS

November 20, 1997

TO: The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Chair, Legislative Council

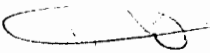
FROM: Philip A. Dionne, Chair, Task Force to Review Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions

RE: Extension of the Date to Submit The Committee's Report

At the November 20, 1997 meeting of the Task Force, the Chair was directed to request an extension to file it's report with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs from January 1, 1998 to March 1, 1998

Please forward your response to me at 160 Capitol Street, Augusta ME 04330.

Thank you.



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