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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
April 26, 2000
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

**REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE
DIRECTORS**

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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Item #2: Requests to Introduce Legislation

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

SEN. MARK W. LAWRENCE
CHAIR

REP. G. STEVEN ROWE
VICE-CHAIR



119th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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SEN. JANE A. AMERO
SEN. ANNE M. RAND
SEN. RICHARD A. BENNETT
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119th LEGISLATURE / SECOND REGULAR SESSION
APPROVED INTERIM STUDIES
as of May 23, 2000 (Revised)

COMMISSION/STUDY	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	REPORT	COMPENSATION	BUDGET
Round Table to Study Economic and Labor Issues Relating to the Forest Products Industry Resolves, Ch. 124 (Emergency)	19 members; 4 legislators	OPLA	12/05/01	Per diem and expenses for legislators only	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$2,800
Legislative Committee to Study Access to Private and Public Land in Maine Joint Order/HP 1951	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by the Legislative Council)
Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-Income Households Resolves, Ch. 132 (Emergency)	16 members; 4 legislators	OFPR	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$1,300
Joint Select Committee on Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for all Maine Citizens Joint Order/HP 1857	13 members; 3 Senators 10 Representatives	OPLA	12/01/00	Per diem and expenses	6 meetings PS: \$4,290 AO: \$4,200
Commission to Study the Most Effective Method of Providing Retail Rate Reimbursement for Parts and Labor Ch. 766, Public Law (Emergency)	7 members; 4 legislators	OFPR	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$1,300
Commission to Study Ownership Patterns in Maine Resolves, Chapter 136	13 members; 4 legislators	State Planning Office	11/15/00	Per diem and expenses	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$2,500
Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy (continuation) Ch. 762, Public Law	18 members; 5 legislators	OPLA	12/06/00	Per diem and expenses	5 meetings PS: \$1,375 AO: \$1,750

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Commission to Study Domestic Violence Resolves, Chapter 126 (Emergency)	19 members; 5 legislators	OPLA	12/05/01	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated.	8 meetings (4 during interim) PS: \$1,100 AO: \$1,000
Maine Fire Protection Services Commission Chapter 731, Part AAAA	21 members; 5 legislators	May employ staff as needed	12/31/00	Per diem and expenses for all members	Legislative Account PS: \$1,100 AO: \$1,000 MFPS Account PS: \$ 2,640 AO: \$17,360
Joint Study Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools Joint Order/HP 1938	6 members; 2 Senators 4 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Task Force on Educational Programming at Juvenile Correctional Facilities; Ch. 770, Public Law (Emergency)	13 members; 4 legislators	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$3,000
Joint Select Committee on School-based Health Care Services Joint Order/HP 1864	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	12/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Commission to Study Kindergarten-to-grade-12 Educator Recruitment and Retention Resolves, Chapter 130 (Emergency)	14 members; No legislators	Dept. of Education	01/15/01	Expenses only	AO: \$30,000
Joint Select Committee on the Psychiatric Treatment Initiative Joint Order, HP 1955	8 members; 4 Senators 4 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	4 meetings

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Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee (on-going) Ch. 778, Public Law (Emergency)	24 members; 5 legislators	DHS	Twice annually	Per diem and expenses for legislative members	2 meetings PS: \$ 660 AO: \$ 600
Task Force to Study the Implementation of the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Law Resolves, Chapter 137	7 members; 7 legislators	Attorney General	10/01/00	Per diem and expenses	4 meetings PS: \$1,540 AO: \$1,400
Council on Children and Families Chapter 785, Public Law (Emergency)	12 members; 7 legislators	Governor's Office (Assistance may be requested from Legislative Council)		Per diem and expenses for legislative members	3 meetings/year PS: \$1,155 AO: \$1,050
Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft Resolves, Chapter 131 (Emergency)	15 members; 10 legislators	OPLA	12/06/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	8 meetings PS: \$4,400 AO: \$5,700
Committee to Study Further Decriminalization of the Criminal Laws of Maine Joint Order/HP 1914	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Commission on the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse Joint Order/HP 1930	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Committee to Develop a Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and to Continue Oversight of Multi-agency Cooperation Resolves, Chapter 127 (Emergency)	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	8 meetings PS: \$ 2,200 AO: \$29,500

COMMISSION/STUDY	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	REPORT	COMPENSATION	BUDGET
MCJUSTIS BOARD (extension) Chapter 790, Public Law, § 4 (Emergency)		OPLA	01/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members	
Study Pension Plan Design and Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System (Approved as part of Labor Committee's authorized interim work)	Joint Standing Committee on Labor	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	5 meetings PS: \$ 3,575 AO: \$15,750
Commission to Study the Establishment of an Environmental Leadership Program Resolves, Chapter 134	8 members; 8 legislators	OPLA	01/15/02	Per diem and expenses	8 meetings PS: \$3,520 AO: \$3,700
Task Force to Study Market Power Issues Related to the Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Industry Chapter 773, Public Law	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	12/05/01	Per diem and expenses	4 meetings (to be funded from Legislative Account) AO: \$ 4,500 (for consultants)
Task Force to Study Growth Management Joint Order/SP 1090	14 members; 3 legislators	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Mercury Products Advisory Committee Chapter 779, Public Law	13 members; 4 legislators	DEP	01/15/02	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings/FY 2001 PS: \$ 880 AO: \$ 800
Commission to Study Economically and Socially Just Policies for Foreign Investments and Foreign Purchasing by the State Resolves, Chapter 135	12 members; 4 legislators	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	6 meetings PS: \$1,320 AO: \$3,500
Resolve, to Recognize Veterans of the Vietnam War in the State House Hall of Flags Resolves, Chapter 113	5 members; 0 legislators	None	12/01/00	No compensation	\$500 (allocation)

COMMISSION/STUDY	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	REPORT	COMPENSATION	BUDGET
Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices Joint Order/HP 1774	13 members; 3 Senators 10 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	To be approved by the Legislative Council
Task Force on the Maine Learning Technology Endowment Chapter 731, Public Law, Part FFF	16 members; 6 legislators (max)	OFPR/OPLA	12/15/00	Per diem and expenses for legislators	7 meetings PS: \$2,310 AO: \$5,400
Long-term Care Implementation Committee Chapter 731, Public Law, Part BBBB	13 members; 4 legislators	DHS	02/01/01 02/01/02 12/31/02	Expenses only authorized	9 meetings/year
Prescription Drug Advisory Commission Chapter 786, Public Law	12 members; No legislators	DHS	04/01/01; annually thereafter	Legislative per diem and expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings/year

STUDY COMMISSIONS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED

COMMISSION	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	REPORT	BUDGET/COMPENSATION
State Compensation Commission 3 MRSA § 2-B	5 0 legislators	OFPR	Annual	Costs absorbed by legislative account
Judicial Compensation Commission 4 MRSA § 1701	3 0 legislators	OFPR	Annual	Costs absorbed by Judicial Dept.
Commission on Performance Budgeting 5 MRSA, Ch. 151-C	13 6 legislators	OFPR	Ongoing	Legislators' per diem & expenses paid from legislative account
Statutory Review of Income Taxes 36 MRSA § 197-199	Joint Standing Committee on Taxation	OFPR	Annual	Per diem & expenses
Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated With the Production of Salmonoid Sport Fish in Maine Ch. 82, Resolves of 1999	13 3 legislators	OPLA	9/29/00	Per diem & expenses for legislators; expenses for members not otherwise compensated
Citizens Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Fish and Wildlife Ch. 86, Resolves of 1999	24 5 legislators	OPLA	12/15/00	Per diem & expenses for legislators; expenses for members not otherwise compensated
Economic Development Incentive Commission 5 MRSA § 10370-L, sub§ 5, as amended by Chapter 768, 1999 Public Law	11 members 4 legislators	OFPR	11/01/01	AO: \$20,000

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTION ON
PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE STUDIES AND RELATED COMMISSIONS
April 18, 2000**

LD #	Bill Title	Policy Area	Purpose	# Members	# Legislators	Start Date	Report Date	Compensation	Staffing	Budget	Sponsor	Council Action
LD 2005	Resolve, to Establish the Round Table to Study Economic and Labor Issues Relating to the Forest Products Industry	ACF	Study trends in logging industry, including employment relationships, dynamics of import & export markets for roundwood & other forest products.	19	4	not specified	12/05/01	Per Diem & Expenses <i>Legislators only</i>	OPLA	\$10,480 PS: \$ 880 AO: \$9,600 (4 mtgs) <u>PS: \$ 880</u> <u>AO: \$2,800</u> \$3,680	Rep. Volenik	<i>Approved 6-0 with changes noted</i>
LD 2486	Resolve, to Establish a Legislative Committee to Study Access to Private and Public Land in Maine	ACF	Gather and study information on issues relating to access to forest lands for which access is restricted by gates, checkpoints or other means.	5	5	08/01/00	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 3,650 PS: \$1,650 AO: \$2,000 (6 mtgs)	Rep. McGlocklin	<i>Approved 6-0 To be converted to Joint Order with technical changes to conform to drafting guidelines</i>
LD 2343	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-Income Households	AFA	Investigate problems facing low-income households in the heating of their homes, cost of heating, energy conservation, demand-side management and availability of federal programs.	16	4	30 days following last appointment	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	Legislative Council	\$ 5,720 PS: \$1,320 AO: \$4,400 (6 mtgs) <u>PS: \$ 880</u> <u>AO: \$1,300</u> \$2,180	Rep. Berry	<i>Approved 6-0 for 4 meetings</i>
HP 1857	Joint Order Relative to Establishing the Joint Select Committee on Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for all Maine Citizens	BAN	Examine the public policy, regulatory and legislative issues related to the creation of a public/private purchasing alliance.	13	13	05/15/00	12/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	Council to approve (6 mtgs) <u>PS: \$4,290</u> <u>AO: \$4,200</u> \$8,490	Rep. J. Saxl	<i>Approved 6-0 To be funded from Legislative Study Budget</i> <i>Note: House and Senate are currently in non-concurrence regarding size of Jt. Select Committee</i>
LD 1931	An Act to Amend the Franchise Law. [Commission to Study the Most Effective Method of Providing Retail Rate Reimbursement for Parts and Labor].	BEC	Study how to most effectively implement the retail rate reimbursement provisions of the 10 MRSA, Section 1176, while protecting interests of warranty/nonwarranty repair consumers.	5	2	15 days following last appointment	12/15/00	Per Diem & Expenses	Legislative Council	\$ 1,340 PS: \$ 440 AO: \$ 990 (4 mtgs)	Sen. LaFountain	<i>(No vote)</i>

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LD 2535	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Ownership Patterns in Maine	BEC	Investigate the current patterns of in-state, out-of-state and international ownership of Maine businesses.	13	4	14 days following last appointment	11/15/00	Per Diem & Expenses	State Planning Office	\$ 3,380 PS: \$ 880 AO: \$2,500 (4 mtgs)	Rep. Rowe	<i>Approved 6-0 with addition of Emergency Preamble and technical changes to confirm to Drafting Guidelines</i>
LD 2557	An Act to Implement the Recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy	BEC	Commission would be re-authorized to meet to continue the work of the Commission from the 119 th First Regular Session relating to state internet policy	18	5	Following adjournment of 2 nd Regular Session	12/06/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 3,125 PS: \$1,375 AO: \$1,750 (5 mtgs)	Sen. Kontos	<i>Approved 6-0 with addition of Emergency Preamble</i>
LD 2174	An Act to Protect the Citizens of Maine from the Dangers of Counterfeit Consumer Goods [Commission to Study the Counterfeiting and the Unauthorized Sale of Consumer Goods and Labels]	CRJ	Examine the effect of counterfeit goods in this state, including the effect of counterfeit Universal Price Code labels on state revenue, losses to merchants and manufacturers.	9	4	07/01/00	12/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 3,600 PS: \$1,100 AO: \$2,500 (5 mtgs)	Sen. Kilkelly	<i>(No vote)</i>
LD 2651	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Domestic Violence.	CRJ	Study the problem of domestic violence and determine methods of alleviating this problem by evaluating areas of law enforcement, education and investigation procedures.	19	5	30 days after last appointment	12/05/00	Per Diem & Expenses <i>for legislative members</i>	OPLA	\$ 3,900 PS: \$1,100 AO: \$2,100 (8 mtgs total; 4 during interim)	Rep. McAlevey	<i>Approved 6-0 with change noted</i>
LD 2685	Maine Fire Protection Services Commission	CRJ-Special	Monitor and evaluate the state's fire protection services	21	5	Title 5	12/31/00	Per Diem & Expenses	May employ staff as needed	\$52,100 PS: \$ 3,740 AO: \$48,360 PS: \$1,100 AO: \$1,000 \$2,100	CRJ	<i>Approved 6-0</i> <i>(Commission budget only, contingent upon action on full bill off the Table; add Emergency Preamble)</i> <i>IN BUDGET/PART AAAA</i>
HP 1938	Joint Order relating to the Joint Study Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools	EDU	Study the problem of bomb threats in schools in the State and methods of deterring threats, including withholding certain privileges from a student until the age of 20.	6	6	06/01/00	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 4,280 PS: \$ 630 AO: \$3,650 PS: \$1,980 AO: \$2,300 (6 mtgs)	Rep. McDonough	<i>Approved 6-0</i> <i>To be funded from Legislative Account/Studies</i>
LD 2608	An Act to Improve Educational Programming at Juvenile Correctional Facilities [a: Task Force on Educational Programming at Juvenile Correctional Facilities; b: Policy Review Council]	EDU	Establishes a task force to study educational programs at juvenile correctional facilities	13	4	30 days following last appointment	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 3,880 a: PS: \$ 880 AO: \$3,000 (4 mtgs) b: PS: \$ 440 AO: \$ 400 (4 mtgs)	Rep. Breunan	<i>Approved Task Force budget 6-0</i> <i>Costs for Policy Review Council members to be absorbed. Add Emergency Preamble.</i>

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HP 1864	Joint Order Relative to Establishing the Joint Select Committee on School-based Health Care Services	EDU/HHS BAN	Committee will review current funding sources for school-based health care services, & examine the social & financial impact & efficacy of mandating health insurance coverage.	5	5	05/15/00	12/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	<i>Council to approve budget</i> PS: \$1,375 AO: \$1,750 \$3,125	Rep. Fuller	<i>Approved 6-0</i> <i>To be funded from Legislative Account/Studies</i>
LD 2327	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Kindergarten-to grade-12 Educator Recruitment and Retention	EDU-Special	Study teacher supply and hiring needs, hiring practices, teacher's salaries, supervisory systems and benefits and attractiveness of teaching profession as a career.	14	0	15 days following last appointment	01/15/01	Expenses Only	consultant to be hired	\$38,000 AO: \$38,000	Rep. Brennan	<i>(Direct Dept. of Education to do this study)</i>
LD 2187	Resolve, to Study Youth Homelessness	HHS	Study youth homelessness, a potential homeless youth system, effects of recent decreased funding of general assistance program and relationship of program to homeless.	10	3	09/10/00	12/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$22,100 PS: \$1,100 AO: \$1,000	Rep. Quint	<i>Failed 5-1</i>
	<i>(Proposed Joint Order)</i>	<i>HHS</i>	<i>AMHI Oversight Committee</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>07/01/00</i>		<i>Per Diem & Expenses</i>	<i>OPLA</i>			<i>Failed 4-2</i>
LD 1623	Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee (on-going)	HHS	Oversee, monitor and review reports and gather facts regarding the needs of youth health and youth services being provided in the state.	25	6	not provided	01/15/01	Per Diem & Expenses	DHS	\$ 1,260 PS: \$ 660 AO: \$ 600 (2 mtgs)	Rep. Brennan	<i>Approved 6-0</i> <i>Add Emergency Preamble</i>
LD 2580	Task Force to Study the Implementation of the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Law	HHS	Study the implementation of the marijuana for medical purposes law and recommend steps to implement the law and provide access to marijuana for medical purposes	7	7	not provided	10/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	Attorney General	\$2,940 PS: \$1,540 AO: \$1,400 (4 mtgs)	Sen. Rand	<i>Approved 6-0</i> <i>Add Emergency Preamble</i>
LD 2679	An Act to Establish the Council on Children and Families and to Ensure the Continuation of the Governor's Children's Cabinet (on-going)	HHS -EDU	Establish a council to advise and make policy recommendations to the Governor, the Children's Cabinet, the Legislature and the Judiciary regarding several program & policy goals.	12	7	Meet 3/year, with annual report to Governor		Per Diem & Expenses	Governor's Office/ Add'l staff may be requested by Legislative Council	\$2,205 PS: \$1,155 AO: \$1,050 (3 mtgs)	EDU	<i>Approved 6-0</i>

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LD 2645	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft	IFW	Determine the percentage of gas tax paid on gas consumed by certain vehicles, assess need for enforcement of laws, and review strategic boating plan and off-road fuel consumption.	15	10	30 days following last appointment	12/06/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$10,100 PS: \$4,400 AO: \$5,700 (8 mtgs)	IFW	Approved 6-0
HP 1914	Joint Order Relative to the Committee to Study Further Decriminalization of the Criminal Laws of Maine	JUD	Study further decriminalization of the criminal laws of Maine.	5	5	05/01/00	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	PS: \$1,050 AO: \$3,125 PS: \$1,925 AO: \$2,250 \$4,175	Rep. Thompson	Approved 6-0 To be Funded From Legislative Study Budget
HP 1930	Commission on the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse	JUD	Investigate the mistreatment of children and report on the occurrence and causes of mistreatment and recommend measures to intervene to the benefit of children.	5	5	06/01/00	11/01/00	Expenses Only	OPLA	PS: \$1,650 AO: \$4,000 \$5,650 (6 mtgs)	Rep. Trahan	Approved 6-0
LD 1620	Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Develop an Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and to Continue Oversight of Multi-agency Cooperation	JUD	Develop a compensation program for victims of abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.	5	5	05/15/00	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$31,700 PS: \$ 2,200 AO: \$29,500 (8 mtgs)	Rep. Townsend	Approved 6-0 with specification of legislative Co-Chairs
LD 2334	An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine. [No Council action req'd]	JUD-Special	Resolve extends the deadline to 01/15/01 for the Maine Criminal Justice Information System Policy Board to complete its drafting project established by Resolve 1997, Chapter 105.				01/01/00		OPLA		Rep. Thompson	Extension approved 6-0
LD 835	Resolve, to Study Pension Plan Design and Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System	LAB	Study the design of pension plans for state employees and teachers and the level and equity of the benefits available under those plans	13	13	not specified	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	Legislative Council	\$19,325 PS: \$ 3,575 AO: \$15,750 (5 mtgs)	Rep. T. Murphy	Per diem and expenses approved as part of the Labor Committee's authorized monthly meetings during the interim (Resolve will be ONTP). Request for use of consultant to be submitted to Council for review.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTION ON
PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE STUDIES AND RELATED COMMISSIONS
April 18 and April 26, 2000

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LD 2005	Resolve, to Establish the Round Table to Study Economic and Labor Issues Relating to the Forest Products Industry	ACF	Study trends in logging industry, including employment relationships, dynamics of import & export markets for roundwood & other forest products.	19	4	not specified	12/05/01	Per Diem & Expenses <i>Legislators only</i>	OPLA	\$10,480 PS: \$ 880 AO: \$9,600 (4 mtgs) <u>PS: \$ 880</u> <u>AO: \$2,800</u> \$3,680	Rep. Volenik	Approved 6-0 with changes noted
LD 2486	Resolve, to Establish a Legislative Committee to Study Access to Private and Public Land in Maine	ACF	Gather and study information on issues relating to access to forest lands for which access is restricted by gates, checkpoints or other means.	5	5	08/01/00	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 3,650 PS: \$1,650 AO: \$2,000 (6 mtgs)	Rep. McGlocklin	Approved 6-0 To be converted to Joint Order with technical changes to conform to drafting guidelines
LD 2343	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-Income Households	AFA	Investigate problems facing low-income households in the heating of their homes, cost of heating, energy conservation, demand-side management and availability of federal programs.	16	4	30 days following last appointment	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	Legislative Council	\$ 5,720 PS: \$1,320 AO: \$4,400 (6 mtgs) <u>PS: \$ 880</u> <u>AO: \$1,300</u> \$2,180	Rep. Berry	Approved 6-0 for 4 meetings
HP 1857	Joint Order Relative to Establishing the Joint Select Committee on Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for all Maine Citizens	BAN	Examine the public policy, regulatory and legislative issues related to the creation of a public/private purchasing alliance.	13	13	05/15/00	12/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	Council to approve (6 mtgs) <u>PS: \$4,290</u> <u>AO: \$4,200</u> \$8,490	Rep. J. Saxl	Approved 6-0 To be funded from Legislative Study Budget Note: House and Senate are currently in non-concurrence regarding size of Jt. Select Committee
LD 1931	An Act to Amend the Franchise Law. [Commission to Study the Most Effective Method of Providing Retail Rate Reimbursement for Parts and Labor].	BEC	Study how to most effectively implement the retail rate reimbursement provisions of the 10 MRSA, Section 1176, while protecting interests of warranty/nonwarranty repair consumers.	5	2 4	15 days following last appointment	12/15/00	Per Diem & Expenses	Legislative Council	\$ 1,340 PS: \$ 440 AO: \$ 990 (4 mtgs) To be revised by OFPR	Sen. LaFountain	4/26/00: Approved with addition of 2 Legislative members

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LD 2535	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Ownership Patterns in Maine	BEC	Investigate the current patterns of in-state, out-of-state and international ownership of Maine businesses.	13	4	14 days following last appointment	11/15/00	Per Diem & Expenses	State Planning Office	\$ 3,380 PS: \$ 880 AO: \$2,500 (4 mtgs)	Rep. Rowe	Approved 6-0 with addition of Emergency Preamble and technical changes to confirm to Drafting Guidelines
LD 2557	An Act to Implement the Recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy	BEC	Commission would be re-authorized to meet to continue the work of the Commission from the 119 th First Regular Session relating to state internet policy	18	5	Following adjournment of 2 nd Regular Session	12/06/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 3,125 PS: \$1,375 AO: \$1,750 (5 mtgs)	Sen. Kontos	Approved 6-0 with addition of Emergency Preamble
LD 2174	An Act to Protect the Citizens of Maine from the Dangers of Counterfeit Consumer Goods [Commission to Study the Counterfeiting and the Unauthorized Sale of Consumer Goods and Labels]	CRJ	Examine the effect of counterfeit goods in this state, including the effect of counterfeit Universal Price Code labels on state revenue, losses to merchants and manufacturers.	9	4	07/01/00	12/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 3,600 PS: \$1,100 AO: \$2,500 (5 mtgs)	Sen. Kilkelly	4/26/00: Approved language only; commission and accompanying budget eliminated
LD 2651	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Domestic Violence.	CRJ	Study the problem of domestic violence and determine methods of alleviating this problem by evaluating areas of law enforcement, education and investigation procedures.	19	5	30 days after last appointment	12/05/00	Per Diem & Expenses <i>for legislative members</i>	OPLA	\$ 3,900 PS: \$1,100 AO: \$2,100 (8 mtgs total; 4 during interim)	Rep. McAlevey	Approved 6-0 with change noted
LD 2685	Maine Fire Protection Services Commission	CRJ-Special	Monitor and evaluate the state's fire protection services	21	5	Title 5	12/31/00	Per Diem & Expenses	May employ staff as needed	\$52,100 PS: \$ 3,740 AO: \$48,360 PS: \$1,100 AO: \$1,000 \$2,100	CRJ	Approved 6-0 (Commission budget only, contingent upon action on full bill off the Table; add Emergency Preamble) IN BUDGET/PART AAAA
HP 1938	Joint Order relating to the Joint Study Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools	EDU	Study the problem of bomb threats in schools in the State and methods of deterring threats, including withholding certain privileges from a student until the age of 20.	6	6	06/01/00	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 4,280 PS: \$ 630 AO: \$3,650 PS: \$1,980 AO: \$2,300 (6 mtgs)	Rep. McDonough	Approved 6-0 To be funded from Legislative Study Account
LD 2608	An Act to Improve Educational Programming at Juvenile Correctional Facilities [a: Task Force on Educational Programming at Juvenile Correctional Facilities; b: Policy Review Council]	EDU	Establishes a task force to study educational programs at juvenile correctional facilities	13	4	30 days following last appointment	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$ 3,880 a: PS: \$ 880 AO: \$3,000 (4 mtgs) b: PS: \$ 440 AO: \$ 400 (4 mtgs)	Rep. Brennan	Approved Task Force budget 6-0 Costs for Policy Review Council members to be absorbed. Add Emergency Preamble.

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HP 1864	Joint Order Relative to Establishing the Joint Select Committee on School-based Health Care Services	EDU/HHS BAN	Committee will review current funding sources for school-based health care services, & examine the social & financial impact & efficacy of mandating health insurance coverage.	5	5	05/15/00	12/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	<i>Council to approve budget</i> PS: \$1,375 AO: <u>\$1,750</u> \$3,125	Rep. Fuller	Approved 6-0 To be funded from Legislative Account/Studies
LD 2327	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Kindergarten-to grade-12 Educator Recruitment and Retention	EDU-Special	Study teacher supply and hiring needs, hiring practices, teacher's salaries, supervisory systems and benefits and attractiveness of teaching profession as a career.	14	0	15 days following last appointment	01/15/01	Expenses Only	consultant to be hired	\$38,000 AO: \$38,000	Rep. Brennan	4/26/00: Revise to direct Department to do study with existing staff; no \$.
LD 2187	Resolve, to Study Youth Homelessness	HHS	Study youth homelessness, a potential homeless youth system, effects of recent decreased funding of general assistance program and relationship of program to homeless.	10	3	09/10/00	12/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$22,100 PS: \$1,100 AO: \$1,000	Rep. Quint	Failed 5-1
	(Proposed Joint Order)	HHS	Joint Select Committee on the Psychiatric Treatment Initiative	8	8	09/01/00	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	Council to Approve	Rep. Brooks	4/26/00: Approved
LD 1623	Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee (on-going)	HHS	Oversee, monitor and review reports and gather facts regarding the needs of youth health and youth services being provided in the state.	25	6	not provided	01/15/01	Per Diem & Expenses	DHS	\$ 1,260 PS: \$ 660 AO: \$ 600 (2 mtgs)	Rep. Brennan	Approved 6-0 Add Emergency Preamble
LD 2580	Task Force to Study the Implementation of the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Law	HHS	Study the implementation of the marijuana for medical purposes law and recommend steps to implement the law and provide access to marijuana for medical purposes	7	7	not provided	10/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	Attorney General	\$2,940 PS: \$1,540 AO: \$1,400 (4 mtgs)	Sen. Rand	Approved 6-0 Add Emergency Preamble
LD 2679	An Act to Establish the Council on Children and Families and to Ensure the Continuation of the Governor's Children's Cabinet (on-going)	HHS-EDU	Establish a council to advise and make policy recommendations to the Governor, the Children's Cabinet, the Legislature and the Judiciary regarding several program & policy goals.	12	7	Meet 3/year, with annual report to Governor		Per Diem & Expenses	Governor's Office/ Add'l staff may be requested by Legislative Council	\$2,205 PS: \$1,155 AO: \$1,050 (3 mtgs)	EDU	Approved 6-0

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LD 2645	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft	IFW	Determine the percentage of gas tax paid on gas consumed by certain vehicles, assess need for enforcement of laws, and review strategic boating plan and off-road fuel consumption.	15	10	30 days following last appointment	12/06/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$10,100 PS: \$4,400 AO: \$5,700 (8 mtgs)	IFW	Approved 6-0
HP 1914	Joint Order Relative to the Committee to Study Further Decriminalization of the Criminal Laws of Maine	JUD	Study further decriminalization of the criminal laws of Maine.	5	5	05/01/00	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	PS: \$1,050 AO: \$3,125 PS: \$1,925 AO: \$2,250 \$4,175	Rep. Thompson	Approved 6-0 To be funded from Legislative Study Budget
HP 1930	Commission on the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse	JUD	Investigate the mistreatment of children and report on the occurrence and causes of mistreatment and recommend measures to intervene to the benefit of children.	5	5	06/01/00	11/01/00	Expenses Only	OPLA	PS: \$1,650 AO: \$4,000 \$5,650 (6 mtgs)	Rep. Trahan	Approved 6-0
LD 1620	Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Develop an Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and to Continue Oversight of Multi-agency Cooperation	JUD	Develop a compensation program for victims of abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.	5	5	05/15/00	11/01/00	Per Diem & Expenses	OPLA	\$31,700 PS: \$ 2,200 AO: \$29,500 (8 mtgs)	Rep. Townsend	Approved 6-0 with specification of legislative Co-Chairs
LD 2334	An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine. [No Council action req'd]	JUD-Special	Resolve extends the deadline to 01/15/01 for the Maine Criminal Justice Information System Policy Board to complete its drafting project established by Resolve 1997, Chapter 105.				01/01/00		OPLA		Rep. Thompson	Extension approved 6-0
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ONGOING STATUTORY STUDY COMMISSIONS

Commission	Statutory Authority	# Members	# Legislators	Staffing	Report
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Judicial Compensation Commission	4 MRSA § 1701	3	0	OFPR	Ongoing
Commission on Performance Budgeting	5 MRSA, Ch. 151-C	13	6	OFPR	Ongoing
Statutory Review of Income Taxes	36 MRSA § 197-199	13	(Committee)	OFPR	Annual
Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated With the Production of Salmonoid Sport Fish in Maine	Ch. 82 Resolves of 1999	13	3	OPLA	9/29/00
Citizens Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Fish and Wildlife	Ch. 86, Resolves of 1999	24	5	OPLA	12/15/00

Text of Joint Select Committee on the Psychiatric Treatment Initiative, written appropriately for a joint order

Sec. 1. Committee established. The Joint Select Committee on the Psychiatric Treatment Initiative, referred to in this joint order as the "committee," is established to work with the interested parties in the community and to report regarding the actions taken by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services regarding the recommendations for improved community services as described in the executive summary of the report "Maine Inpatient Treatment Initiative: Civil and Forensic."

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Sec. 4. Duties. The duties of the committee include:

1. Overseeing the efforts of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to address the recommendations for departmental action detailed in pages 24 to 26 of the executive summary of the report "Maine Inpatient Treatment Initiative: Civil and Forensic";

2. Working with community hospitals, community psychiatric hospitals, community providers, consumers of mental health services and interested members of the public; and

3. Reporting on the actions taken by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice by November 1, 2000.

If the committee requires a limited extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Staffing may be provided by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis by request of the committee to the Legislative Council, with secondary staffing provided by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. The department shall provide information, data and research services as reasonably required by the committee. The committee shall request the assistance of and shall invite to their meetings representatives of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections.

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STATE OF MAINE

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H.P. 1755 - L.D. 2461

**Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study and Establish
Moral Policies Regarding Foreign Investments and Foreign
Purchasing by the State**

Preamble. Whereas, Maine is a state that upholds the dignity of every human being, promotes basic human rights and supports social and economic justice; and

Whereas, Maine is a state that believes employers should fairly compensate hard work, that the health and safety of working people should be protected and that all forms of unlawful discrimination and abuse should not be tolerated; and

Whereas, there are manufacturers in foreign countries that do not share Maine's support of human rights and justice and those manufacturers' employment practices are characterized by poverty wages, forced overtime, child labor, unsafe and unhealthy workplace conditions and often abusive working conditions; and

Whereas, established international standards for ethical manufacturing are routinely violated; and

Whereas, sweatshops have been and continue to be a direct cause of job loss and depressed wages for citizens of Maine, whose employers relocate for cheap labor or threaten plant closings to force lower wages and contract concessions; and

Whereas, Maine can make a significant contribution to the campaigns against sweatshop manufacturing by supporting the enforcement of established ethical codes of corporate conduct; and

Whereas, there exists widespread popular support in Maine for the principle that purchases and investments by the State

ought to be made under ethical conditions of production; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Commission to Study Economically and Socially Just Policies on Investments and Purchasing by the State established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study Economically and Socially Just Policies on Investments and Purchasing by the State, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 12 members as follows:

1. Two members from the Senate appointed by the President Of the Senate, one from each major political party;

2. Two members from the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one from each major political party;

3. Two members from groups involved in social investments or human rights issues, one appointed by the President and one appointed by the Speaker;

4. Two representatives of retail business, one appointed by the President and one appointed by the Speaker;

5. One representative of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Division of Purchases appointed by the Governor;

6. One member of the public appointed by the Governor;

7. One representative of labor unions appointed by the Governor; and

8. One representative of manufacturing and industry appointed by the Governor; and be it further

Sec. 3. First meeting; chair. Resolved: That when the appointment of all members of the commission is completed, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. The commission shall select a chair from among its members at its first meeting; and be it further

Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study the subject of economically and socially just policies for foreign investment and foreign purchasing by the State. In examining the issue of economically and socially just policies

for foreign investments and foreign purchasing, the commission shall evaluate the policies of other states. In its report, the commission shall propose standards concerning foreign companies that do business with the State and foreign companies invested in by the State. The commission shall consider such factors as child labor and exploitation of workers under unhealthy conditions. The commission shall make recommendations with regard to whether the State should do business with and invest in foreign companies that oppress or mistreat their workers. The commission shall identify the possible positive and negative impact of proposed policies on Maine workers, Maine small businesses and Maine taxpayers; and be it further

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That, upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved: That the members of the commission who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Other members of the commission who are not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred for their attendance at authorized meetings; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than November 1, 2000. If the commission requires a limited extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

Sec. 8. Budget. Resolved: That the chair of the commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall administer the commission's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The commission may not incur expenses that would result in the commission exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the commission chair and staff with a status report on the commission's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds; and be it further

Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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LEGISLATURE

**Commission to Study Economically and
Socially Just Policies on Investments
and Purchasing by the State**

Personal Services	\$1,320
All Other	3,500

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and expenses for other eligible members of the Commission to Study Economically and Socially Just Policies on Investments and Purchasing by the State and to print the required report.

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SENATE AMENDMENT " " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.B. 466, L.D. 629, "An Act to Create a Seamless Treatment Plan for the Juvenile Offender with Substance Abuse Problems"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Establishing the Joint Select Committee on the Inpatient Treatment Initiative'

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Committee established. Resolved: That the Joint Select Committee on the Inpatient Treatment Initiative, referred to in this resolve as the "committee," is established to ~~serve as a liaison to~~ the interested parties in the community and to provide regular reporting regarding the action steps taken by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and construction of the new psychiatric treatment facility; and be it further

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the President of the Senate shall appoint 4 members of the Senate. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 4 members of the House of Representatives; and be it further

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Sec. 3. Appointments, chairs, convening of committee. Resolved:

That all appointments must be made not later than August 1, 2000. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. The first named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first named House of Representatives member is the House chair. The first meeting must be called by the chairs no later than September 1, 2000; and be it further

Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the duties of the committee include:

1. Overseeing the efforts of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to address the recommendations for departmental action detailed in the report Maine Inpatient Treatment Initiative: Civil and Forensic, pages 24 to 26 of the executive summary;

2. Providing oversight of the recommendations of departmental action and the action steps taken by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and community hospitals, community psychiatric hospitals, community providers, consumers of mental health services and interested members of the public;

3. Reporting on the action steps taken by the Department Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters, by November 1, 2000. If the commission requires a limited extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and

4. Reporting to the Legislature by November 1, 2000, on the progress in the construction of the new psychiatric treatment facility, including in particular bed capacity estimates and expenditures. If the commission requires a limited extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That staffing may be provided by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis by request of the committee to the Legislative Council, with secondary staffing provided by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall provide information, data and research services as reasonably required by

the committee. The committee shall request the assistance of and shall invite to their meetings the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections; and be it further

Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved: That the members of the committee are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred for their attendance at authorized meetings of the committee; and be it further

Sec. 7. Budget. Resolved: That the chairs ^{and} of the committee, with assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the committee's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The committee may not incur expenses that would result in the committee exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the committee, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the committee chairs and staff with a status report on the committee's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.' '

FISCAL NOTE

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SUMMARY

This amendment creates the Joint Select Committee on the Inpatient Treatment Initiative. The select committee will oversee actions of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services regarding mental health services and will report on departmental action on community mental health and progress in constructing the new inpatient treatment facility by November 1, 2000.

SPONSORED BY: _____
(Senator MICHAUD)

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SPONSOR: Rep. McDonough, John F.

LR 4178 An Act to Prohibit Students Convicted of Making Bomb Threats
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