

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MAY 19, 1999  
AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Item #1: State House Renovations: Relocation of South Wing Offices

Item #2: Smoking Policy: Proposed Revision

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item #1: Requests to Introduce Legislation

**ADJOURNMENT**

**STATE HOUSE  
RELOCATION OF SOUTH WING OCCUPANTS**

**Initial Requirements**

- Temporary, fully functional office space to accommodate legislative offices through 3 construction seasons

**1999 Construction Season/South Wing Offices**

Senate President	( 7) + intern
Senate Majority	( 7) + intern
Senate Minority	( 5)
Secretary of the Senate	( 9)
Fiscal & Program Review	(10)
Information Services & KPMG	(15)
Committee Chairs	13 South Wing 12 SOB
Press	7 Organizations

**2000 Construction Season/West Wing Offices**

House Majority	(12-13)
House Minority	(10)
Executive Director	( 5)
Information Offices	( 3)
Document Room	
Post Office	

**2001 Construction Season/North Wing Offices**

Speaker	( 8)
Clerk of the House	(12-14)
Law Library	(15)
OPLA	(18)
Revisor	(24)

- Code compliance (ADA, building & fire)
- Proximity to State House
- Proximity of relocated offices to support effective operation of the legislative branch
- Accessibility to the public

## Options for Housing

### ▪ Options explored for 1999 Construction Season

- a) West Wing Hearing Rooms and Offices      Would have left no meeting/hearing space in the Capitol Complex for anticipated interim workload (interim studies, confirmation hearings)
- b) Leased Space      With the concurrent renovation of the State Office Building, there was no existing space that met the initial requirements.
- c) Portable Units
  - Initial requirements for proximity limited search for suitable locations to immediate area.
  - Need for a site for full construction period eliminated use of parking lots exclusively because they would be required during the legislative session.

### ▪ Leased Space Options

- a) State Street Cinema      Building has been vacant for several years. Would require complete renovation to a) accommodate offices; and b) achieve code compliance.
- b) State Cable Television      Not available: Frontiervision, the new owner, is holding it for future use.
- c) Muskie Building      1000 square feet available (could accommodate office of 6-7 people)
- d) Togus      1 floor available; 6 miles from State House
- e) Maine Chamber of Commerce      Would require additional work to achieve ADA-compliance
- f) General housing market      Not designed as office space: code issues

### Alternative Sites for Portable Units

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| ▪ City-owned portion of Capitol Park            | Conflicts with scheduled use of ball fields  |
| ▪ Parking Lots behind 151/157 Capitol Street    | Space could accommodate 2-3 portables  |
| ▪ Parking Lots east of Grove Street             | Outside of original proximity “boundaries”. Feasible, based on preliminary examination, but would require 6-8 weeks to prepare site. |
| ▪ Parking Lot at former Motor Vehicles Building | Could accommodate 2-3 portables. This area has already been designated for storage of contractor trailers for building supplies.     |

## OPTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS

1. Proceed with original plan
2. Reduce scope of work to be completed in South Wing during 1999 construction season and leave all South Wing occupants in current offices during construction.
  - Construction would be intrusive (noise; presence of construction workers in offices)
3. Use portable units in Capitol Park **for 6 months only**; remove all units in December, 1999 - January, 2000 and restore disrupted area in the Park.
  - Would require identification of alternate office options for 2000 construction season (West Wing )
  - Newly-renovated SOB would be available for 2001 Construction
4. Select another site for initial installation of portables units
  - Any relocation of portables for this construction season would require a reduction in the scope of work to be completed in the South Wing.
  - Preparation of new site would require 6 - 8 weeks and delay moves out of South Wing.

## AMENDMENT TO SMOKING POLICY

### PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL

- Ban smoking on the East Portico (second floor porch)

Note: This could be a “seasonal” ban - from March 1 to December 1 if there is agreement that winter temperatures/ closed windows eliminate the secondhand smoke issue.

- Limit smoking to picnic tables located on the enclosed map, which adds 2 areas to those previously established by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. (marked on the enclosed diagram).

Note: The decision to locate all of the portable units in Capitol Park makes the south lawn available for this purpose.

#### Issues Requiring Discussion

- How to convey “Calls to Chamber” to members who are outside on the lawn. (Note that the Senate has provided members with pagers).
- Need to establish a no smoking zone in Capitol Park for the portable “village”.

AMENDMENT TO WORK RULE ON SMOKING IN AND AROUND THE STATE  
OFFICE BUILDING, NASH BUILDING, EDUCATION BUILDING AND THE  
CULTURAL BUILDING

1. Work Rule on Smoking in and around the State Office Building, Nash  
Building, Education Building and the Cultural Building in Augusta

The work rule on smoking in and around the State Office Building, Nash  
Building, Education Building, and the Cultural Building is hereby amended as  
follows:

As indicated by the red line on the attached map, NO SMOKING is  
permitted within the perimeter bounded by Capitol Street to Sewall Street, then  
south on Sewall to the north edge of the parking lot, along the edge of the  
parking lot to Jackson Street, along Jackson Street to the Street on the south  
side of the State Office Building, along the edge of the parking lot, across the  
south side of the Cultural Building, running north along the edge of the  
parking lot below the Cultural Building across the street and then running  
along the State House side of the parking lot/road to Capitol Street EXCEPT  
FOR THE PICNIC TABLES WITHIN THE PERIMETER DESIGNATED ON THE  
MAP BY BLUE DOTS, AT WHICH SMOKING IS PERMITTED.

2. Enforcement

Enforcement of this rule shall be by counseling first, followed by  
progressive discipline, consistent with the terms of applicable collective  
bargaining agreements.

3. Effective Date

This rule is effective Monday, May 4, 1998

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NO LATER THAN

Thursday, April 27, 1998



**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
May 19, 1999**

**Action**

**SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson, John G.**

LR 3157      An Act to Impose a Tax on Attorney's Fees Received in  
Connection with the Tobacco Settlement

**TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Rep. Etnier, David</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
LR 3011	Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Number of Votes Needed in Each House of the Legislature Before the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority may Authorize the Issuance of Securities to Fund the Construction, Reconstruction, Purchase or Acquisition of Facilities	<b>02/24/99</b>
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Rep. Mendros, Stavros J.</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
LR 3069	An Act to Require Sanitation Trucks to Have a Flashing Yellow Light	<b>04/05/99</b>
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Rep. Perry, Joseph C.</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
LR 3113	An Act Regarding the Licensing of Restaurants and Bars	<b>05/13/99</b>
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Rep. True, Harry G.</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
LR 3035	An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Task Force to Review the Applied Technology	<b>03/08/99</b>
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Rep. Tuttle, Jr., John L.</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
LR 3022	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Designate Roads Off-limits to Commercial Vehicles	<b>03/08/99</b>

**JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Sen. Kilkelly, Marge L.</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
LR 3059	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO REAFFIRM STATES' RIGHTS TO A SHARE OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE LIQUIDATION OF NONRENEWABLE RESOURCES	<b>04/05/99</b>
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Sen. Pingree, Chellie</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
LR 2678	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO COMMIT TO IMMEDIATE REDUCTIONS OF DOMESTIC GREENHOUSE GAS	<b>01/27/99</b>