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**June 10, 2003**  
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## **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Executive Session)**

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SEN. BEVERLY C. DAGGETT  
CHAIR

REP. PATRICK COLWELL  
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DAVID E. BOULTER  
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## MEETING SUMMARY May 28, 2003 AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, President Daggett, called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 2:34 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:	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

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

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

## SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 30, 2003 COUNCIL MEETING

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary of April 30, 2003 be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Rep. Colwell, second by Sen. Treat, unanimous).

## REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS

- **Executive Director's Report**

David Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council reminded members that legislators were invited to a reception at the Maine State Museum that afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to preview the Maine Civil War flag exhibit.

Mr. Boulter also reminded members that most committee work was done and, therefore, most of the committee clerks will be concluding their session work on Friday, May 30, 2003.

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 the month of April, General Fund revenues were under budget by \$14.8 and under budget year-to-date by \$5 million.

Individual income tax revenues were under budget by \$22.9 million in April and \$14 million under budget year-to-date. Cigarette tax revenues, although \$0.6 million over budget for the month of April, are still under budget for year-to-date by \$3.7 million. Sales tax was over budget for April, but under budget year-to-date.

Insurance tax and estate tax revenues were over budget for the month of April and also over budget year-to-date.

Excluding the negative variance in the individual income tax for April, the General Fund revenue would be ahead of budget by \$6.9 million through the end of April. Mr. Pennoyer said the May individual income tax revenue was encouraging and he believed the negative variance could be reversed if the June individual income tax collections follow the same trend. If they do, the General Fund revenue would be close to budget for Fiscal Year 03.

The Highway Fund revenues were up for both April and for year-to-date. Receipts of the funds for the Healthy Maine Tobacco settlement are under budget by \$1.1 million.

## 2. Cash Pool Status

Mr. Pennoyer reported that transfers from the Rainy Day Fund and the Working Capital Reserve were made mid-month. Excluding the Tax Anticipation Note and the reserve balances, the General Fund Cash Balance was minus \$378.1 million. The General Fund Cash Balance average for May moved to a positive value because of the individual income tax processing.

No Council action required.

### • Office of Information Services' Report

Paul Mayotte, Director Legislative Information Services, reported to the Council the status of the migration – bill drafting system.

The Legislature has a contract with H-P to install a new bill drafting system for the Legislature to replace the Wang bill drafting system currently in use. Last fall the H-P system failed its acceptance test because of the poor performance of the new drafting system. H-P is recoding the software to improve the performance and correct the deficiencies with an expected completion date for programming on June 6, 2003. Upon completion of the software coding, H-P will begin testing the corrected software at their facility, running an extensive series of test through June 22, 2003. On June 23, 2003 the corrected software will be loaded on the Legislature's server and an extensive test cycle will begin at the State House concluding on July 15, 2003 only with user acceptance of the testing.

Mr. Boulter and Mr. Mayotte met with H-P senior management during the past week. They restated the position of the Legislature that H-P remains obligated to deliver a fully functioning system to the Legislature, and, therefore, rejected several proposed modifications requested by H-P to modify what had been earlier agreed to.

Information Systems is planning for the implementation of the new system to support bill drafting for the Second Regular Session of the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislature, focusing on user training, support to the users, updating the statutes database and transitioning carryover bills from the Wang system to the new system.

Sen. Treat asked the status of the remote access. Mr. Mayotte reported that the process does work, but does not work reliably at this time and so has not been made available to Legislators.

Sen. Gagnon questioned what changes in the contract H-P had requested. Both Mr. Mayotte and Mr. Boulter said that the request was to narrow the scope of our discretion with respect to acceptance of the system. Contract Amendment 4 is favorable to the Legislature and they are not agreeing to any changes that might weaken the Legislature's position.

No Council action required.

## 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 further action by the Legislative Council is required.

- **State House Facilities Committee**

The State House Facilities Committee did not meet.

## 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 April 30, 2003 meeting.

No Council action required.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Item #2: Multi Year Plan for State House Facilities and Grounds**

Mr. Boulter presented the Legislative Council with a proposed Multi Year Plan prepared by Richard Burt, Architect. The plan represents a proposed multi year plan for maintenance and improvements of the State House and grounds. It is intended to be a working document to help plan activities for necessary work. Although the building has been restored, ongoing attention is required. Mr. Boulter emphasized that although the building was fully renovated, the work on the exterior of the building had not been done.

The Multi Year Plan explains what needs to be done, why it needs to be done, and provides a general indication of the schedule and an estimate of the cost. Mr. Boulter recommended to the Council that it refer the plan to the State House Facilities Committee for review and recommendation.

Sen. Treat said the plan assumes a maintenance budget and asked if it was included in the legislative budget or would it require additional appropriations. Mr. Boulter said the plan would not require additional appropriations since the Legislative Council's budget includes funds set aside for this purpose, including the Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance.

**Motion:** That the Multi Year Plan be referred to the State House Facilities Committee for review and recommendation. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Davis, unanimous).

### **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Executive Session)**

None.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. (Motion by Speaker Colwell, second by Sen. Davis, unanimous).



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**MEETING SUMMARY**

**June 4, 2003**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, President Daggett, called the Council meeting to order at 4:18 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:	Millicent MacFarland, 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

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

No Reports

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

• **Personnel Committee**

No Report

• **State House Facilities Committee (Sen. Gagnon, Chair)**

The State House Facilities Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, June 5, 2003 at 1:00 pm in the Legislative Council Chamber.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

The only business before the Legislative Council was to review the special study committees.

### Item #1: Requests for Interim Studies

President Daggett requested that David Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council, remind the members of the Legislative Council of the guidelines for the legislative studies.

Mr. Boulter referred Legislative Council members to the informational sheet in their material regarding the requirements and protocols relevant to studies in the First Regular Session for review of the study requests. A copy of the requirements and protocols is attached to this Meeting Summary.

Mr. Boulter requested further guidance on several study elements if the Council were to accept the suggested protocol. The policy issues needing decisions are:

- a) Number of authorized meetings and locations. The Legislative Council has generally authorized 4 meetings or less, unless the Council specifically authorized an exception. He suggested that the members may want to consider a similar approach for these study requests;
- b) Compensation of Members. Some studies compensate all members with a per diem and necessary expenses, and some do not. Consistent with the Council's guidelines, Mr. Boulter recommended that legislators receive per diem and reimbursement of necessary expenses, other members who are not otherwise compensated, receive reimbursement of expenses, and a per diem only a bona fide demonstration of financial hardship;
- c) Studies conducted using non-General Fund monies. Director Boulter recommended that a study may not convene until sufficient funds are received to pay for the study; and
- d) Preferred legislative instrument for establishing study committee recommendation. Study committees can be through resolves. If a study is by a resolve, it requires passage, and the signature of the governor and, absent an emergency preamble, the study would not begin until 90 days following adjournment (September or October). Joint study orders have been preferred by the Legislative Council in past years since. Joint orders take effect immediately and are controlled totally within the Legislature. Mr. Boulter recommended use of joint study orders when feasible.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council adopt the recommendations of the executive director regarding the 4 policy issues to be decided (a – d of the handout). (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Sen. Gagnon, unanimous).

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council adopted the Suggested Protocol for deciding legislative study requests (A through D of the handout). (Motion by Speaker Colwell, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous).

Sen. Treat asked who would be redrafting the studies to meet the guidelines or the joint rules and whether the joint standing committees would be consulted. Mr. Boulter replied that the redrafting would be a joint effort among OPLA, OFPR, Revisor, and the Executive Director's Office. Mr. Boulter said that generally the Council-authorized floor amendments for studies have been given to Council members (or the chair and vice-chair of the Council) and have not gone back to committees since the study requests at this stage in the process are within the purview of the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council's action on study requests is included on the attached list.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council was adjourned at 5:47 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Davis, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous).

# Fiscal Briefing for the Legislative Council

Legislative Council Meeting  
June 10, 2003

*Prepared by the  
Office of Fiscal & Program Review*

**1. General Fund and Highway Fund Revenue Variances for May 2003**  
(Reflects revised forecasts and legislation enacted as of this date)  
(See Attached Summary of May 2003 Revenue)

- **General Fund**

Total General Fund revenue was over budget by \$9.8M in May, which brought the General Fund back to a positive variance of \$4.8M for FY-T-D. This positive variance was driven largely by the Individual Income Tax positive variance in May, which was over budget by \$8.5 million for the month reducing its negative variance to \$5.5 million for the FY-T-D through May.

- **Highway Fund**

Under budget by \$1.5M in May (Fuel Taxes were under budget by \$2.2 million reflecting a timing issue between April and May) but the Highway Fund remains over budget for FY-T-D by \$6.0M

# 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 Reprojections

MAY 2003

FUND	Revenue Line	May '03 Budget	May '03 Actual	May '03 Var.	FY03 YTD Budget	FY03 YTD Actual	FY03 YTD Variance	FY03 Budgeted Totals
GF	Sales and Use Tax	63,978,336	63,963,049.48	(15,286.52)	702,321,296	699,387,794.65	(2,933,501.35)	861,578,278
GF	Individual Income Tax	64,682,204	73,200,654.84	8,518,450.84	921,216,476	915,737,281.19	(5,479,194.81)	1,063,483,417
GF	Corporate Income Tax	2,039,603	3,145,317.11	1,105,714.11	70,569,998	71,195,729.51	625,731.51	88,170,000
GF	Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	10,796,759	9,898,672.73	(898,086.27)	95,934,235	91,289,813.76	(4,644,421.24)	105,684,505
GF	Public Utilities Tax	30,000,000	29,097,186.14	(902,813.86)	30,400,000	29,159,650.50	(1,240,349.50)	30,400,000
GF	Insurance Companies Tax	10,011,362	9,864,286.44	(147,075.56)	42,587,846	51,191,565.93	8,603,719.93	56,646,354
GF	Estate Tax	1,966,615	2,796,101.91	829,486.91	17,921,849	23,991,458.71	6,069,609.71	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	48,606	19,185.59	(29,420.41)	1,678,086	2,024,130.42	346,044.42	1,889,000
GF	Transfer to Municipal Revenue Sharing	(6,665,707)	(7,155,760.09)	(490,053.09)	(86,399,496)	(86,002,361.06)	397,134.94	(102,674,817)
GF	Transfer from Liquor Commission	1,973,904	2,304,849.29	330,945.29	24,041,365	23,767,245.15	(274,119.85)	26,290,223
GF	Transfer from Lottery Commission	3,134,625	3,236,929.86	102,304.86	36,085,214	36,028,124.61	(57,089.39)	39,635,176
GF	Other Revenue	14,260,634	15,640,442.08	1,379,808.08	140,725,735	143,608,939.60	2,883,204.60	166,085,146
GF	Totals	196,226,941	206,010,915.38	9,783,974.38	2,005,926,348	2,010,679,957.97	4,753,609.97	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	15,078,027	12,904,281.38	(2,173,745.62)	151,332,939	152,533,494.24	1,200,555.24	187,500,000
HF	Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees	7,465,828	7,940,716.01	474,888.01	70,543,101	73,648,668.28	3,105,567.28	79,432,966
HF	Inspection Fees	258,911	364,031.40	105,120.40	3,082,598	3,734,643.68	652,045.68	3,683,907
HF	Fines	287,187	292,900.08	5,713.08	2,736,102	2,406,860.46	(329,241.54)	3,057,180
HF	Income from Investments	31,314	104,176.11	72,862.11	1,151,656	1,183,727.25	32,071.25	1,418,000
HF	Other Revenue	498,749	550,512.03	51,763.03	8,460,139	8,302,987.42	(157,151.58)	9,154,514
HF	Totals	23,620,016	22,156,617.01	(1,463,398.99)	237,306,535	241,810,381.33	4,503,846.33	284,246,567

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**121<sup>st</sup> Legislative Council  
State House Facilities Committee**

**Meeting Summary  
June 5, 2003**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gagnon, Chair  
Rep. Duplessie  
Rep. Bowles  
Executive Director Dave Boulter (nonvoting)

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Woodcock  
Millie MacFarland, House Clerk (nonvoting)  
Joy O'Brien, Senate Secretary (nonvoting)

Senator Gagnon, chair of the State House Facilities Committee convened the committee at approximately 1:30 p.m. to consider 2 matters.

**Item 1.** Proposed multi year plan for maintenance and improvements to the State House and grounds.

Executive Director Boulter summarized the proposed plan and outlined the activities scheduled for 2003.

Architect Rick Burt was present and answered several questions regarding the plan, use of contractors, budgets and pre-qualification of contractors. The members engaged in a general discussion about various aspects of the plan. Among other things, the plan called for budgeting of contingency funds for the projects. After some discussion, the members felt that a 15% contingency for projects would be appropriate. Director Boulter noted that at times, additional expertise, working on the owner's behalf, would be necessary to verify that the work is being performed satisfactorily. Mention was made of hiring, by contract as needed, owner's representative services to perform the specialized inspections. For 2003, the only project that appeared to require this expertise is the roof replacement, west wing. Members suggested that for 2003 this service be included as part of the replacement project, in lieu of a more generalized arrangement for owner's representative services.

The committee then informally reviewed a suggested motion, that other things required notice to the Legislative Council when a project cost exceeded by more than 10% the total project cost or allowance, including project fees and contingencies. Members generally felt that 5% would be more appropriate until such time as the Legislative Council has had more experience working under the multi year plan.

**Motion:** That the Facilities Committee recommend to the Legislative Council that it adopt the Multi Year Plan for Maintenance and Improvement; direct the Executive Director to take necessary measures to implement the plan in accordance with the schedules contained in the plan, notify the Legislative Council of project costs that exceed more than 5% of the project budget or allowance and to annually present recommended modification and amendments to the plan to the Legislative Council for its consideration; and further that the expenditures for the projects in any given year may not exceed budgeted and available resources, except as expressly authorized by the Legislative Council. (Motion by Rep. Duplessie, second by Rep. Bowles, unanimous)

## **Item 2. Reinstallation of Dioramas**

The committee reviewed the email dated June 4, 2003, from Museum employee Sheila McDonald. J.R. Phillips, Director of the Museum, was present to answer questions by members. In summary, 2 of the 4 dioramas are fully completed; the remaining 2 are well underway, although a June 14 completion date now appears unlikely. The museum suggested that the work would be completed in July. Sen. Gagnon inquired as to what is causing the delay. Mr. Phillips explained that 2 unexpected problems had arisen: moose snow and deer grass. The problems have since been resolved. Sen. Gagnon expressed the very strong desire of the committee that the museum's work on the dioramas be fully completed by the end of June, not July. Given the remaining work to be done in the underground connector once the dioramas are completed, it is important for the museum to complete its work as soon as possible. Mr. Phillips acknowledged the concern of the committee and said he would make every effort to complete the diorama work by the committee's deadline of June 30, 2003.

No further action by the committee was required.

With no other matters having come before the committee, the chair adjourned the committee meeting.

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Legislative Council Action on Proposed Studies  
June 10, 2003

LD #	Emergency or Non-Emergency?	Bill/Study Title	Study Type	Policy Area	Purpose	Size of Study Group	# Legislators	Start Date	Report Date	Compensation	Fiscal Costs	Staffing	Legislative Council Action
1 LD 1219 (pg. 2)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, to Study the Current and Future Benefits of Agricultural Biotechnology	Departmental	ACF	Working group to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages and make recommendations regarding current and future benefits of agricultural biotechnology to Maine's farmers and citizens	Not specified	5	Not specified	12/15/03 to ACF Committee	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY04=\$2,100	Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources	Tabled
2 LD 0425 (pg. 28)	Emergency	Resolve, To Prepare Maine's Students for Active Citizenship	Legislative	EDU	Examine issues surrounding citizenship education and preparing Maine's citizens to be active in the governance of institutions	15	4	Within 15 days following the appointment of all members	12/3/03	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses	FY04=OSR \$6,320; if no OSR is received, then GF costs=\$3,320	OPLA	Tabled
3 LD 0057 (pg. 38)	Emergency	An Act to Establish the Long-term Care Oversight Committee	Legislative	HHS	Review the adoption and amendment of rules and monitor the implementation of initiatives in long-term care	17	3	Not specified	Annually by 1/15	Members serve without compensation	FY04=\$2,520 FY05=\$2,190 (additional FY06 and FY07 costs)	Department of Human Services	Tabled
4 LD 0471 (pg. 42)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, To Study Obesity and Methods to Decrease the Cost of Health Care and Increase the Public Health	Legislative	HHS	Study obesity in the State and methods to decrease the cost of health care and improve the public health	31	4	Within 15 days following the appointment of all members	12/1/03	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses and legislative per diem	FY04=\$7,280 (must use outside funds; if sufficient funds are not received by 9/15/03, no meetings can be held)	Legislative Council	Tabled
5 LD 1293 (pg. 131)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Improve the Fairness of the Health Care Provider Tax and To Ensure Fair implementation of Health Care Reimbursement Reforms	Legislative	HHS	Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to consider the issue of long-term care financing during the 2nd Regular Session of the 121st Legislature and report out a bill			Not applicable	Report out bill to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature	No additional legislative compensation	No additional legislative costs or staff resources		Tabled



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6 LD 1079 (pg. 76)	Emergency	Resolve, To Establish the Committee to Study Compliance with Maine's Freedom of Access Laws	Legislative	JUD	Study state and local governmental compliance with Maine's freedom of access laws and other issues relating to citizens' access to public records and public proceedings, including whether and to what extent the Freedom of Access Laws may be used as a harassment tool against local government entities	16	2	Within 15 days following the appointment of all members	12/1/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses if not otherwise compensated	FY04=\$4,480 OSR=\$500	OPLA	Tabled
7 LD 1343 (pg. 86)	Emergency	Resolve, To Create the Task Force to Study Parity and Portability of Retirement Benefits for State Law Enforcement Officers, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters	Legislative	LAB	Examine issues related to the issues concerning retirement and health insurance benefits for state and municipal law enforcement officers and firefighters	11	7	Within 15 days following the appointment of all members	12/3/03	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses	FY04=\$6,110	OPLA	Tabled
8 LD 0669 (pg. 122)	Emergency	An Act to Strengthen the Energy Resources Council	Departmental	UTE	Review the state energy-related policy and its implementation	Not specified	4	Not specified	1/31/04	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY 04 = OSR \$2,920	Energy Resources Council; OPLA drafting assistance	Tabled
9 JO , Senate Paper 586	Non-Emerg.	Joint Order Directing the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to Recodify MRSA, Title 7	Legislative (staff)	ACF	OPLA and ROS to prepare a bill that recodifies MRSA, Title 7	Not applicable	None	Not specified	1/15/05 to ACF Committee	Not applicable	No legislative costs	OPLA and ROS	
10 LD 1611	Non-Emerg.	Task Force on Veterans Health Services	Departmental	HHS	Study reorganization of services to more effectively meet the health care needs of the State's veterans	13	2	Within 15 days following the appointment of all members	1/1/05	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses if not otherwise compensated	To be determined	Department of Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management; OPLA drafting assistance	

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11 LD 1611	Non-Emerg.	Commission to Study Maine's Community Hospitals	Legislative	HHS	Study the roles, economic impacts, funding, capital needs, opportunities for cooperation and cost-effectiveness of community hospitals	9	None	Not specified	11/1/04	No compensation	No legislative costs	OPLA and OFPR	
12 LD 0732 (pg. 56)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Establish an Advisory Task Force to Examine Staff-child Ratios and Maximum Group Size in Child Care Facilities	Departmental	HHS	Advisory task force established to examine and make recommendations regarding staff-child ratios and maximum group size in child care facilities	Not specified	Legislators are invited to participate in the advisory task force	Not applicable	2/1/04 to HHS Committee	Not applicable	FY04=\$1,575 (based on 3 legislative members attending five meetings)	Department of Human Services	Failed
13 LD 1614, sec. P 9 of change package to Part 2 Budget (pg. 58)	Emergency	Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee	Legislative	HHS	Provide oversight of services provided to or offered by the State for youth in need of services and their families	24	5	Continuation	Already appointed	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses	FY 04=\$2,800 FY05=\$2,625 and on-going costs for each fiscal year	Department of Human Services	Failed
14 LD 20 (pg. 62)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Extend the Authority of the Health Care System and Health Security Board	Legislative	IFS	Develop recommendations to provide health care coverage to all citizens of Maine	20	4	Continuation	Final report by 11/1/04	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses, subject to availability of funds; public members may receive per diem and expenses if not otherwise compensated and funds are available	FY04=OSR \$9,625 FY05=OSR \$7,375; If no OSR is received, then GF costs in FY 04=\$4,690 and FY 05=\$3,850	OPLA	Failed

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15	LD 0467 (pg. 109)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, To Study the Policies of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services Regarding Tax Collection Practices	Legislative	TAX	Study the policies and approaches of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services regarding tax collection practices; review and evaluate the responsibilities of the taxpayer advocate; and assess the need for a tax ombudsman	12	6	Within 15 days following the appointment of all members	1/2/04	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses	FY04=\$4,520	OFPR	Failed
16	LD 1394 (pg. 116)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Modernize the State's Tax System	Legislative	TAX	Annually monitor all additional sales tax revenues collected, as well as the total costs of reimbursing the municipalities	13	13	Not specified	1/1/2005 and annually thereafter	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY05=\$6,500	OFPR	Failed
17	JSO, House Paper 0724 (pg. 1)	Non-Emerg.	Joint Study Order Directing the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study New Payment Models for the Logging Industry	Legislative	ACF	Examine new payment models for the logging industry	13	13	Conduct the study during authorized interim committee meetings	12/31/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY 04=\$1,365 (for 1 additional committee meeting)	OPLA	Authorized
18	JSO, House Paper 0772 (pg. 9)	Non-Emerg.	Joint Order Directing the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to Study the Fiscal Note Process	Legislative	AFA	Study the fiscal note process, especially the process by which a department provides information about the cost of a bill before the Legislature and the potential adverse effect on a department of providing that information	13	13	Not specified	12/1/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY04=\$7,575	Office of Fiscal and Program Review	Await Recommendation from Rules Committee
19	LD 0472 (pg. 11)	Emergency	Resolve, Directing the Community Preservation Advisory Committee to Study Issues Pertaining to Barriers to Affordable Housing in the State	Departmental	BEC	Develop recommendations to reduce regulatory barriers to and provide incentives for the creation and availability affordable housing	Community Preservation Advisory Committee	6	When appointment of all members has been completed	12/10/2003 to BEC Committee	Not applicable	Fy04=\$750 (cost of additional report)	State Planning Office; OPLA to assist with drafting	Authorized

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20	LD 969 (pg. 15)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Ensure Equity in Mortgage Volume Fees	Legislative	BEC	Study the revenue sources of the Office of Consumer Credit Regulation	14	4	Within 15 days following completion of appointments of members	12/10/03	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses and legislative per diem	FY04=OSR \$3,210	OPLA	Authorized
21	LD 0372 (pg. 19)	Emergency	Resolve, to Improve Community Safety and Sex Offender Accountability	Legislative	CRJ	Examine and recommend any changes to current laws governing the sentencing, registration, release and placement of sex offenders	18	3	Within 15 days following completion of appointments of members	12/1/03	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses	FY04=\$5,790	OPLA	Authorized
22	LD 1614, section K-2 of Part 2 Budget (pg. 24)	Emergency	Commission to Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners	Departmental	CRJ	Study ways to reduce the prison population; control the overall costs of the correction system; and reduce recidivism and the transition of prisoners back to the community, including the impact of offenders on communities	16	4	Within 15 days following completion of appointments of members	1/2/04	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses	FY04=\$2520	State Planning Office	Authorized
23	LD 751 (pg. 33)	Emergency	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council	Legislative	EDU	Recommends adding one Senator to the Youth Advisory Council	22	4	Continuation	2/4/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY04=\$630 FY05=\$630 and on-going costs for each fiscal year	Muskie School of Public Policy	Authorized
24	LD 0989 (pg. 127)	Emergency	Resolve, To Establish a Task Force Concerning Speech-language Pathologists	Legislative	EDU	Study methods to increase the number of speech-language pathologists available to provide services in schools to Maine children	13	None	Within 15 days following the appointment of all members	1/15/04	Public members not otherwise compensated may receive per diem and expenses	No legislative costs	Attorney General in consultation with the PUC	Authorized

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25 LD 0553 (pg. 52)	Emergency	Resolve, To Study the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of hearing Children and Adolescents	Legislative	HHS	Examine the behavioral, developmental, social, emotional and educational needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing children and adolescents who are not receiving adequate services because of the lack of appropriate resources in the State	18	4	Within 15 days following the appointment of all members	12/10/03	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses	FY04=\$11,060	Attorney General in consultation with the PUC	Authorized
26 LD 1358 (pg. 72)	Emergency	Resolve, to Reestablish the Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine	Legislative	IFW	Provide oversight and policy guidance to the Department of IFW concerning funds appropriated for engineering design of Embden Hatchery; complete all duties prescribed of the previous study commission and work with department on other issues related to fish hatcheries	18	7	No later than August 15, 2003	No reports are required	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses and legislative per diem	FY04= OSR \$1,750	OPLA	Authorized
27 LD 0035 (pg. 81)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Increase the Assessment of Workers' Compensation Insurance to Fund the Workers' Compensation Board Administrative Fund	Legislative	LAB	Review the process used by the Workers' Compensation Board to establish, approve and monitor its budget and determine whether improvements are needed.	4	2	30 days following effective date of the Act	12/3/03 to the Labor Committee	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses for Legislators and Board members	FY04=OSR \$855 (Board to reimburse legislature for per diem and expenses)	Workers' Compensation Board, OPLA and OFPR	Authorized
28 JSO, Senate Paper 0552 (pg. 90)	Non-Emerg.	Joint Order Establishing the Committee to Study the Implementation of the Privatization of the State's Wholesale Liquor Business	Legislative	LVA	Gather information and data from public and private entities in order to review the progress of the implementation of the privatization of the State's wholesale liquor business	9	9	No later than August 15, 2003	12/3/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY04=\$8,625	OPLA	Authorized
29 LD 1271 (pg. 93)	Emergency	Resolve, To Study the Implementation of a Plan to Prohibit the Discharge of Certain Wastewater into Coastal Waters	Departmental	NAT	Develop a recommended plan for prohibiting or regulating the discharge of sewage and gray water from vessels into the coastal waters of the State	Stakeholder group established by Department of Environmental Protection	Not specified; Department may invite participation of NAT Committee	Within 30 days of the effective date of the Resolve	11/1/03 to NAT Committee	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY04=\$1,575 (based on 3 NAT members attending 5 meetings)	Department of Environmental Protection	Authorized

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30 JSO, House Paper 0726 (pg. 96)	Non-Emerg.	Joint Study Order to Establish the Task Force to Study the Functional Efficiencies in the Legislative Process	Legislative	SLG	Assess and identify inefficiencies and redundancies in the legislative process and determine solutions to correct inefficiencies in the legislative process	10	10	No later than 60 days following passage of the Joint Order	11/6/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY04=\$8,100	OPLA	Await Recommendation from Rules Committee
31 LD 0040 (pg. 99)	Emergency	Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Commission to Recognize Veterans of World War II and the Korean War on the State House Hall of Flags	Legislative	SLG	To arrange for a plaque or plaques and a flag(s) to be displayed in the eh Hall of Flags in the State House in honor of the Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean War	5	2	Continuation	11/1/03	Legislative Per Diem and expenses; public members not otherwise compensated may receive expenses	FY04=\$1,840	OPLA	Authorized
32 LD 0599 (pg. 112)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Task Force on Rail Transportation and Correct an Inconsistency	Legislative	TAX	Review and make recommendations for statutory revisions to Maine tax laws affecting railroads operating in Maine	Not specified; Chairs of Taxation Committee shall appoint a subcommittee	Sub-committee of the Taxation Committee	Not specified	Report out legislation to the 121st Legislature	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	Interim committee meetings to be used to conduct the study	Office of Fiscal and Program Review	Authorized
33 LD 0397 (pg. 118)	Emergency	Resolve, to Create the Study Group to Examine an Emergency Alert Notification System for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Individuals	Departmental	UTE	Study the development of emergency alert systems for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals for all types of emergencies, including weather-related emergencies	17	Department may invite members of the Utilities Committee to participate	Within 15 days following the appointment of all members	11/21/03	Members are not entitled to Per Diem and Expenses	FY04=\$1,575 (based on 3 legislative members attending 5 meetings)	Maine Emergency Management Agency; OPLA may assist with drafting	Authorized
34 LD 1413 (pg. 70)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Clarify Maine Law Relating to Viatical Settlements	Departmental	IFS	Working group to develop recommended legislation relating to life settlement contracts	Not specified	None	Not specified	1/1/04	Not applicable	Staff resources required	Bureau of Insurance; OPLA to participate in the working group	No action Required (enacted)

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1	JSO, HP 724	HP 724	Joint Study Order Directing the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study New Payment Models for the Logging Industry	ACF	Examine new payment models for the logging industry	Authorized
2	LD 1219	HP 893	Resolve, to Study the Current and Future Benefits of Agricultural Biotechnology	ACF	Working group to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages and make recommendations regarding current and future benefits of agricultural biotechnology to Maine's farmers and citizens	Tabled
3	JSO, HP 772	HP 772	Joint Order Directing the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to Study the Fiscal Note Process	AFA	Study the fiscal note process, especially the process by which a department provides information about the cost of a bill before the Legislature and the potential adverse effect on a department of providing that information	Await Recommendation from Rules Committee
4	LD 472	HP 364	Resolve, Directing the Community Preservation Advisory Committee to Study Issues Pertaining to Barriers to Affordable Housing in the State	BRE	Develop recommendations to reduce regulatory barriers to and provide incentives for the creation and availability affordable housing	Authorized
5	LD 969	SP 310	An Act to Ensure Equity in Mortgage Volume Fees	BRE	Study the revenue sources of the Office of Consumer Credit Regulation	Authorized
6	LD 1614, (section K-2 of Part 2 budget bill)	HP 1190	Commission to Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners	CRJ	Study ways to reduce the prison population; control the overall costs of the correction system; and reduce recidivism and the transition of prisoners back to the community, including the impact of offenders on communities	Authorized
7	LD 372	HP 292	Resolve, to Improve Community Safety and Sex Offender Accountability	CRJ	Examine and recommend any changes to current laws governing the sentencing, registration, release and placement of sex offenders	Authorized

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8	LD 425	HP 333	Resolve, To Prepare Maine's Students for Active Citizenship	EDU	Examine issues surrounding citizenship education and preparing Maine's citizens to be active in the governance of institutions	Tabled
9	LD 751	HP 557	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council	EDU	Recommends adding one Senator to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council	Authorized
10	LD 989	SP 338	Resolve, to Establish a Task Force Concerning Speech-language Pathologists	EDU	Study Methods to increase the number of speech-language pathologists available to provide services in schools to Maine children	Authorized
11	LD 1293	SP 424	An Act to Improve the Fairness of the Health Care Provider Tax and to Ensure Fair Implementation of Health Care Reimbursement Reforms	HHS	Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to consider the issue of long-term care financing during the 2nd Regular Session of the 121st Legislature and report out a bill	Tabled
12	LD 1614 (sec. P-9 of change package to Part 2 budget bill)	HP 1190	Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee	HHS	Provide oversight of services provided to or offered by the State for youth in need of services and their families	Failed
13	LD 471	HP 363	Resolve, To Study Obesity and Methods to Decrease the Cost of Health Care and Increase the Public Health	HHS	Study obesity in the State and methods to decrease the cost of health care and improve the public health	Tabled
14	LD 553	SP 193	Resolve, To Study the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Children and Adolescents	HHS	Examine the behavioral, developmental, social, emotional and educational needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing children and adolescents who are not receiving adequate services because of the lack of appropriate resources in the State	Authorized
15	LD 57	HP 65	An Act to Establish the Long-term Care Oversight Committee	HHS	Review the adoption and amendment of rules and monitor the implementation of initiatives in long-term care	Tabled



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16	LD 732	HP 538	Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Establish an Advisory Task Force to Examine Staff-child Ratios and Maximum Group Size in Child Care Facilities	HHS	Advisory task force established to examine and make recommendations regarding staff-child ratios and maximum group size in child care facilities	Failed
17	LD 1413	HP 1035	An Act to Clarify Maine Law Relating to Viatical Settlements	IFS	Working group to develop recommended legislation relating to life settlement contracts	No Action Required (enacted)
18	LD 20	HP 27	An Act to Extend the Authority of the Health Care System and Health Security Board	IFS	Develop recommendations to provide health care coverage to all citizens of Maine	Failed
19	LD 1358	SP 446	Resolve, to Reestablish the Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine	IFW	Provide oversight and policy guidance to the Department of IFW concerning funds appropriated for engineering design of Embden Hatchery; complete all duties prescribed of the previous study commission and work with department on other issues related to fish hatcheries	Authorized
20	LD 1079	HP 797	Resolve, To Establish the Committee to Study Compliance with Maine's Freedom of Access Laws	JUD	Study state and local governmental compliance with Maine's freedom of access laws and other issues relating to citizens' access to public records and public proceedings, including whether and to what extent the Freedom of Access Laws may be used as a harassment tool against local government entities	Tabled
21	LD 0035	SP 21	An Act to Increase the Assessment of Workers' Compensation Insurance to Fund the Workers' Compensation Board Administrative Fund (proposed in minority report, Committee Amendment "B")	LAB	Review the process used by the Workers' Compensation Board to establish, approve and monitor its budget and determine whether improvements are needed.	Authorized

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22	LD 1343	HP 989	Resolve, To Create the Task Force to Study Parity and Portability of Retirement Benefits for State Law Enforcement Officers, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters	LAB	Examine issues related to the issues concerning retirement and health insurance benefits for state and municipal law enforcement officers and firefighters	Tabled
23	JSO, SP 0552	SP 552	Joint Order Establishing the Committee to Study the Implementation of the Privatization of the State's Wholesale Liquor Business	LVA	Gather information and data from public and private entities in order to review the progress of the implementation of the privatization of the State's wholesale liquor business	Authorized
24	LD 1271	HP 943	Resolve, To Study the Implementation of a Plan to Prohibit the Discharge of Certain Wastewater into Coastal Waters	NAT	Develop a recommended plan for prohibiting or regulating the discharge of sewage and gray water from vessels into the coastal waters of the State	Authorized
25	JSO, HP 726	HP 726	Joint Study Order to Establish the Task Force to Study the Functional Efficiencies in the Legislative Process	SLG	Assess and identify inefficiencies and redundancies in the legislative process and determine solutions to correct inefficiencies in the legislative process	Await Recommendation from Rules Committee
26	LD 40	SP 26	Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Commission to Recognize Veterans of World War II and the Korean War on the State House Hall of Flags	SLG	To arrange for a plaque or plaques and a flag(s) to be displayed in the eh Hall of Flags in the State House in honor of the Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean War	Authorized
27	LD 1394	HP 1020	An Act to Modernize the State's Tax System	TAX	Annually monitor all additional sales tax revenues collected, as well as the total costs of reimbursing the municipalities	Failed

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28	LD 467	HP 359	Resolve, To Study the Policies of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services Regarding Tax Collection Practices	TAX	Study the policies and approaches of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services regarding tax collection practices; review and evaluate the responsibilities of the taxpayer advocate; and assess the need for a tax ombudsman	Failed
29	LD 599	SP 208	An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Task Force on Rail Transportation and Correct an Inconsistency	TAX	Review and make recommendations for statutory revisions to Maine tax laws affecting railroads operating in Maine	Authorized
30	LD 397	SP 134	Resolve, to Create the Study Group to Examine an Emergency Alert Notification System for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Individuals	UTE	Study the development of emergency alert systems for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals for all types of emergencies, including weather-related emergencies	Authorized
31	LD 669	SP 233	An Act to Strengthen the Energy Resources Council	UTE	Review the state energy-related policy and its implementation	Tabled

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**Actions Taken by Ballot by  
the Legislative Council Since  
the May 28, 2003 Council Meeting**

**1. Request for Introduction of Legislation**

- A. LR 2169:                Resolve, to Ratify the Endorsement of the Towns of Otisfield and  
                                 Harrison in Naming the Bolsters Mills Bridge

Submitted by:        Sen. Richard Bennett  
Accepted:             June 3, 2003, 10 – 0 – 0 – 0

- B. LR 2171:                An Act to Prevent the Sale of Water Laced With Nicotine in Maine

Submitted by:        Sen. John L. Martin  
Accepted:             May 8, 2003, 7 - 1 – 0 - 2

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MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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June 9, 2003

TO:

SUBJECT: Your After Deadline Bill Request(s) <sup>DB</sup>

The Legislative Council has scheduled its next meeting for:

**Tuesday**

**June 10, 2003**

**12:00 noon**

**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

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Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Trahan, A. David

WITHDRAWN  
06/09/03

LR 2010 An Act to Establish the Epinephrine Training Fund

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: Sen. Youngblood, Edward M.

TABLED  
04/30/03

R 2113 An Act To Require A Legal Notice Be Served on a Pet  
Owner Before a Pet May Be Taken from the Owner

**ADDENDUM**

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**Action**

**SPONSOR: Rep. Jackson, Troy D.**

**LR 2181    An Act to Require Use of United States Residents for  
Work with the Bureau of Parks and Lands**