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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
May 28, 2003
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SEN. BEVERLY C. DAGGETT
CHAIR

REP. PATRICK COLWELL
VICE-CHAIR



121ST MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SEN. SHARON ANGLIN TREAT
SEN. PAUL T. DAVIS, SR.
SEN. KENNETH T. GAGNON
SEN. CHANDLER E. WOODCOCK
REP. JOHN RICHARDSON
REP. JOSEPH BRUNO
REP. ROBERT W. DUPLESSIE
REP. DAVID E. BOWLES

DAVID E. BOULTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY
April 30, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, President Daggett, called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 2:21 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Daggett, Sen. Treat, Sen. Davis, Sen. Gagnon
Sen. Woodcock

Representatives: Speaker Colwell, Rep. Richardson, Rep. Bruno,
Rep. Duplessie, Rep. Bowles

Legislative Officers: Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate
Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House
David Shiah, Assistant Clerk of the House
David Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
David Elliott, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes
Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian
Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services

SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 26, 2003 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: That the Meeting Summary of March 26, 2003 be accepted and placed on file.
(Motion by Rep. Colwell, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS

- **Executive Director's Report**

David Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council reported on the following matters:

- 1. State House Renovations Update**

The Executive Director's Office is working with the architect Richard Burt and Granger Northern, Inc. to prepare a multi-year facilities plan for the State House and Grounds. The plan will identify maintenance and repair projects and suggested facility improvements, including estimated costs and implementation schedules, and will be presented to the Legislative Council for its review at the Council's May meeting.

- 2. Processing Amendments and Other Staff Work**

During the Legislative recess in April, staff focused on drafting and processing committee amendments that had been voted over the prior two weeks. Over 175 amendments have been drafted since April 18th. Approximately 100 have been sent for printing and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review has released approximately 175 fiscal notes during the same period of time.

The Secretary of the Senate's Office and the Office of the Clerk of the House also have been working very diligently with Legislative Council staff. As a result, much of the committee work is nearly completed, with the goal of adjournment by May 30th.

No Council action required.

- **Fiscal Report**

Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, presented the following fiscal report:

- 1. General Fund and Highway Fund Revenue Variances for March 2003**

For the month of March, General Fund revenues were \$9.8 million ahead of budget. The Highway Fund revenues were also ahead of budget by \$3.4 million.

Tobacco Settlement revenues were under budget by \$1.1 million, attributable to declining national cigarette sales. Payments were received in January and in April. Mr. Pennoyer believes the declining revenues will result in a downward revision of Fund for Healthy Maine revenue projections when the Revenue Forecasting Committee meets in the fall.

Individual income tax collections through April may be under budget by \$10 to \$15 million after accounting for the April revenues. Sales, corporate insurance, cigarette and estate taxes were up for April.

2. Cash Pool Status

Mr. Pennoyer reported that the cash pool status remains negative even with the issuance of TANS. The final transfers from the Rainy Day Fund and the Working Capital Reserve were made in mid-April and, therefore, are at zero balances.

A general discussion followed regarding the budget variances through April. Mr. Pennoyer estimated that the State may be under budget by \$10 to \$15 million, but is hopeful that some budget bounce back will occur before year-end.

No Council action required.

President Daggett asked if there was objection to taking an item out of order. Hearing none, the Chair then moved to **New Business, Item #1.**

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests

Fifteen after deadline requests were considered by the Legislative Council. The Council's actions on these requests are included on the attached list.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS (con't)

• Office of Information Services' Report

Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services, reported the following:

1. Remote Access to the Legislative Network

The Information Services Office plans to begin testing the remote access to the Legislative network over the Internet with staff member volunteers this month.

2. Migration – Bill Drafting System Performance

HP is proceeding with the modifications to both correct the performance problem and to resolve the final remaining log items. As of April 25, 2003, HP reported it was on schedule and Mr. Mayotte said he has talked with HP about moving several of the tasks forward. When the session ends, HP will be at the State House to install the revised software and a test program will begin. It is the intention of the Office of Legislative Information Services and HP to have a new bill drafting system in place and fully operational by mid-July, 2003.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

• Personnel Committee

Rep. Richardson, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the day. It considered and unanimously approved temporary disability income benefits for a full-time legislative employee in accordance with provisions of the personnel policies and guidelines for legislative employees.

No action by the Legislative Council is required.

• State House Facilities Committee

Sen. Gagnon, Chair of the State House Facilities Committee, reported that the committee met on April 28, 2003. Also attending the meeting were Donald Sutter, Chief, Capitol Security and Michael Cote, House Sgt-art-arms. The committee discussed the following items:

1. Consideration of Additional Security Measures for the State House
2. Access through North and South Entrances of the State House
3. Food/Meal Catering Policy for the Hall of Flags
4. Re-installation of Dioramas (update)
5. Use of Satellite Media Office (update)
6. Directional Sign for the Elevator in the Connector (request)

Discussion: Sen. Gagnon summarized the committee's discussion on each of the issues. He noted that improved signage in the State House is important. By way of example, he noted that regulations prohibit any person (except an on-duty officer) from bringing any type of firearm into the State House even if a person has a concealed weapons permit. Without proper signage, visitors may be unaware of this prohibition.

Rep. Bowles asked for clarification of item 4 under Consideration of Additional Security Measures for the State House meeting summary. He believed the Committee did not authorize the purchase of portable detection equipment at this time but asked Chief Sutter to research available detection equipment as a potential security measure. Sen. Gagnon agreed with Rep. Bowles' understanding of what the Committee had requested.

Sen. Gagnon also noted that the committee discussed the need for improved security in the Senate chamber. The current chamber configuration and unlimited access by others to the chamber and to members' seats (unlike in the House chamber) provides no physical separation between the members and others. This situation can result in distractions, interruptions or security issues for Senators. He suggested that measures be considered in the Senate to mitigate the issues. Chair Daggett suggested that matters of security that are solely within the Senate Chamber itself is properly the purview of the Senate.

Sen. Gagnon also noted that the committee discussed in some detail the issues regarding use of the Hall of Flags and food service. He noted that the use of the Hall of Flags has increased dramatically, particularly for non-legislative functions and that food provided has expanded from refreshments to full meals on a routine basis. The Hall of Flags is booked every session day. Currently, there is no formal policy regarding use and the extent of food service. Issues raised include: perceptions of inequitable access to legislators by virtue of providing free meals; free meals for legislative staff and other state employees who are amply compensated in

their jobs; security in the Hall of Flags; inability for the cafeteria and the snack bar to compete for business when free meals are routinely provided; and the lack of time available for the Hall of Flags to be used by legislators.

Sen. Treat commented that the current level of use by outside interests should be addressed so the Hall of Flags can be scheduled and used regularly for legislators for their legislative business. Others mentioned that a use policy should distinguish between refreshments and full meals. Sen. Gagnon explained that these factors will be fully considered in drafting a use policy for the Hall of Flags, for consideration by the committee and ultimately the Legislative Council.

A meeting summary is attached for the Legislative Council's reference.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

Executive Director Boulter provided Council members with a list of actions taken by ballot by the Legislative Council since its March 26, 2003 meeting.

No Council action required.

President Daggett asked if there were other matters the Council wished to discuss before going into Executive Session.

Rep. Duplessie asked when the legislative retiring rooms in the Cross Building would again be available to legislators. President Daggett said that since not all reapportionment plans were agreed to, the Court must decide the matter. Since the court may ask for information from the Reapportionment Committee, the rooms remain in use by the 2 political parties. The rooms will not be available until at least July.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Executive Session)

Motion: That, in accordance with 1 MRSA section 405, subsection 6, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session with its counsel and negotiators for the purposes of discussing labor contracts and proposals involving MSEA and its represented legislative employees. (Motion by Speaker Colwell, second by Sen. Treat, unanimous).

MEETING RECONVENED

The Council ended its Executive Session and reconvened in open session at 4:05 p.m. on the motion of Sen. Davis, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. (Motion by Rep. Duplessie, second by Sen. Davis, unanimous).

Fiscal Briefing for the Legislative Council

Legislative Council Meeting
May 28, 2003

*Prepared by the
Office of Fiscal & Program Review*

1. General Fund and Highway Fund Revenue Variances for April 2003

(Reflects revised forecasts and legislation enacted as of this date)

(See Attached Summary of April 2003 Revenue)

• General Fund

Under budget by \$14.8M in April/Under budget for FY-T-D by \$5.0M

Major Negative Variances:

- Individual Income - Under by \$22.9M in April/Under FY-T-D by \$14.0M
- Cigarette Tax - Over by \$0.6M in April/Under FY-T-D by \$3.7M
- Sales Tax - Over by \$0.6M in April/Under FY-T-D by \$2.9M
- Corporate Income - Over by \$0.8M in April/Under FY-T-D by \$0.5M

Major Positive Variances:

- Insurance Tax - Over budget by \$3.0M in April/Over FY-T-D by \$8.8M
- Estate Tax - Over budget by \$2.7M in April/Over FY-T-D by \$5.2M

Excluding the negative variance in the Individual Income Tax for April, General Fund revenue would be running ahead of budget by \$6.9M through the end of April. May Individual Income Tax revenue collections look encouraging so that some of that negative variance will be reversed. If June Individual Income Tax collections follow that same trend, General Fund revenue should be very close to budget for FY03.

• Highway Fund

Over budget by \$2.5M in April/Over for FY-T-D by \$6.0M

• Fund for a Healthy Maine

Tobacco Settlement actual receipts are under budget by \$1.1M

2. Cash Pool Status

- April 2003 Cash Pool Summaries (see attached)
 - Absent the \$250M TAN, General Fund Cash Balance would be -\$378.1M in April (April is typically the lowest month)
- General Fund – History of Cash Balances (see attached)
 - Average balance for May has moved back to a positive value consistent with prior years

General Fund and Highway Fund Revenue

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003

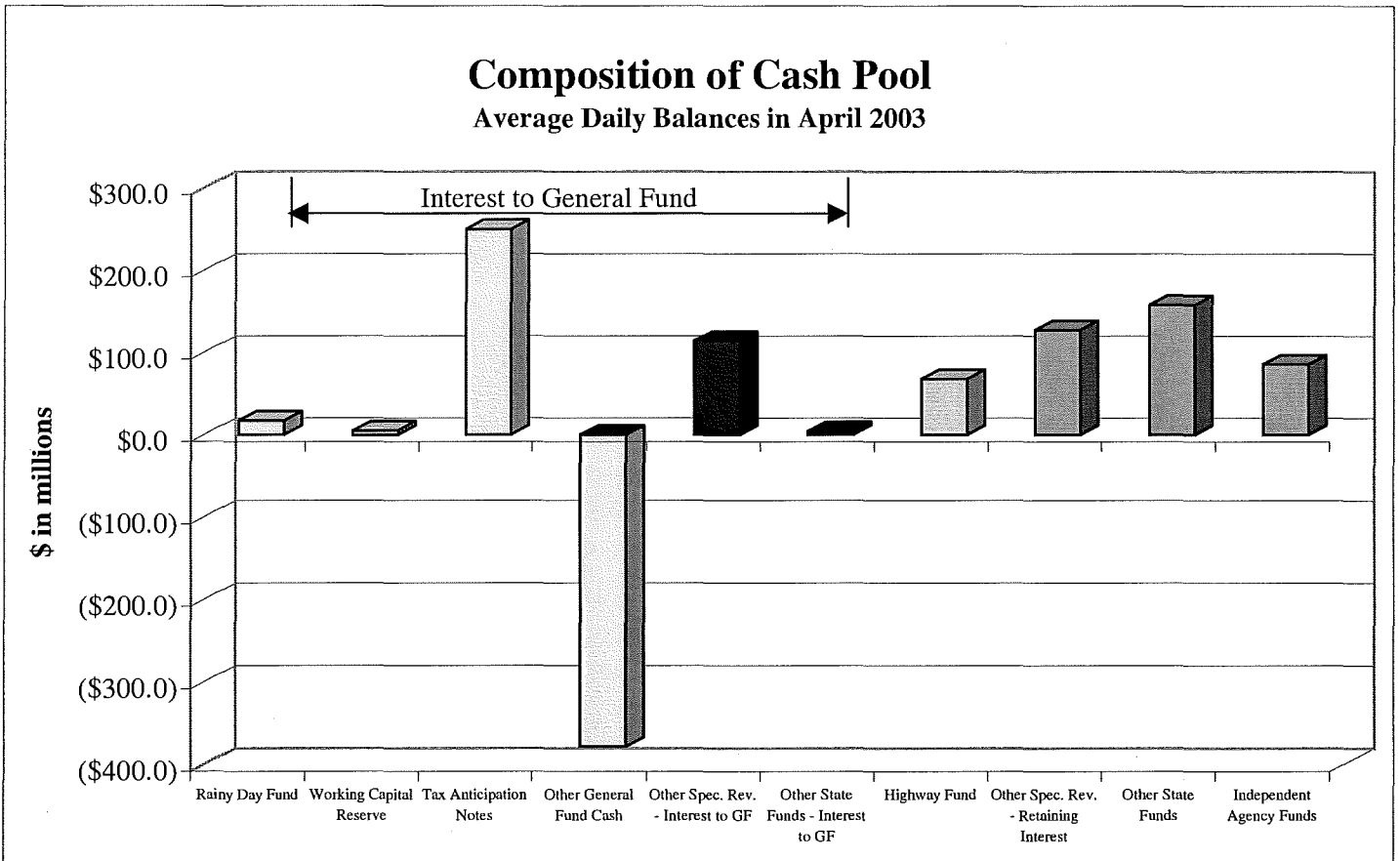
Based on All Actions of the 120th Legislature, PL 2003, c. 2, c. 20 and c. 51 and March 2003 Revenue Rejections

APRIL 2003

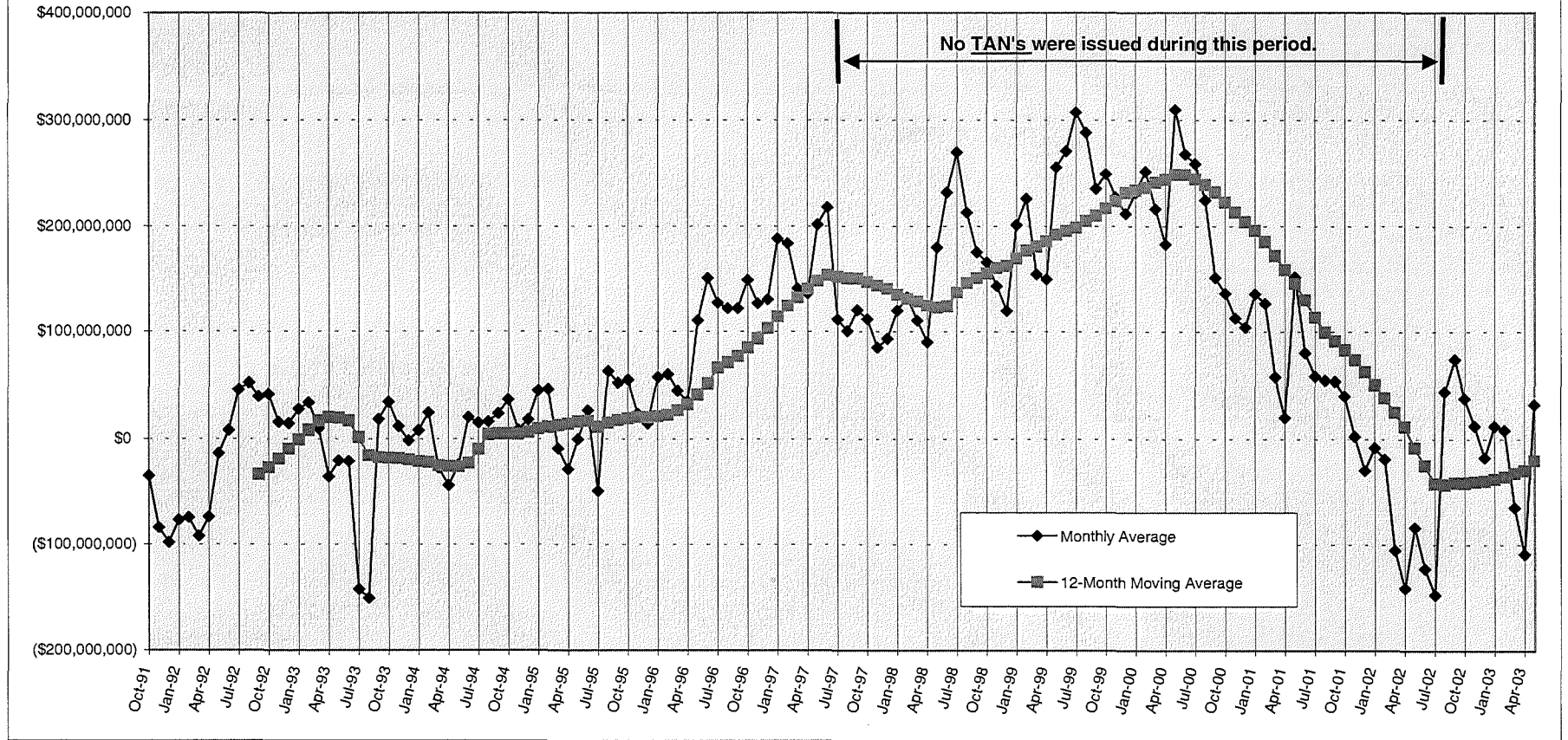
FUND	Revenue Line	April '03 Budget	April '03 Actual	April '03 Variance	FY03 YTD Budget	FY03 YTD Actual	FY03 YTD Variance	FY03 Budgeted Totals
GF	Sales and Use Tax	63,620,200	64,219,063.73	598,863.73	638,342,960	635,424,745.17	(2,918,214.83)	861,578,278
GF	Individual Income Tax	179,730,929	156,819,228.50	(22,911,700.50)	856,534,272	842,536,626.35	(13,997,645.65)	1,063,483,417
GF	Corporate Income Tax	14,500,000	14,923,752.16	423,752.16	68,530,395	68,050,412.40	(479,982.60)	88,170,000
GF	Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	6,977,204	7,564,150.32	586,946.32	85,137,476	81,391,141.03	(3,746,334.97)	105,684,505
GF	Public Utilities Tax	550,000	190,494.57	(359,505.43)	400,000	62,464.36	(337,535.64)	30,400,000
GF	Insurance Companies Tax	7,058,238	10,094,193.60	3,035,955.60	32,576,484	41,327,279.49	8,750,795.49	56,646,354
GF	Estate Tax	1,966,615	4,631,324.17	2,664,709.17	15,955,234	21,195,356.80	5,240,122.80	23,821,692
GF	Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0.00	0.00	8,843,744	9,300,585.00	456,841.00	10,162,545
GF	Income from Investments	4,965	49,807.19	44,842.19	1,629,480	2,004,944.83	375,464.83	1,889,000
GF	Transfer to Municipal Revenue Sharing	(13,150,408)	(12,034,064.26)	1,116,343.74	(79,733,789)	(78,846,600.97)	887,188.03	(102,674,817)
GF	Transfer from Liquor Commission	1,947,720	1,824,896.92	(122,823.08)	22,067,461	21,462,395.86	(605,065.14)	26,290,223
GF	Transfer from Lottery Commission	3,491,601	3,617,852.82	126,251.82	32,950,589	32,791,194.75	(159,394.25)	39,635,176
GF	Other Revenue	12,215,042	12,182,202.42	(32,839.58)	126,465,101	127,968,497.52	1,503,396.52	166,085,146
GF	Totals	278,912,106	264,082,902.14	(14,829,203.86)	1,809,699,407	1,804,669,042.59	(5,030,364.41)	2,371,171,519
* April Revenue in Other Revenue was adjusted downward by \$4,156,801 in Commercial Forestry Excise Tax to reflect an accounting entry error corrected after the close of the month								
HF	Fuel Taxes	13,428,326	14,469,862.35	1,041,536.35	136,254,912	139,629,212.86	3,374,300.86	187,500,000
HF	Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees	6,746,221	7,681,252.39	935,031.39	63,077,273	65,707,952.27	2,630,679.27	79,432,966
HF	Inspection Fees	316,577	334,557.12	17,980.12	2,823,687	3,370,612.28	546,925.28	3,683,907
HF	Fines	287,187	466,065.31	178,878.31	2,448,915	2,113,960.38	(334,954.62)	3,057,180
HF	Income from Investments	111,812	111,658.79	(153.21)	1,120,342	1,079,551.14	(40,790.86)	1,418,000
HF	Other Revenue	575,343	933,723.40	358,380.40	7,961,390	7,752,475.39	(208,914.61)	9,154,514
HF	Totals	21,465,466	23,997,119.36	2,531,653.36	213,686,519	219,653,764.32	5,967,245.32	284,246,567

Composition of State's Cash Pool April 2003 Average Daily Balances

	April 2003
General Fund - Total	(\$105,577,223)
General Fund - Detail	
Rainy Day Fund	\$17,240,341
Working Capital Reserve	\$5,250,000
Tax Anticipation Notes	\$250,000,000
General Fund - Other	(\$378,067,564)
Highway Fund	\$67,967,892
Other Special Revenue - Contributing to General Fund	\$113,948,473
Other Special Revenue - Retaining Interest Earned	\$127,392,723
Other State Funds - Contributing Interest to General Fund	\$4,146,061
Other State Funds	\$158,107,206
Independent Agency Funds	\$85,681,440
Total Cash Pool	\$451,666,572



**GENERAL FUND
DAILY STARTING CASH BALANCES**



TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (TAN's) - History from FY 1990-91 ⁽¹⁾

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Authorized</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Reference</u>
2002-03 ⁽¹⁾	\$285,688,079 ⁽¹⁾	\$250,000,000	5 MRSA, §150 (as amended by PL 2001, c. 705)
2001-02	\$100,000,000	\$0	5 MRSA, §150 (as amended by PL 2001, c. 467)
1997-98	\$100,000,000	\$0	PL 1997, c. 24, §F-1 (Repealed by PL 1997, c. 643, §E-5)
1996-97	\$190,000,000	\$150,000,000	PL 1995, c. 665 §P-1
1995-96	\$182,000,000	\$182,000,000	PL 1995, c. 368, §V-1
1994-95	\$175,000,000	\$175,000,000	PL 1993, c. 707, §P-2
1993-94	\$170,000,000	\$170,000,000	PL 1993, c. 382, §1
1992-93	\$170,000,000	\$170,000,000	PL 1991, c. 780, §BB-1
1991-92	\$150,000,000	\$150,000,000	PL 1991, c. 589, §1
1990-91	\$125,000,000	\$115,000,000	PL 1991, c. 5, §1

Notes: ⁽¹⁾ 5 MRSA, §150 provides the statutory authorization for Tax Anticipation Notes. As amended by PL 2001, c. 705, the limit is the same as that imposed by the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Sec. 14, 10% of total General Fund appropriations and Highway Fund allocations or 1% of the State Valuation, whichever is less. The amount authorized for fiscal year 2002-03 reflects General Fund appropriations and Highway Fund allocations for fiscal year 2002-03 through the 120th Legislature. Special exceptions to the general authorization levels are detailed in this table.

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Legislative Council
Technology Report

May 28, 2003

Migration – Bill Drafting System

- **The Office of Legislative Information Services is working with H-P to prepare for acceptance testing of the bill drafting system in June.**
- **H-P is recoding the software to improve performance and correct deficiencies**
- **On completion of the software coding, testing will start at H-P's facility and run through June 22nd**
- **The corrected software will be installed in Augusta on June 23rd**
- **Testing and User Acceptance Testing will run through July 14th**
- **David Boulter and Paul Mayotte met with H-P on 5/27 to restate our position that H-P remains obligated to deliver a fully functioning system to the Legislature, and therefore rejected several proposed modifications requested by H-P**
- **Systems has started to layout the next steps to prepare for using the new drafting system for the Second Session:**
 - **User training**
 - **User support**
 - **Statutes database update**
 - **Carryover bills**

**Actions Taken by Ballot by
the Legislative Council Since
the April 30, 2003 Council Meeting**

1. Request for Introduction of Legislation

- A. LR 2154: An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of the Town of Centerville
- Submitted by: Rep. George Bunker, Jr.
Accepted: May 19, 2003, 7 – 0 – 0 – 3
- B. LR 2122: JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO ISSUE
A WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NO CHILD LEFT
BEHIND ACT FOR MAINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Submitted by: Rep. Margaret Craven
Accepted: May 8, 2003, 7 - 3 – 0 - 0
- C. LR 2142 An Act to Improve Subdivision Standards
- Submitted by: Rep. Theodore Koffman
Accepted: May 12, 2003, 10 – 0 – 0 - 0
- D. LR 2141 An Act to Amend the Charter of the North New Portland Water
Authority District
- Submitted by: Rep. Monica McGlocklin
Accepted: May 8, 2003, 10 – 0 – 0 - 0
- E. LR 2147 An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds
and Notes by School Administrative District No. 71
- Submitted by: Rep. Thomas W. Murphy, Jr.
Accepted: May 13, 2003, 9 – 0 – 1 – 0
- F. LR 2148 An Act to Clarify the Employment Status of Court Reporters
- Submitted by: Rep. Thomas Watson
Accepted: May 15 2003, 10 – 0 – 0 – 0

DAVID E. BOULTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

May 22, 2003

TO:

SUBJECT: **Your After Deadline Bill Request(s)** D.B.

The Legislative Council has scheduled its next meeting for:

**Wednesday
May 28, 2003
2:00 p.m.
Room 334, Legislative Council Chamber**

The Council will consider After Deadline Bill Requests at that time, including the request(s) you have filed in the Revisor's Office. The Council is also required by Joint Rule 35 to decide all requests for Memorials (Joint Resolutions that memorialize another governmental agency or official) for introduction.

You should plan to attend this Council meeting or present your request(s) to a member of the Legislative Council prior to the meeting. The Council may, but is not obligated to, table a request until the following meeting if the sponsor is not present, so it will have the benefit of information from the sponsor when it votes.

The Council's review of After Deadline Requests is pursuant to Joint Rule. Please be advised that the Council now asks all sponsors to first research whether there is an existing bill or LR available to a committee that could accommodate their request. The review procedure then will be as follows:

1. The Council Chair, President Beverly Daggett, will read the name of the sponsor and the title of the request.
2. Once recognized to speak by the Chair, the sponsor will probably be asked:
 - Why the bill request is "late" (filed after the cloture date);
 - Why the bill request constitutes an emergency such that the Legislature needs to consider the bill this session; and
 - Whether the probable committee of jurisdiction has a bill already referred to it that could be amended to include the proposal.

Council members may also ask questions related to the content or the intent of the bill.

3. Council members vote on bill requests individually; a roll call vote is required pursuant to Joint Rule.

A complete list of the Council's action on After Deadline Requests is distributed to Council members and all sponsors as soon after adjournment of the Council meeting as possible. The roll call votes are available in the Executive Director's office if you should have any questions.

I hope this information is useful. Please drop by or call me if you have any questions.

cc: Members, Legislative Council

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
May 22, 2003**

Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Ash, Jr., Walter E.

LR 2150 An Act Requiring Stores of Between 500 to 2500
Square Feet To Make Existing Bathroom Facilities
Available for Public Use

SPONSOR: Rep. Sykes, Richard M.

LR 2155 Resolve, to Name the Bolsters Mills Bridge Between
Otisfield and Harrison the Kerry Grover Memorial Bridge

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Weston, Carol

LR 2133 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO LIMIT THE
APPELLATE JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL COURTS REGARDING THE
RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SPONSOR:	Rep. Moody, Stanley A.	TABLED
		04/30/03
LR 2074	Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect the Funds of the Public Utilities Commission	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Snowe-Mello, Lois A.	TABLED
		02/19/03
LR 1836	An Act to Increase Individual Health Insurance in this State	
SPONSOR:	Rep. Trahan, A. David	TABLED
		02/19/03
LR 2010	An Act to Establish the Epinephrine Training Fund	
SPONSOR:	Sen. Youngblood, Edward M.	TABLED
		04/30/03
LR 2113	An Act To Require A Legal Notice Be Served on a Pet Owner Before a Pet May Be Taken from the Owner	


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MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Memo

To: Members, 121st Legislative Council
From:  Dave Boulter, Executive Director
Date: May 23, 2003
Re: Multi-Year Plan for State House Facilities

I am very pleased to present for your consideration a proposed Multi Year Plan For Maintenance and Improvements for the Maine State House and Grounds.

The recent improvements to the State House have restored the Capitol to the elegance of its 1910 reconstruction. However, on-going attention to the building and grounds really is necessary to prevent deterioration and a return to an unsafe or unkempt condition. This plan is intended to preserve and extend the investment in the State House and provide an overall plan for facility improvement projects, something that has not occurred for many years. Both on-going maintenance and necessary improvements require a planned approach, for scheduling and cost reasons.

The plan covers 5 years, from 2003 through 2007, and is intended to be updated and extended regularly, ideally on an annual basis. The plan layout is designed to be informative, with sufficient, but not burdensome, detail to explain the work to be done, its necessity, and general indications of schedules and costs. Hopefully you will find the plan to be easily read and useful.

I welcome the Legislative Council's input, advice and consent with respect to the projects contained within the plan. Toward that end, I recommend that the Legislative Council consider referring the plan to its State House Facilities Committee for review and recommendation.

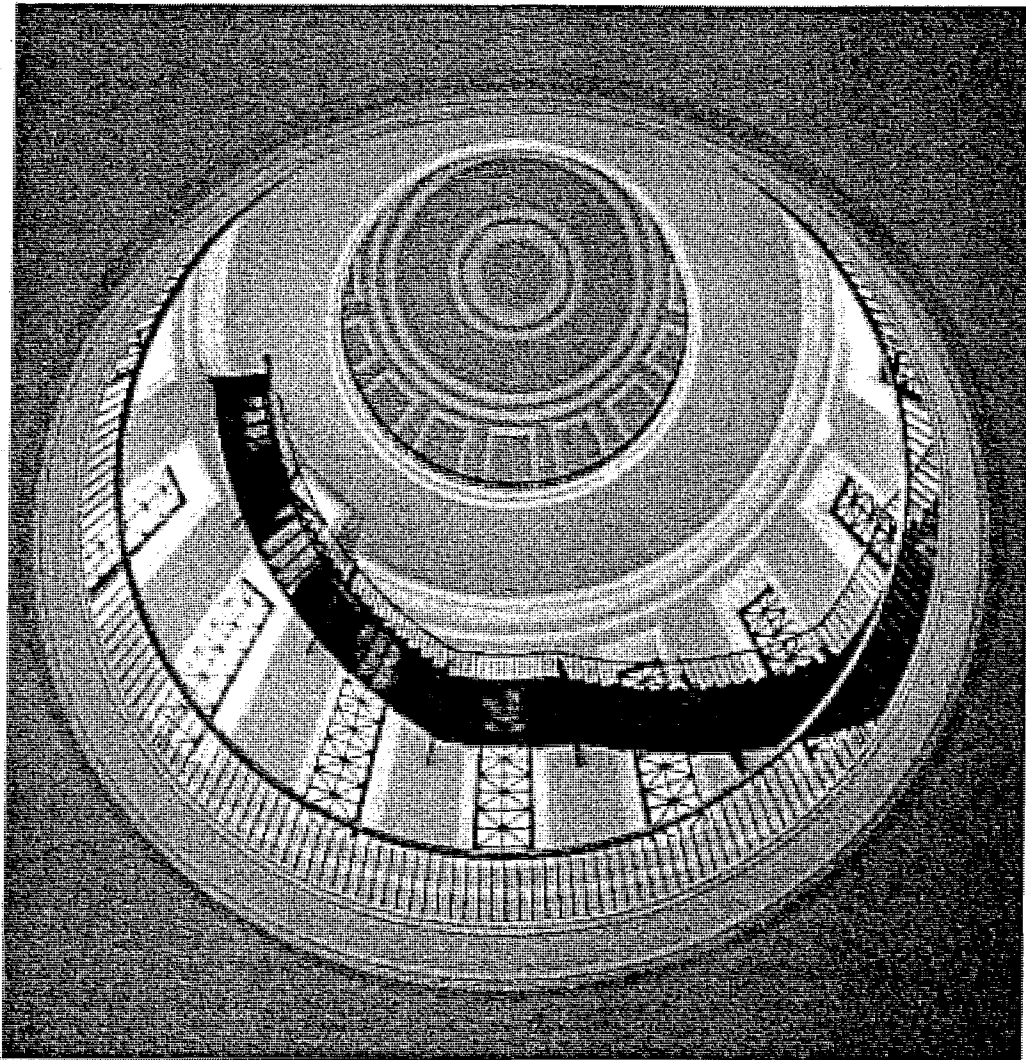
If you have any questions, architect Rick Burt and I would be happy to respond to them.

Thank you.

Attachment

MAINE STATE HOUSE & GROUNDS

Years
2003
through
2007



Multi Year Plan For Maintenance & Improvements

Prepared by
Richard Burt Architects
Damariscotta, Maine

For the Office of the
Executive Director of the
Legislative Council

May 2003

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