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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 25, 1998 AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 21, 1998, COUNCIL MEETING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Item #1:** Personnel Activity
- Item #2: Legislative Budget: Status
- Item #3: State House Master Plan for Capital Improvements: Status and Items Requiring Council Action
- Item #4: Legislative Computer System: Report from Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on Legislative Information Technology

Personnel Committee

Legislative Facilities Committee

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Item #1: Report from Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government regarding Council's Position on LD 566, An Act to Provide Computers for Use in the Legislature (letter from Senate Chair Nutting and House Chair Ahearne)
- Item #2: Special Committee to Review the Study Commission Process: Submission of Report

Item #3: Submission of Study Reports

Studies Pursuant to Joint Order

- Joint Select Committee to Oversee the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1345)
- Joint Select Committee on Research and Development (pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 669)

Reports Pursuant to Government Evaluation Act

- Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development: Review of Department of Professional and Financial Regulation
- Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services: Review of Office of Substance Abuse

Statutory Study Commissions

- Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses in Maine (pursuant to Resolves of 1997, Chapter 85)
- ◆ Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for All Regions of the State (pursuant to P & S 1997, Chapter 51)
- ◆ Commission to Study Insurance Fraud (submitted to Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance, pursuant to Resolves of 1997, Chapter 77)
- Maine Commission on Children's Health Care (submitted to the Legislature, pursuant to P.L. 1997, Chapter 560, Part B)
- ♦ Commission to Study the Restructuring of the State's Fiscal Policies to Promote the Development of High-technology Industry in Maine (submitted to the Legislature, pursuant to P.L. 1997, Chapter 557, Part C)
- ♦ Commission to Study the Unemployment Compensation System (submitted to Joint Standing Committee on Labor, pursuant to Resolves of 1997, Chapter 65)
- ◆ Task Force on Improving Access to Prescription Drugs for the Elderly (submitted to the Legislature pursuant to P.L. 1997, Chapter 560, Part E)
- ◆ Task Force to Study the Cost-effectiveness of the Child Development Services System (submitted to the Legislature, pursuant to P.L. 1997, Chapter 534)

Study Authorized by the Legislative Council

♦ Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice: Scope of Juvenile Justice Problems and Services in Maine

Item #4: Request for Extension of Reporting Deadline

◆ Task Force to Study the State's Regional Service Center Communities: (letter from Rep. Richard Farnsworth, Task Force Chair)

Item #5: After Deadline Requests

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

REP. ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL CHAIR

SEN. MARK W. LAWRENCE VICE-CHAIR



118th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SEN. CHELLIE PINGREE
SEN. JANE A. AMERO
SEN. ANNE M. RAND
SEN. R. LEO KIEFFER
REP. CAROL A. KONTOS
REP. JAMES O. DONNELLY
REP. MICHAEL V. SAXL
REP. RICHARD H. CAMPBELL

SARAH C. TUBBESING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY

JANUARY 21, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Legislative Council to order at 10:25 a.m., in the Taxation Committee Hearing Room, State House.

ROLL CALL

Senators:

President Lawrence, Sen. Pingree, Sen. Amero,

Sen. Rand, Sen. Kieffer

Representatives:

Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Kontos, Rep. Donnelly,

Rep. Saxl

Absent: 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 Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 18, 1997, COUNCIL MEETING

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

The Council proceeded to **New Business**, out of order in deference to those sponsors who were present.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: After Deadline Bill Requests

After deadline requests were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's action on these requests is included on the attached list.

Upon concluding the list of request, the Chair, Speaker Mitchell, stated that she had learned late the previous day of an opportunity regarding potential acquisitions for the Maine State Museum. She recognized Joseph R. Phillips, Director of the Museum, and Earle Shettleworth, Executive Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, and invited them to make a brief presentation to the Council. Mr. Shettleworth passed around a color photo of a watercolor depicting the original State House in Portland, noting that it is the only known view of Maine's first seat of government. He stated that this watercolor was part of a collection of more than 700 items that a local Hallowell family -- well known antique collectors - had decided to auction.

Mr. Phillips reported that his staff had gone through the catalogue that the auctioneer had published and identified 24 items that would fill in key gaps in the Museum's collection -- items that are significant historic "documents". They had tried to estimate the price that each item would command and concluded that they needed to raise \$162,000 to cover the total amount. He noted that the Museum had turned first to individuals who had assisted the Museum with purchases in the past, but that these same sources had supported three major acquisitions in the past year, and appeared to be temporarily "tapped out."

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, stated that this was an extraordinary request, but that it was also an extraordinary collection, and she reminded Council members that if they approved a bill for introduction to fund these purchases, it would require final action by the Legislature at its next session the following Monday since the auction was two days later. She opened the floor for discussion. Council members' questions and comments focused on the following

• How does the State usually acquire art and/or artifacts? (Rep. Saxl)

Mr. Phillips: 90% of the Museum's acquisitions come as direct donations from the owner. The Museum has \$10,000 in its General Fund budget for this purpose, but these funds have already been spent in the current fiscal year.

- Has the Museum explored other funding sources?
 - Governor's Contingency Fund (Speaker Mitchell)

Mr. Phillips: The Governor has indicated he would support legislation, but that his Contingency Fund does not have the funds available to cover this purchase.

- Outdoor Heritage Trust Fund (Sen. Kieffer)

Mr. Phillips: Thus Fund has never been suggested before. He added that he and his staff would continue to explore private funding sources.

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, noted that the Museum is in the process of establishing an Endowment Fund, which would provide a resource in the future for this kind of opportunity. Mr. Phillips stated that the Museum has come to the Legislature for General Fund support for specific acquisitions only twice in the past - once to purchase the well known painting of the State House by Charles Codman and, again, in 1972, to purchase items from the Shaker collection at Sabbathday Lake.

• How does the Museum know the market value of individual items? What if the bids exceed the Museum's estimates? (Sen. President Lawrence)

Mr. Phillips: The Museum's curatornial staff are very knowledgeable about market prices, and their estimates are conservative. Because it is at auctions of this nature that the market value of items gets reset, he and his staff have developed a priority list to ensure that the available funds would be used on the highest priority items.

Why the notice for such a significant auction was so limited (Sen. Kieffer)

Mr. Shettleworth: Although his staff and Museum staff knew the auction was coming up, the catalogue, which was published only two weeks ago, provided the first information about the specific items that would be auctioned. The ice storm delayed "mobilization" efforts as well.

Motion: That the Council approve for introduction a bill with the following title: Resolve, to Authorize the Maine State Museum to Purchase Historic Maine Artifacts (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Rep. Kontos; unanimous).

Item #1: Submission of Study Reports

- ♦ Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation (Resolves of 1997, Chapter 79)
- Select Committee to Study the Health Effects of Reformulated Gasoline (Established by Presiding Officers)
- ◆ Task Force to Review the Applied Technology Centers and Applied Technology Regions (Resolves of 1997, Chapter 74)
- ◆ Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits (Resolves of 1997, Chapter 63)

Motion: That these study reports be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Rep. Donnelly; unanimous).

 Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Costs on Small Businesses in Maine

The Council had received a memorandum, from Representative Arthur F. Mayo, III, who chairs this Commission. Rep. Mayo reported that the Commission had had to postpone its final meeting as a result of the ice storm and required additional time beyond the deadline previously approved by the Council.

Motion: That the Blue Ribbon Commission be granted an extension of its reporting deadline until Friday, January 23. (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Rep. Donnelly; unanimous).

Item #2: Requests to Extend Reporting Deadlines

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, noted that most of the requests that the Council was about to discuss were attributable to the ice storm. She stressed that it was important for Council members to keep in mind that granting extensions beyond the week ending January 30 would divert OPLA staff from their work for the joint standing committees.

 Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with Disabilities

The memorandum from the Commission Chair, Senator Treat proposed that the Commission continue to meet until February 6 and then resume after adjournment to complete the Commission's work by September 30, 1998.

Motion: That the Commission be authorized to have one additional meeting on January 26, 1998 and that it be requested to submit its final report to the Legislative Council following that meeting. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Speaker Mitchell; unanimous).

♦ Task Force on Improving Access to Prescription Drugs for the Elderly

The letter from Senator Pingree, who chairs the Task Force, requested an extension until February 13. In response to a question from the Chair, Speaker Mitchell, David Boulter indicated that a draft final report had been completed and he thought the Task Force could complete its work with a day's worth of meeting.

Motion: That the extension be approved as requested. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Sen. Pingree; unanimous).

Commission to Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-Term Care Settings.

A letter from Michael J. Fiori, Commission Chair, requested authorization either to continue work following completion of the Second Regular Session, or to schedule one final meeting and conclude the Commission's work.

Motion: That the Commission be authorized to have one final meeting for the purpose of completing a report and to submit a final report by January 23, 1998. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Sen. Rand; unanimous).

Commission to Study the Unemployment Compensation System

A letter from the Commission Chair, Senator Treat, requested that the Commission be granted an additional extension to February 15. In discussion, Senate President Lawrence noted that the issues that the Commission had been charged with addressing were significant and that Maine faces a shortfall in the Unemployment Compensation Fund in 2003. Senator Rand added that these issues are not new and that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor had been dealing with them for several years.

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell turned to David Boulter, who indicated that a final report had not yet been drafted and that substantial work remained. He further stated that the unemployment issue was before the Labor Committee this session.

Motion: That the Commission be authorized to hold its scheduled meeting on January 27, and issue a final report, and transmit its work papers to the Labor Committee, with the understanding that any additional work on this policy issue that was necessary would be carried out by the Labor Committee. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Sen. Pingree; unanimous).

♦ Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund

The letter from Alan B. Stearns, Task Force Chair, requested an extension of the reporting deadline from January 1 to October 15, 1998, with suspension of all activity until after adjournment of the Second Regular session. The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, recognized Mr. Stearns, asking him whether the Legislature's Transportation Committee had a position on the request to delay reporting until the 119th Legislature. Mr. Stearns indicated that he was not aware of the Committee's position, but reminded Council members that this Committee's original recommendation to create the study had been a divided report, noting that he thought Committee members would still be divided. Senate President Lawrence pointed out that the extension would not require legislation, and offered the following motion:

Motion: That the extention be denied. (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Sen. Amero; unanimous).

Mr. Boulter stated that there were additional study commissions staffed by his office that had not requested extensions even though their reporting deadlines had passed, and that clarification from the Council regarding how to proceed would be helpful. The Council took action as follows.

Joint Select Committee on Research and Development: Motion: That an extension be approved to permit the Committee to finalize technical issues and issue its final report by January 30, 1998. (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Rep. Donnelly; unanimous).

Sally Tubbesing then stated that although the Maine Commission on Outstanding Citizens was not staffed by the Legislature, it did require an extension and should be included in the omnibus bill. The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, directed the Revisor's Office to include this Commission in the "omnibus" extension bill. The Council took no other action on this item. (Note: It was later determined that this extension did not require legislation).

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell then returned to the remaining items on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing drew members' attention to the following items:

Item #1: New Employees/ Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

Ms. Tubbesing reported that Mr. David Webb and Ms. Danielle Tetreau had recently joined the OPLA staff as a Legislative Analyst. Mr. Webb has been hired on a temporary basis to fill in for Carrie McFadden, who is on leave, and he will be staffing the Business and Economic Development Committee. Ms. Tetreau, a graduate of the Muskie School of Public Service, has been the Regional Director of the American Heart Association. She will be co-staffing the State and Local Government and Legal and Veterans Affairs Committees.

This item did not require Council action.

Item #2: State House Renovations: Inquiries

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: That the Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to current contracts. (Motion by Rep. Saxl; second by Sen. Rand).

The Council proceeded to go into Executive Session at 11:32 a.m.

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the Council in open session at 11:52 a.m.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Request to Pay Maine's Annual Dues to the Assemblée Internationale des Parlementaires de Langue Française (AIPLF). Tabled at December 18 meeting pending further information. The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, drew Council members' attention to information that Ms. Tubbbesing had compiled regarding the Legislature's participation in the AIPLF in prior years. She then recognized Senator Judy Paradis and asked her to describe the work of the organization. Sen. Paradis stated that she is the new President of the Maine section of the AIPLF, whose membership includes 52 countries throughout the world. Sen. Paradis indicated Maine benefits from professional and technical support that the organization provides to French-speaking areas in Maine, and pointed out that the AIPLF had been involved in negotiating a potato contract with one of the French-speaking African counties. She expressed her embarrassment that Maine had not paid its dues for several years and noted that the AIPLF has even paid for her travel.

Senator Amero asked why the organization continued to allow Maine to participate, given the dues situation; and Sen. Paradis responded that the participation of French-speaking Americans was of great value to the organization. Senator Kieffer followed by asking what benefits Maine is deriving from Sen. Paradis' participation in the AIPLF; and Sen. Paradis reiterated the activities she had mentioned earlier, including the materials that are provided to many schools in Maine and the potato contract negotiations. Senator Kieffer inquired whether the Maine Potato Growers or any of the other large growers' organizations have been involved in these negotiations, and Senator Paradis responded no. The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, noted that it is important to share information about the organization with a broader group of legislators.

Motion: That the Council authorize payment of the annual dues to the AIPLF for the current year only, in an amount not to exceed \$2,200.00. (Motion by Sen. Pingree; second by Sen. President Lawrence; approved 6-3).

Item #2: Production of a Video on the Legislative Process: Progress Report

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, recognized Rep. Kontos, who reported that since the December Council meeting, the Maine Development Foundation had agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for the Project, and the planning group has now obtained firm pledges of \$25,000 out of the projected budget of \$30,000. She continued that the group is in the process of forming a formal Advisory Committee for the purpose of reviewing the text to ensure accuracy. Members of this committee would include 4 legislators, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House, and representatives from the Offices of Fiscal & Program Review, Policy & Legal Analysis and the Revisor. She concluded by saying that enthusiasm for the project continues to grow, and that there is interest in producing additional videos.

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, congratulated Rep. Kontos. Senate President Lawrence echoed the congratulations and specifically commended the idea of having a written agreement with the Maine Development Foundation. He offered several suggestions that were incorporated in the ensuing motion.

Motion: That the Legislative Council formally authorize this project and that the Council's authorization be included in the credits on the video; and, further, that the written agreements with the Maine Development Foundation and Spring Point specifically define the ownership of the videos; and further, that the presiding officers work with Rep. Kontos to appoint the legislators to the Advisory Committee and to assure bipartisan, bicameral representation. (Motion by Senate President Lawrence; second by Sen. Rand; unanimous).

Rep. Kontos concluded the discussion with an invitation to all Council members to attend a reception and previews of the video on January 28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the Council adjourn. (Motion by Sen. President Lawrence; second by Rep. Donnelly). The Council adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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APPROP#	LINE CAT	EXPENSE CATEGORY TITLE	BUDGET	SPENT/OBLIGATED	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE
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Legislative					
01030A008101	Per. Svcs.	Salaries			
		Legislators	1,466,110.00	617,389.42	848,720.58
,		Employees		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
***************************************		Full Year	4,959,976.00	2,883,358.28	2,076,617.72
MILE I		Session	707,837.00	261,424.60	446,412.40
		Overtime	91,720.00	18,299.89	73,420.11
		Unemployment Comp	75,740.00	29,992.42	45,747.58
		Per Diem	90,200.00	59,510.00	30,690.00
***************************************		Benefits	2,994,454.00	1,584,617.56	1,409,836.44
		Total Personal Services	10,386,037.00	5,454,592.17	4,931,444.83
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	All Other	PROF. SERVICES, NOT BY STATE	154,000.00	148,045.68	5,954.32
	All Other	PROF. SERVICES, BY STATE	115,553.00	45,452.73	70,100.27
		TRAVEL EXPENSES, IN STATE	830,090.00	340,035.18	490,054.82
		TRAVEL EXPENSES, OUT OF STATE	78,584.00	62,797.81	15,786.19
		UTILITY SERVICES	358,622.00	221,575.40	137,046.60
		RENTS	44,650.00	25,439.56	19,210.44
		REPAIRS	141,790.00	9,540.95	132,249.05
		INSURANCE	21,105.00	17,970.65	3,134.35
		GENERAL OPERATIONS	1,253,570.00	768,448.43	485,121.57
		Postage	(237,820.00)		1
		Printing	(692,080.00)		
		Photocopying	(65,500.00)		
		Dues/Registration Fees	(34,700.00)	·	
		Software	(60,000.00)		
		Advertising	(79,650.00)		
		Subscriptions	(32,490.00)		
		Miscellaneous	(51,330.00)		
		Misochaneous	(1,253,570.00)		
		COMMODITIES - FOOD	1,765.00	1,053.67	711.33
		OFFICE SUPPLIES	57,908.00		28,404.15

MAINE STATI	E LEGISLA	ATURE			
FY 98 EXPEN	DITURES	(BY ACCOUNT)			
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APPROP#	LINE CAT	EXPENSE CATEGORY TITLE	BUDGET	SPENT/OBLIGATED	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE
				THRU 2/13/98	AS OF 2/13/98
		CLOTHING	3,000.00	2,003.48	996.52
		MINOR EQUIPMENT	271,776.00	218,188.88	53,587.12
		OTHER SUPPLIES	34,704.00	27,474.15	7,229.85
		CONSTITUENT SVC. ALLOWANCE	200,250.00	149,500.00	50,750.00
,		WORKERS' COMP	5,000.00	476.00	4,524.00
		INTEREST PAYMENT LATE FEE	0.00	144.54	(144.54)
		Total All Other	3,572,367.00	2,067,650.96	1,504,716.04
	Capital	EQUIPMENT	57,536.00	18,016.00	39,520.00
		Total Capital	57,536.00	18,016.00	39,520.00
		Account Total	14,015,940.00	7,540,259.13	6,475,680.87
Commission on	Interstate C	ooperation			
01030A005301	All Other		143,087.00	141,892.00	1,195.00
Commission on	Uniform Sta	ite Laws			
01030A024201	All Other		19,077.00	17,556.58	1,520.42
Misc. Study Con					
01030A044403	Per. Svcs.	Per Diem	16,610.00	10,065.00	6,545.00
	All Other		25,750.00	14,996.54	10,753.46
		Account Total	42,360.00	25,061.54	17,298.46
State House and	d Capitol Par	rk Commission			
01030A061501	All Other		155,212.00	47,067.58	108,144.42

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State House Pre	s. & Mainten	ance Fund			
01030A074701	All Other		107,954.00	107,540.59	413.41
	Capital		850,000.00	560,105.16	289,894.84
		Account Total	957,954.00	667,645.75	290,308.25
Education Rese	arch Institute	3			
01030A082401	All Other		100,000.00	25,000.00	75,000.00
Law and Legisla	itive Referen	<u>ce Library</u>			,
01031A063601	Pers. Svcs.	SALARIES	576,297.00	345,689.95	230,607.05
		BENEFITS	184,660.00	115,324.11	69,335.89
		Total Personal Services	760,957.00	461,014.06	299,942.94
	All Other	PROF SERVICES, NOT BY STATE	1,000.00	239.20	760.80
	All Other	PROF. SERVICES, BY STATE	0.00	34.80	(34.80)
	-	TRAVEL EXPENSES, IN STATE	618.00	397.59	220.41
		TRAVEL EXPENSES, OUT OF STATE	4,400.00	1,864.55	2,535.45
		UTILITY SERVICES	14,630.00	5,586.93	9,043.07
		RENTS	1,811.00	94.50	1,716.50
		REPAIRS	1,185.00	217.00	968.00
		INSURANCE	1,850.00	42.75	1,807.25
		GENERAL OPERATIONS	193,210.00	135,613.11	57,596.89
		OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,987.00	2,748.36	1,238.64
		OTHER SUPPLIES	61,790.00	17,993.54	43,796.46
		WORKERS' COMP	10,500.00	,	10,500.00
		Total All Other	294,981.00	164,832.33	130,148.67
	Capital	EQUIPMENT	15,740.00	0.00	15,740.00
		Account Total	1,071,678.00	625,846.39	445,831.61



STATE HOUSE MASTER PLAN FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- ♦ Status
- ♦ Proposed Work for 1998 Interim (enclosed)



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

February 19, 1998

TO:

Members of the Legislative Council

FROM:

Sally

SUBJECT: State House Capital Improvements: Proposed Work for the 1998 Interim

The attached list presents a recommended scope of work to be accomplished during the upcoming interim. The recommendations incorporate the thinking of our architect/engineering team, as well as specific requests from the Senate and House.

As you know, the replacement of the sound system was one of the key projects that we put forward last fall to be accomplished with the funds from the bond issue. Several of the other projects on this list are directly tied to the replacement of the sound system and, from the perspective of cost effectiveness, should be carried out in conjunction with this project. They include:

- Renovation of the House Chamber
- Replacement of the "Front Desks" in both the Senate and House Chambers
- Upgrading the wiring that supports the Local Area Network (computer)

The replacement of the north and south elevators this summer is a necessary first step in the major mechanical/electrical systems (Utilities) project that is a central element of the overall Master Plan. Replacement of the elevators will permit the use of a portion of the existing elevator shafts for the vertical cable and wiring runs that are required to support sound, data, and telecommunications systems throughout the State House.

This document is a **recommendation.** The Council's Legislative Facilities Committee has begun reviewing it, and I am in the process of gathering some additional information for them.

I would be happy to go over this with you.

Enclosure

State House Capital Improvements Master Plan

Proposed Work for 1998 Interim

Project #1: Replacement of Legislative Sound System/Related Wiring	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funding Sources
 Scope Installation of a new system, including provisions for conformance with ADA. System will include areas not covered by current system, (e.g. selected hearing rooms; Hall of Flags; South "Old Museum" area). Replacement of equipment and installation of new wiring throughout State House. Wiring House Chamber to accommodate other technologies (electrical; data; video) Upgrade wiring that supports Legislature's Local Area Network (LAN). Upgrade is required to assure stability of LAN and to extend LAN to all areas in State House and State Office Building 	System components/sound: \$ 530,000 System components/LAN: 300,000 Architectural finishes: 270,000 Architect/Engineer fees: 120,000 Contingency: 138,000 \$1,358,000	Bond Issue : \$1,058,000 Additional Requirement: 300,000

Project #2: Renovation/Restoration of House Chamber	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funding Sources
 Scope Project would involve complete cosmetic upgrade (carpet, paint, plaster repair and furnishings) and first phase of utilities upgrade in the State House. Existing Ventilation system would be replaced and upgraded yielding improved temperature control in House Chamber. Window upgrades would involve replacement of exterior wood sash; replacement of glazing with thermal units; reconditioning of wood frames. 	Windows : \$ 200,000 Ventilation System : 125,000 Electrical Upgrades : 97,000 Paint/patch/carpet (including abatement) : 165,000 Front Desk Furnishings : 110,000 Members' Chairs & Desks : 350,000 \$1,047,000	FY 99/State House Fund: \$ 372,000 Additional Requirement: \$ 675,000

Project #3: Replace Senate Front Desk	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funding Sources
Scope Objective of redesign and replacement is to accommodate technology and support enhanced work flow during the legislative session in a manner that incorporates accessibility.	Front Desk Furnishings : \$ 80,000	FY 99/State House Fund

Project #4: Repair/Restore Stairwells	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funding Sources
Scope Completion of installation of smoke doors and draft curtains in these areas is a priority life safety requirement. Work would also include abatement, patching and painting; refurbishing of marble treads; replacement of lighting fixtures.	• Stairwells Fire protection : \$ 105,550 Refurbishing : 200,000 \$ 305,550	Bond Issue : \$ 105,550 Additional Requirement: \$ 200,000

Project #5: Replace/Upgrade North & South Elevators	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funding Sources
Scope		
Elevator cars would be replaced with higher speed cars and cars that		
achieve compliance with ADA requirements. Cars would be relocated		
within the existing shaft to provide a "free" area for vertical cabling runs		
(computer/phone/sound). Elevator penthouses would be reconstructed to	\$ 600,000	Bond Issue
accommodate new cars.		

Project #6: Accessibility	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funding Sources
6a. Interpretive Signage/ADA		
Complete installation of signage on all floors, consistent with ADA requirements.	\$ 75,000	Bond Issue
6b. Wheel Chair Lift/4th Floor, West Wing		
Wheel Chair Lift would replace ramp and provide ADA compliant access to West Wing offices and committee rooms. Funds available in current year were not sufficient to cover the cost of this project.	\$ 35,000 \$110,000	Bond Issue

Project #7: Refurbish Proofreader's Office	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funding Sources
Scope Work in this area has been deferred previously pending completion of Perimeter Drainage System. Project would include abatement paint, patching; replacement of ceiling lighting; upgrading of wiring; installation of carpet, and modification in furnishings to increase desk top work space.	\$ 35,475	FY99/State House Fund

\$ 60,000	FY 99/State House Fund
, , ,	\$ 60,000

Project #9: Capitol Park Paths & Walkways: Phase I	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funding Sources
Scope Goal of proposed design, which is consistent with Olmsted's original plan for the park, is to increase use and "user friendliness" of the Park.	\$ 100,000	Additional Requirement

Project #10: Replacement of North Exterior Doors	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funding Sources
Scope		
Project would involve replacing both sets of doors. Electronics would be installed to permit remote locking/unlocking and eventual use of magnetic cards. Vestibule area would be completely refurbished (ceiling; walls; flooring and lighting).	\$ 65,000	FY 99/State House Fund

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES AND USES 1998 INTERIM

Bond Issue	
 □ Sound System □ North & South Elevators □ Stairwells: Restoration & Completion of Fire Suppression □ ADA Signage □ 1% for Art Total 	\$ 1,058,000 600,000 105,550 75,000 <u>8,750</u> \$ 1,847,300
State House Preservation & Maintenance Fund (FY 99 Appropriation (\$850,000)	
 ☐ House Chambers (partial) ☐ Senate Chamber/Front Desk ☐ East Portico Ceiling ☐ Replace Exterior Doors ☐ Proofreader's Office 	\$ 372,000 80,000 60,000 65,000 35,475 \$ 612,475
Recarpet Repaint Window Washing Marble Floor Polishing Roof Maintenance/Repairs to West Wing	
Additional Funds Required/FY 98-FY 99	
 House Chamber Restoration Ventilation System Windows Furnishings 	\$ 125,000 200,000 350,000 \$ 675,000
 □ Computer System Upgrade - LAN Reconfiguration - Software Development for Bill Drafting/Bill Status 	\$ 300,000 \$ <u>1,139,600</u> \$1,439,600
☐ Capitol Park Paths/Walkways	\$ <u>100,000</u>
Total Additional Required for FY 98 Interim Work	\$2,214,600



MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

SUMMARY OF COST ESTIMATES

Life-Safety and Health	\$ 7,315,165 - 105,550 ♦	
Accessibility	3,518,000 <u>- 1,768,000</u> ♦	\$7,209,615
Structural Integrity	762,250	\$1,750,000
Restore Major Public Spaces	6,257,305 - <u>635,000</u> *	\$ 762,250
		\$5,622,305
Support Expanded Use of Technology	2,089,000	
		\$2,089,000
Total additional funding requirements		\$ 17,433,170

[♦]Not included in total: included in Bond Issue "budget."

^{*} Not included in total: to be funded from FY 99 Appropriation to State House Preservation & Maintenance Fund.



State House Master Plan

LIFE-SAFETY AND HEALTH

Fire Suppression & Protection	
Lighting Protection System	\$ 35,000
[Smoke Doors/Draft Curtains	105,550 ♦]
Sprinkler System	297,365
Electrical System Upgrade	1,371,225
Catwalk System	157,000
Window Replacement	1,292,000
HVAC/General	2,512,575
Senate & House Chambers	225,000
Water Quality/Toilet Facilities	1,204,250
Security	
Replace Exterior Doors/Install Electronics	
North Doors/1st Floor	50,000
Handicapped Entrance/1st Floor	(see West Wing)
Governor's Entrance/2nd Floor	50,000
Door to 3rd Floor Balcony	15,000

\$7,209,615

RESTORE MAJOR PUBLIC SPACES

East Entry Stair Reconstruction	\$ 800,000	
South Entrance ("Old Museum")	450,000	
South Stairs	40,000	
Corridor Upgrades (2nd/3rd floors)	300,000	
[Stairwells	200,000 *]	
Leg. Hearing Rooms	1,140,000	(Does not include furnishings)
Leg. Offices/State House	1,279,340	(Does not include furnishings)
Law Library	620,000	
Capitol Park/Paths & Walkways	222,965	
Senate/House Chambers		
Senate	410,000	
Front Desk	80,000 *	
House	540,000	
	-245,000 *	
Front Desk	110,000 *	
Dome Lighting	65,000	

\$ 5,622,305

Subtotal: Additional Funding Required

\$12,831,920

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ACCESSIBILITY

Replace/Upgrade Sound System Install Wheel Chair Lift/4th Floor Complete Installation of Interpretive Graphics (ADA) Replace Elevator Cars	\$1,058,000 ♦ 35,000 ♦ 75,000 ♦	
North & South Wings West Wing Entrance	600,000 ♦ 1,750,000	(Interior only)
Total Funding Required	1,750,000	\$1,750,000
ENSURE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY Replace 1st Floor Slab (Does not include work in South or West Wing lobbies) West Wing/East Porch Roofing/High Dome Copper Replace East Portico Ceiling Total Funding Required	\$ 450,000 252,250 	\$762,250
OTHER		
Enhancements to LAN (Network wiring) Software development to complete migration from Wang Replace Members' Desks/Chairs	\$ 300,000 1,139,000 650,000	
Subtotal	Palament St. Stateman p. 188	\$ 2,089,000 \$ 4,601,250
Total Additional Funding Required		\$17,433,170

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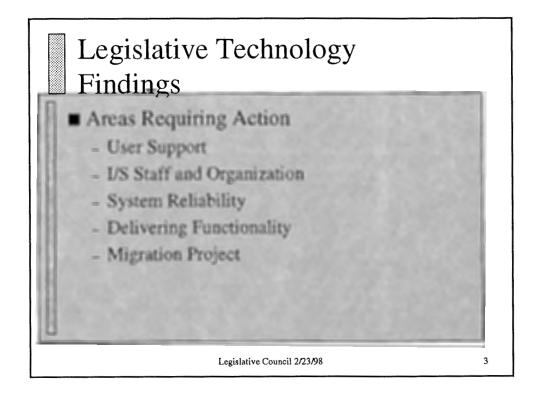
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Legislative Information Technology Council Briefing February 23, 1998

Legislative Technology Council Briefing February 23, 1998

- Today's Objectives
 - Update the Council on I/T progress to date
 - Review the Proposed Migration Project Plan
 - Discuss Next Steps
 - Approval to Issue Request for Proposal
 - Project Funding

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Legislative Technology Progress to Date

- User Support
 - Improved "Cyber Room" Environment
 - Working with IRC in Supporting Applications
 - Facilitated the WEB Users Group (WUG)
 - Installed Committee PCs and Printers
 - Coordinated Legislative Staff Training
 - Reviewing Office Use of Technology Tools
 - Completed Help Desk Implementation

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Legislative Technology Progress to Date

- Staff and Organization
 - Supported Dual Systems Environments
 - Established Network, Desktop, and WEB/Internet Administration Functions
 - Focused I/S Staff Training on Future Needs
 - Implemented Structured Task Management
 - Implementing Customer Oriented Support
 - Supported Committee on Legislative Information Technology

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Legislative Technology Progress to Date

- System Reliability
 - Upgraded Electrical Power Supply
 - Upgraded "UPS"
 - Rebuilt Network in Several Areas
 - Mirrored Production Servers
 - Improved Maintenance Support
 - Installing Heat Alarms in Computer Room
 - Assessed Year 2000 Risk
 - Monitored/Corrected Extensive Virus Attacks

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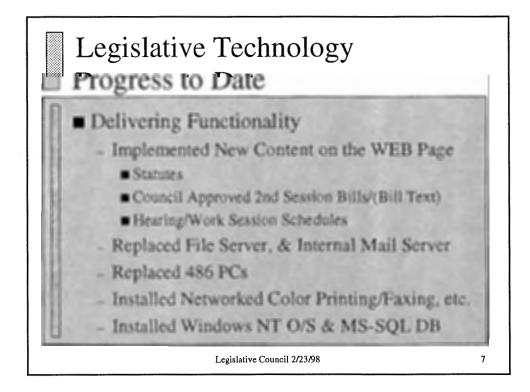
<u>Legislative Information Technology</u> <u>1998</u>

High Level Objectives for 1998:

- Improve customer service support levels
- Raise organizational levels of cost effective and efficient use of technology
- Increase the reliability of the technology environment
- Meet the goals of the Legislature's Strategic Plan to provide information to the public
- Ensure the I/S staff is talented, involved, and has modern skill sets
- Install, upgrade, and maintain technology applications and tools that continuously improve the Legislative process

Targeted 1998 Accomplishments:

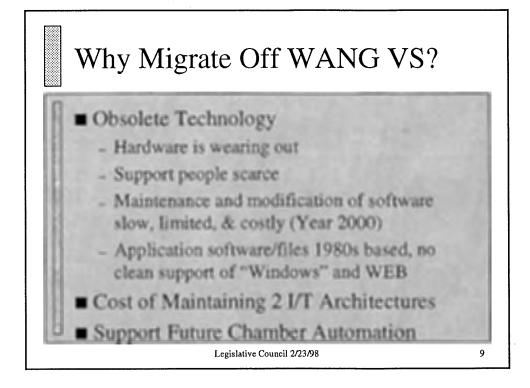
- ✓ Expand the use of help desk tool (trending, early problem identification)
- ✓ Measure I/S staff performance in part by customer satisfaction levels
- ✓ Improve levels of involvement and communication with our customers
- ✓ Continue the office by office review of technology application
- ✓ Coordinate Legislator and staff desktop tools training.
- ✓ Install application and database servers
- ✓ Ensure the appropriate support and administration levels for client/server
- Upgrade/expand the Legislative local area network including all Committee areas
- ✓ Replace Committee 486 PCs with networked Pentium PCs
- ✓ Implement an ADA compliant Law Library Public Workstation environment
- ✓ Define options to address Legislative e-mail issues
- ✓ Define options for telephone service and Internet service provision
- ✓ Define options for Legislative software "site" licensing
- ✓ Define options for Office Suite release level standardization
- ✓ Begin shift to network based software vs. individual desktop copies
- ✓ Continue expanding WEB Page content in concert with the WUG
- ✓ Establish a Legislative "Intranet" for Legislator and staff use
- ✓ Implement I/S staff cross-training to provide technical backup support/depth
- ✓ Award bill drafting/status systems contract, and begin development



Legislative Technology Migration Defined

- The process of moving the Legislature's automated business systems from the existing WANG VS minicomputer to a client/server based computing environment
- Key Migration Actions
 - Establish Network Operating Software, Hardware, Database Environments
 - Develop replacement application software
 - Convert current and historical data

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Legislative Technology Migration - Status

- Where are we today
 - Legislative drafting/status processes are defined
 - Software application requirements are defined
 - Technical infrastructure has been defined and is being stabilized
 - Request for Proposal prepared, in final review
- The time window for proceeding with bill drafting/status is ideal

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Reasons for Contracting Drafting/Status System Replacement Resources In house Software Development Skill Sets Limited, Staff Size Inadequate Hiring Staff is Expensive, Skills May Not Be Available in the Local Job Market Added Staff Not Required After Completion Time Starting From Scratch VS Established Baseline Best Case 3 to 6 Months Required to Hire Staff Legislative Council 2/23/98

Reasons for Contracting Drafting/Status System Replacement

- Quality/Functionality
 - Pre-tested Baseline Software
 - Functions Designed In Baseline Software
 - Allow Focus on Conversion of Data
 - Paying for Maine Specific Modifications
- Cost
 - In-house Staffing Costs Are Open Ended
 - Shorter Timeline

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Legislative Technology Migration Proposed Plan/Timeline ■ Define user requirements 9/97 -12/97 ■ Prepare drafting/status RPF 1/98 – 2/98 ■ Issue drafting/status RFP 3/98 ■ Bidder RFP response 4/98 4/98 - 5/98RFP review Legislative Council review/approval 6/98 ■ Contract award 6/30/98 Drafting/status in production 12/1/99 Legislative Council 2/23/98

Legislative Technology Migration Estimated Cost

	Total Estimated	
<u>Migration</u>	Cost	<u>Unfunded</u>
Application Server Install	\$25,000	\$0
BD/BS User Training	\$25,000	\$25,000
Bill Drafting/Bill Status	\$793,750	\$793,750
Migration Development Tools	\$12,500	\$0
Office Suite Upgrade (Office 97)	\$67,500	\$67,500
Replace Misc. WANG Applications	\$106,250	\$93,750
Windows NT/SQL Server Prep. +	\$6,250	\$0
Migration Off WANG VS Computer	\$1,036,250	\$980,000
PCs (networked) in Committee Rooms	\$157,000	\$71,400
Total Unfunded Costs		\$1,051,400

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Legislative Technology Migration - Discussion Council Approval to Adventse/Release Request for Proposal Funding for Migration Project Over the Current Blennium

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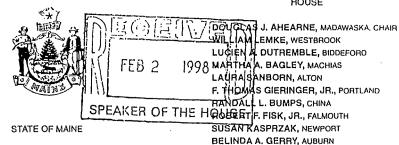
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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

February 2, 1998

Speaker Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Chair Members of the Legislative Council 118th Maine Legislature Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Mitchell and Members of the Legislative Council,

We are writing to request your input on a bill currently before us in the Joint Select Committee on State & Local Government. The bill is LD 566, An Act to Provide Computers for Use in the Legislature, sponsored by Rep. Belinda Gerry.

We carried the bill over from the First Regular Session to await the report of the legislator/staff committee developing a plan to make computers available to legislators and meeting other computerization goals. We heard a presentation by Paul Mayotte, with comments from Rep. Vedral and later from Rep. Carleton. Our initial thoughts after the presentations were that the computer committee was proposing plans that achieved the bill's purpose and that there perhaps was no need for us to approve the bill.

However, we are writing to inquire whether any needs of the Council would be met by our amending the bill and sending it to the floor. For example, this bill could serve as the funding vehicle for computerization plans. It could also be written in a general way to allow an opportunity for a vote to gage legislative support for the general idea. A third option would be to place a clear mandate in the law that a certain type of computerization is required by a date certain, to give impetus to the project. We are aware that the plans have not yet been approved by the Council, so there may be changes in the structure, timing and cost of the project. We could send out the bill based on the current tentative plans, expecting that it would be amended on the floor when plans are finalized.

Would you please let us know what your wishes are regarding this bill. Since it appears that the committee supports some level of computerization plans, we would like to know whether you think this bill can assist in seeing computerization plans become a reality. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Senator John Nutting

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Senate Chair

Rep. Douglas J. Ahearne

House Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State & Local Government G:\OPLAGEA\COMMTTEE\SLG\CORRESP\LD566C.DOC



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January 26, 1998

Speaker Elizabeth Mitchell Legislative Council, Chair 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Mitchell,

I am writing to request an extension for the report of the Task Force to Study the State's Regional Service Center Communities.

Due to the ice storm, our scheduled meeting last week was canceled. In addition, there is consensus among the members of the committee that the recommendations we have developed will require further study. When we began this process, we did not expect our recommendations to be as comprehensive as they are, and feel we need additional time to study them more closely. We would like to present the report in March, with recommendations to be considered in the 119th Legislature. We respectfully request this extension

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Farnsworth State Representative

Members of the Task Force to Study the	e State's Regional Service Center Communities
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION SECOND REGULAR SESSION February 25, 1998

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Libby, James D.

LR 3466 An Act to Allow a Municipality to Request a Joint

Check from the Circuit Breaker Program in the Event

of Nonpayment of Taxes

SPONSOR: Rep. Saxl, Michael V.

LR 2965 An Act to Ensure the Participation in Court

Proceedings of Victims of Violent Crimes

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Bull, Thomas

LR 3464 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE FEDERAL ENERGY

REGULATORY COMMISSION TO USE EXISTING UTILITY RIGHTS OF WAY IN SITING A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE WHEN TECHNOLOGICALLY

FEASIBLE

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SPONSOR: Rep. Bull, Thomas

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LR 3453 An Act to Require that Any Natural Gas Pipeline Constructed Be Constructed Within Existing Utility Right of Ways

SPONSOR: Rep. Chartrand, Paul TABLED

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LR 3393 An Act to Include Locally Funded Debt Service in the Formula

LR 3393 An Act to Include Locally Funded Debt Service in the Formula for Purposes of the Circuit Breaker Program

SPONSOR: Sen. Cleveland, John J. TABLED 02/23/98

LR 3455 Resolution, Proposing a Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Timing of Elections Following the Submission of a Petition for People's Veto

SPONSOR: Rep. Gooley, Walter R. TABLED

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LR 3368 An Act to Extend the Deadline for Filing Updated Management Plans Under Tree Growth Tax Laws

SPONSOR: Rep. Mitchell, Elizabeth H. TABLED 11/20/97

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 TABLED 11/20/97

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Snowe-Mello, Lois A. TABLED 02/23/98

LR 3454 Resolve, to Name the Timber Bridge in Byron the Richard Lauze Memorial Bridge

SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr., John L. TABLED 11/20/97

LR 3283 An Act to Permit Employees to Resume Receiving Unemployment Benefits in Certain Cases SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr., John L. TABLED 11/20/97

LR 3284 An Act to Authorize an Apprentice Cadet Program in the

Bureau of State Police

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

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

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

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LR 3303 An Act Regarding the Expanded Archery Deer Hunting Season