

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SARAH C. TUBBESING  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**AUGUST 8, 2000**  
**APPROVED SEPTEMBER 26, 2000**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Senate President Lawrence, called the Council meeting to order at 4:29 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: President Lawrence, Sen. Rand  
Absent: Sen. Amero, Sen. Bennett, Sen. Pingree

Representatives: Speaker Rowe, Rep. Saxl, Rep. Shiah, Rep. Campbell  
Absent: Rep. Murphy

Legislative Officers: Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate  
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Millicent MacFarland, Assistant Clerk  
of the House  
James Clair, Director, Office of Fiscal  
and Program Review  
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David Boulter, Director, Office of Policy and  
Legal Analysis  
Christopher Spruce, Legislative Analyst, Office of  
Policy and Legal Analysis

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Motion:** That the Summary for the July 25, Council meeting be accepted and placed on file.  
(Motion by Rep. Campbell; second by Rep. Saxl; unanimous).

## REPORTS FROM STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS

None.

## REPORT FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Speaker Rowe, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Committee had met earlier in the day and would move that the Council go into Executive Session.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council go into Executive Session pursuant to Title I, § 405, MRSA to discuss personnel matters. (Motion by Speaker Rowe; second by Rep. Campbell; unanimous).

The Council proceeded to go into Executive Session at 4:35 p.m.

## RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

**Motion:** That, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, James Clair be appointed as Acting Executive Director of the Legislative Council until that position is filled; remain as the Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review during that period; and that Mr. Clair receive a stipend of \$3,000. for his additional duties as Executive Director. (Motion by Speaker Rowe; second by Rep. Campbell; unanimous).

Speaker Rowe noted that this appointment is Acting Executive Director capacity and that a national search will be conducted for the position. The timetable for having an Executive Director on board is no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Search Committee will be made up of the Personnel Committee, other members of the Council who want to be on it, and the Clerk and Secretary as ex officio members. There will also be a stakeholders group. The Committee will be formalizing the process in the next few days and get that information out to the Council. President Lawrence noted that if other Council members would like to serve on the Search Committee he would appoint them. Rep. Saxl asked to be appointed. President Lawrence asked Speaker Rowe to check with other Council members, otherwise the Search Committee would consist of the Personnel Committee, and the Clerk and Secretary as non-voting ex officio members.

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Item #1: Joint Study Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools: Submission of Work Plan and Proposed Budget for Approval**

A memo from the Chairs of the Committee requested approval of the work plan and budget. Christopher Spruce, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, who is staffing the Committee, was present at Sen. Pendleton's request, to answer questions on the Chairs' behalf. Chris pointed out that the Joint Order specified that the Council approve the work plan and budget, and that the budget request of \$4,280 was based on six meetings, three of which would be public hearings. President Lawrence asked why the budget was not approved when the order was passed. Chris stated that the order (HP 1938) stipulates that the Chairs of the Committee shall present the Council with a work plan and budget for approval. Rep. Campbell asked if the number of meetings was consistent with the guidelines for studies that were established by the Council, and that he recalled that the number of meetings agreed upon was four. President Lawrence replied that there were guidelines established but exceptions were made. Speaker Rowe noted that if work could be completed in fewer meetings the Committee should do so.

**Motion:** That the work plan and budget for the Committee be approved. (Motion by Speaker Rowe; second by Rep. Saxl).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Council was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. (Motion by Rep. Shiah, second by Rep. Campbell; unanimous).