

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## MEETING SUMMARY

**June 3, 1999**

**June 4, 1999**

**June 5, 1999**

**Approved July 14, 1999**

## CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Senate President Lawrence, called the Council to order on June 3, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

## ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Lawrence, Sen. Pingree, Sen. Amero, Sen. Rand, Sen. Bennett
Representatives:	Speaker Rowe, Rep. Saxl, Rep. Murphy, Rep. Shiah, Rep. Campbell
Legislative Officers:	Joseph Mayo, Clerk of the House Millicent MacFarland, Assistant Clerk of the House Sally Tubbesing, Executive Director, Legislative Council James Clair, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review David Boulter, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services

The sole purpose of this meeting was to consider requests to conduct interim studies. Thus, the Chair, Senate President Lawrence, moved directly to **New Business**.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item #1: Proposed Interim Studies**

The Chair, Senate President Lawrence, recalled that the Appropriations Committee has, in past years, referred all "study bills" that have been referred to the Appropriations Table to the Legislative Council for final action. The rationale for this is that most studies require staffing through the Legislative Council; thus, Council review provides the Council an opportunity to not only manage staff resources but to establish priorities for committees' policy focus during the interim as well. Senate President Lawrence then asked Sally Tubbesing and David Boulter to review the materials that had been distributed.

The list of study requests included bills that had been referred to the Appropriations Table; studies proposed in the form of Joint Orders, most of which currently lay on Special Study Tables in the Senate and House; and study requests that had been submitted directly by Joint Standing Committees to the Council.

Following general discussion regarding how to proceed, Council members agreed to recess.

## **RECESS**

The Council recessed until the following day, June 4, to continue its consideration of study requests.

## **RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened on **June 4**, at 8:50 a.m. to resume its consideration of studies. All Council members were present.

## **RECESS**

The Council recessed at 10:18 a.m. until the following day, to conclude work on study requests.

## **RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on **June 5** to conclude its consideration of study requests. Senators Amero and Bennett were absent.

**Motion:** That the Study Table be closed. (Motion by Rep. Saxl; second by Rep. Campbell; unanimous)

A list summarizing the Council's action on study requests is attached.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on the motion of Rep. Shiah; second by Sen. Rand.