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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MAY 10, 1999
PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SUMMARY OF APRIL 5, 1999, COUNCIL MEETING

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DIRECTORS**

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Item # : Requests to Introduce Legislation

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

April 6, 1999

TO: Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House

FROM: Michael H. Michaud, Senate Chair *MHM*
Elizabeth Townsend, House Chair *ET*
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

RE: **REQUEST FOR CARRY-OVER OF BILLS**

On March 25th, 26th and 30th, and April 5th and 6th, 1999, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs voted unanimously to request to carry-over the following bills to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature:

- LD 35 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Create Affordable Housing
- LD 135 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Help Increase Fish Production at the State Hatcheries
- LD 154 An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- LD 462 An Act to Require That All Fines Collected by State Agencies Be Deposited in the General Fund
- LD 516 An Act to Restore and Improve Family Planning and Pregnancy Prevention Services
- LD 864 An Act to Establish the Expenditure Forecasting Committee
- LD 937 An Act to Improve Access to Health Care for School-age Children
- LD 1360 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Committee on Substance Abuse

We feel that we need more time to conduct additional research and analysis into the complex issues that these bills present.

We may have other carry-over requests, as well. We will do our best to get any additional requests to you by April 16.

Please call should you have any questions or need additional information.

cc: Members, Legislative Council
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director
Jim Clair, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Teen Griffin, Legislative Information

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Committee: ACF

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS
2086	An Act to Preserve the State's Farm Economy and Heritage	/ /	0

Sponsor
Pinegee

Total bills in ACF : 1

Committee: AFA

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS	
1651	An Act to Ensure that Tobacco Settlement Funds Are Used for Health Purposes	/ /	0	<i>Stossar</i> <i>Gerry</i>
1666	An Act to Ensure That Funds from Maine's Medicaid Settlement with Tobacco Product Manufacturers are used to Expand Access	/ /	0	<i>Pugise</i>

Total bills in AFA : 2

Committee: BEC

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS	
1147	An Act to Decriminalize Resource Protection Violations by Seafood Dealers	/ /	0	Volenik
1182	An Act to Amend the Qualifications of Weighmasters	/ /	0	Tessier
1253	An Act to Create the Board of Cemetery and Crematory Services	/ /	0	Campbell
2060	An Act to License Home Building Contractors	/ /	0	Norbert
2115	An Act to Promote Economic Development in Western Maine	/ /	0	Gooley
* 2142	An Act to Change Laws Pertaining to the Loring Development Authority of Maine	/ /	0	O'Neal
* 2155	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy	/ /	0	Kontos
* 2163	An Act to Require Contractor Registration	/ /	0	Povich
Total bills in BEC : 8				

Committee: CRJ

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS
* 2160	An Act to Stop the Construction of the Prison at Warren	/ /	0

Skoglund

Total bills in CRJ : 1

Committee: HUM

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS	
* 2119	An Act to Enhance Competition and Public Health	/ /	0	O'Neil / Lawrence
* 2150	An Act to Ensure Community-based Services for Persons With Mental Retardation or Autism	/ /	0	Quint/Paradis

Total bills in HUM : 2

Committee: IFW

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS
1904	Resolve, to Study Issues Related to the Muzzle-loading Season	/ /	0

Bump

Total bills in IFW : 1

Committee: JUD

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS	
470	An Act Requiring Compensation for Loss of Property Value Due to State or Local Regulation	/ /	0	Glynn
687	An Act Regarding Wrongful Death Actions	/ /	0	Schneider
1303	An Act to Amend the Statute of Limitations for Medical Malpractice	/ /	0	Watson
1325	An Act to Provide Fairness to Victims of Medical Malpractice	/ /	0	Lawrence
1471	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Wrongful Death BY REQUEST	/ /	0	Hack
1603	An Act to Amend the Wrongful Death Laws	/ /	0	LaFountain
1771	An Act to Establish a Limit on Noneconomic Damages in Medical Malpractice Actions	/ /	0	Plowman
1961	An Act to Amend the Right of Entry Clauses	/ /	0	Cathcart Snome - Kello
1971	An Act Regarding Property Tax Liens	/ /	0	Cathcart
1990	An Act to Require Economic and Taking Impact Analyses to Protect Individual Rights	/ /	0	Joy
2051	An Act to Clarify the Immunity of Law Enforcement Officers in Enforcing Protective Orders	/ /	0	Indley
* 2067	An Act to Expand Pretrial Services for the Bail and Supervision of Criminal Defendants Statewide	/ /	0	Frechette
* 2072	An Act to Clarify the Admissibility of Electronic Records and Signatures	/ /	0	Thompson
* 2117	An Act to Improve Responsible Check Writing	/ /	0	Snome - Kello
* 2121	An Act Regarding Regulations and Compensation to Property Owners	/ /	0	Joy
* 2166	An Act to Enhance Communications Between the Department of Corrections, the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Agencies	/ /	0	Snore, H.

Total bills in JUD : 16

Committee: LAB

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS	
1988	An Act to Provide for Benefits to Surviving Dependents of Employees Who Die as a Result of Work Injuries	/ /	0	Hatch
1989	An Act to Amend Binding Arbitration to Include Salaries, Pensions and Insurance for State, Legislative and Municipal	/ /	0	Richardson
1995	An Act to Clarify the Workers' Compensation Laws Regarding the Agricultural Laborer Exemption	/ /	0	Pich
2075	An Act to Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 as it Pertains to Occupational Health	/ /	0	Conger
2076	An Act to Move the Monitoring, Auditing and Enforcement of Workers' Compensation Payments to the Bureau of	/ /	0	Stanley
2104	An Act to Provide Equity for Unemployment Compensation	/ /	0	Kilbelly
2124	An Act to Change the State Retirement System from a Defined Benefit Plan to a Defined Contribution Plan	/ /	0	Hack
2147	An Act to Ensure Just Cause Termination in Employment	/ /	0	Bryant
Total bills in LAB		:	8	

Committee: LVA

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS	
1035	An Act to Require Maine's Off-track Betting Facilities to Promote Maine Racing	/ /	0	Bruno
1438	An Act to Allow for Expeditious Improvements to Commercial Tracks	/ /	0	Daggett
1544	An Act to Study the Effectiveness of Harness Racing Promotions	/ /	0	Dunlap
1743	An Act to Preserve Live Harness Racing in the State	/ /	0	Tessier
1901	An Act to Prohibit the Scalping of Entertainment Tickets	/ /	0	Sullivan
2020	Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to License an Agency Liquor Store in the City of Caribou	/ /	0	O'Neal
2032	An Act to Clarify Maine's Campaign Finance Laws	/ /	0	Bennett
* 2133	Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to Simplify the Reporting Form for	/ /	0	hibby
* 2141	An Act to Remove the Limit on the Amount of Complimentary Wine that a Wine Retailer may Receive Annually	/ /	0	Muse
* 2148	An Act to Improve Harness Racing in the State	/ /	0	Tessier
* 2153	An Act to Modify the Campaign Finance Laws with Regard to Running for Federal Office	/ /	0	McAlevy
* 2162	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons with Mental Illness to Vote	/ /	0	Brennan

Total bills in LVA : 12

Committee: NAT

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS	
1924	An Act to Reduce Mercury in Products	/ /	0	Pursuant to law
2038	An Act to Amend the Water Quality Laws to Establish a New Standard for Mercury Discharges	/ /	0	Kontos
2084	An Act to Reduce the Release of Mercury into the Environment from Consumer Products	/ /	0	Treat
* 2137	An Act to Prohibit Motor Vehicles on Certain Lakes	/ /	0	Gagnon
* 2151	An Act to Revise the State's Water Quality Standards	/ /	0	Rublu
* 2158	An Act to Authorize Matinicus Isle Plantation to Implement a Disposal Fee for Motorized Vehicles	/ /	0	Prigee

Total bills in NAT : 6

Committee: SLG

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS
2168	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the State Compensation Commission	/ /	0

Lawrence

Total bills in SLG : 1

Committee: TAX

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS	
2024	An Act to Establish the Local Option Tax on Liquor, Meals and Lodging	/ /	0	Gagnon
2143	An Act to Reduce the Income Tax	/ /	0	Cianchette
2165	An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Credit on the First \$2000 of the Purchase Price of Certain Automobiles	/ /	0	Gagnon
Total bills in TAX		:	3	

Committee: UTE

LD	TITLE	COMMITTEE ACTION	TOTAL WS
2161	An Act to Prohibit a Telephone Utility from Charging a Toll-call Rate for a Telephone Call Made from a	/ /	0 <i>Wack</i>
2164	An Act to Enhance Access to Technology for Maine Schools and Libraries	/ /	0 <i>Sanborn</i>

Total bills in UTE : 2

GRAND TOTAL
COUNT 63

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