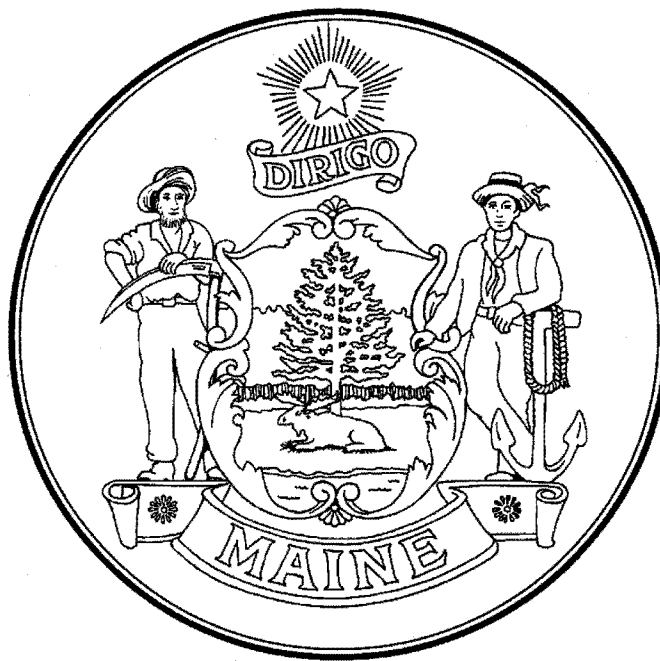


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**MEETING SUMMARY
JUNE 15, 1998**

APPROVED JULY 13, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, called the Council to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Lawrence, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand Absent: Senators Pingree and Kieffer
Representatives:	Speaker Mitchell, Rep. Kontos Absent: Representatives Donnelly, Saxl and Campbell
Legislative Officers:	Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House 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 Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services

In the absence of a quorum, the Chair proceeded to take up items on the agenda that did not require formal action.

SUMMARY OF MAY 26, 1998, COUNCIL MEETING

(No action taken in the absence of a quorum)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sally Tubbesing presented the following information items to the Council:

Item #1: Legislative Budget: Status

Ms. Tubbesing reported that she and Rose Breton continue to monitor the budget closely as the end of the fiscal year approaches. At this point it appears that there will be an unencumbered balance in the Personal Services line of approximately \$400,000, but that both the All Other and Capital lines will be fully expended.

Item #2: State House Renovation: Status Report and Introduction of Owner's Representative, Stanley Fairservice

Ms. Tubbesing reported that the architect and Granger Northern, Inc. were working to complete specification packages for various elements of the work that has been approved for this summer and fall and that she would keep the Council informed of the bid results.

Ms. Tubbesing then drew members' attention to a document in their agenda packet that summarizes the authority and responsibility for development, administration, oversight and approval of renovations in the State House, noting that the summary had been prepared in response to a request from Senate President Lawrence at the May Council meeting. She pointed out that she had also prepared a summary of standards developed by the U.S. Department of the Interior for the rehabilitation of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, noting that both the State House and Capitol Park are included on the National Register. Senate President Lawrence thanked her for developing this information.

She then introduced Stan Fairservice, who has assumed his role as Owner's Representative for the construction work, and encouraged Council members to contact him if they have questions or concerns.

Item #3: Maine Governmental Facilities Authority Meeting

Ms. Tubbesing reported that she had received notice that the Governmental Facilities Authority had scheduled a meeting on June 30, at which time they would formally consider the work that had been authorized by the Legislature during the Second Regular Session. This includes work construction of correctional facilities; renovation of the State Office Building and the associated renovations of the Marquardt and Tyson Buildings on the AMHI campus; construction of a new connector between the State House and State Office Building; and the renovations in the State House.

The Authority has requested that the Legislature make a brief presentation including an overview of the work to be carried out in the State House, a proposed time line for carrying out the projects delineated in the Master Plan, and an estimate of funds required between now and June 30, 1999.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Migration Project Steering Committee

Senate President Lawrence, who chairs the Steering Committee, reported that eight proposals had been received in response to the RFP that the Council had previously approved by the June 1 deadline. He stated that the Committee had developed a structured process for evaluating the proposals, with the goal of providing a written report and a recommendation to the Council in advance of the July Council meeting. Based on a preliminary review, the Committee has selected 4 of the 8 proposals submitted for further evaluation at this time; and the 4 firms have been invited to come to Augusta for presentations to the Committee the week of June 22.

Senate President Lawrence, recalling that the Council has earmarked \$750,000 to fund the winning proposal, reported that all of the proposals presented budgets of \$1.2 million or more. He stated that this funding gap will have to be addressed once the vendor has been selected. The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, asked what the implications of having a vendor come in with a fixed price are, given the funding gap; and Senate President Lawrence responded that the Council could negotiate with the vendor at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Statutory Authority related to Repairs and Improvements in the State House

This item was addressed in the course of the previous discussion of State House Renovations.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Executive Order Establishing the Financial Services Taxation Advisory Group

Sally Tubbesing had sent copies of the order to all Council members in early June. The Chair, Speaker Mitchell, observed that the Order presents a separation of powers issue, and she and Senate President Lawrence agreed to re-establish a Rules Committee (which had previously been a subcommittee of the Legislature's TQM Committee) to take up the discussion of the issues related to the organization and administration of studies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The informal meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.