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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 25, 2007

1:00 P.M.

REVISED AGENDA

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OLD BUSINESS

10	Item #1 Council Actions Taken By Ballot (No action required)	Information
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NEW BUSINESS

11	Item # 1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests (including addendum)	Roll Call Vote
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	Item # 2: Request by Speaker Cummings to Extend Bill Cloture Date for Rep. Moore to January 29, 2007	Decision
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23	Item #4: Request by Ms. Peggy Beaman for Permission to Use the “The State of Maine Song” in an Educational Music Book	Decision
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25	Item #5: Request by OPEGA to Carry Forward Unspent FY 06 Funds to FY 07 (Ms. Breton)	Decision
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26	Item # 6: Request by Law & Legislative Reference Library to Carry Forward Unspent FY 06 Funds to FY 07 (Ms. Breton)	Decision
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27	Item # 7: Submission of Final Report of Human Trafficking Task Force	Acceptance
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28	Item # 8: Submission of Annual Report of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council	Acceptance
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29	Item # 9: Submission of Final Report of the Commission to Study the Cost of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories	Acceptance
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30	Item # 10: Submission of Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee	Acceptance
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31	Item # 11: Submission of the Final Report of the Task Force to Study Maine’s Homeland Security Needs	Acceptance
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32	Item # 12: Submission of the Final Report of the Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development and the Innovation Economy	Acceptance
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT



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123RD MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY
December 7, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Senator Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate, called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. in the Legislative Council chamber pursuant to the Rules of Procedure.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Beth Edmonds, Sen. Elizabeth Mitchell, Sen. John Martin, Sen. Carol Weston, Sen. Richard Rosen

Representatives: Speaker Glenn Cummings, Rep. Hannah Pingree, Rep. Sean Faircloth, Rep. Joshua Tardy, Rep. Robert Crosthwaite

Legislative Officers: Millie MacFarland, Clerk of the House
Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate
Michael Cote, Assistant Clerk of the House
David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Rose Breton, Legislative Finance Director
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes
Patrick Norton, Director, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian
Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services

President Edmonds convened the meeting at 9:10 A.M. with a quorum of members present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Presiding Officer President Edmonds explained that under the Rules of Procedure, the first order of business is the election of the chair and the vice-chair of the Legislative Council for the 123rd Legislature. President Edmonds then called for nominations for chair of the Legislative Council. Sen. Mitchell nominated President Edmonds. Rep. Cummings seconded the nomination of President Edmonds. No further nominations were made. Sen. Mitchell moved that nominations cease. Sen. Martin moved that one ballot be cast for President Edmonds for chair of the Legislative Council for the 123rd Legislature. Rep. Faircloth seconded the motion. **Motion passed, unanimous.**

The chair of the Legislative Council, President Edmonds called for nominations for vice-chair of the Legislative Council. Sen. Martin nominated Speaker Cummings. Rep. Pingree seconded the nomination of Speaker Cummings. No further nominations were made. Sen. Mitchell moved that nominations cease. Sen. Martin moved that one ballot be cast for Speaker Cummings for vice-chair of the Legislative Council for the 123rd Legislature. Sen. Mitchell seconded the motion. **Motion passed, unanimous.**

ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

Chair of the Legislative Council President Edmonds explained that the next order of business was to adopt rules of procedures for the Legislative Council. Executive Director David Boulter directed members' attention to Page 1 of the Legislative Council packet that contained suggested rules of procedure. He explained the suggested rules were modeled after the rules adopted by the Legislative Council for the 122nd Legislature. The members reviewed the suggested rules of procedure.

Sen. Martin noted that paragraph 17 of the proposed rules stated that Rule 2 (election of chair) and Rule 4 (quorum of members) may not be amended during the term of the 123rd Legislature. He stated that the rules could be amended if a subsequent law change authorized amendment. He suggested that Rule 17 be amended to reflect that circumstance.

Sen. Rosen asked whether the proposed rules of procedure are essentially the same as those adopted for the 122nd Legislature. Mr. Boulter responded that they are, with one notable exception. The suggested rules exclude a provision that requires the establishment of a Capital Area Advisory Committee. He explained that in the early part of this decade, the Legislative Council established a committee to facilitate local communications about activities in Capitol Park. However, for the last 2 legislatures, the committee was determined to be unnecessary since legislation governing activities in Capitol Park had subsequently been enacted. Therefore, the committee was not appointed or convened. That legislation is referenced in paragraph 18 (Decisions affecting Capitol Park) of the suggested rules of procedure. Furthermore, the Legislative Council adopted a Master Plan for Capitol Park in 2005 that established a plan for the design and build-out of the park. Mr. Boulter noted that elimination of the committee requirement from the rules does not diminish the importance of Legislative Council's continued oversight of Capitol Park.

Rep. Crosthwaite asked if the change would have any effect on the jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government relating to Capitol Park. Mr. Boulter responded that it would not since under law the Legislative Council, not the committee, has jurisdiction over the State House and Grounds, including Capitol Park.

Motion by Sen. Martin to adopt the suggested Rules of Procedure, with an amendment to Paragraph 17 allowing paragraphs 2 and 4 to be amended if changed by law, second by Rep. Tardy. **Motion passed, unanimous.**

SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 16, 2006 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion by Rep. Tardy to accept the meeting summary of the November 16, 2006 Legislative Council meeting, second by Rep. Faircloth. **Motion passed, unanimous.**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

The Executive Director and other council directors did not make a report this month because of the limited purpose, organizational nature of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT STUDY COMMITTEE PROCESS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BE CONVENED TO REVIEW THE STUDY COMMITTEE PROCESS

Legislative Council Chair, President Edmonds asked council staff to describe the issue and recommendation. OPLA Director Norton drew Legislative Council members' attention to an October 2006 memo regarding a recommendation to form a subcommittee of the Legislative Council to review the current legislative study committee process. This would be the first comprehensive review of the process since 1998 when the Legislative Council undertook a similar study and made a series of recommendations for improvement that would allow the legislature to fully direct the course of its own studies. Mr. Norton explained that the recommendations were implemented and for the next several legislatures there was notable improvement in the process. More recently, some of the earlier issues and practices have re-emerged, and the Legislative Council of the 122nd Legislature felt it was an appropriate time to review the process again and address any issues found to be problematic. It so recommended to this Legislative Council.

Sen. Mitchell supported the recommendation for a review of the study committee process. She stated that she was aware of problems with the current process that could be addressed by the review. By way of example, she described a current study on early childhood special education where the enabling legislation did not provide sufficient parameters to keep the task force focused and on task and schedule. Since the legislation did not set a limit to the number of authorized meetings, the task force met many, many times creating additional legislative expenses without Legislative Council oversight or control. She indicated that the task force was so problematic that she and Rep. Norton as co-chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs wrote a memo to the study task force chair urging the task force to redirect its energies to completing the study. She concluded by saying that study legislation should provide very clear direction to study committees. Mr. Norton commented that Sen. Mitchell's example was an excellent one since there are a number of areas in this study legislation that deviates from the 1998 recommendations for improvement.

Rep. Pingree asked for some examples of the parameters recommended in the 1998 report. Mr. Norton explained that the underlying goal was allow the Legislature to control and direct the course of its own studies. To do so, it should have a majority of legislators as members, chairs should be legislators, presiding officers should appoint all members, nonpartisan staff should staff legislative studies, studies should be created by joint order rather than by resolve so they do not require gubernatorial approval and may commence sooner than 90 days following adjournment sine die. Rep. Faircloth suggested that any new study procedures need to be enforced if they are to be effective.

Sen. Mitchell suggested that it is time to re-evaluate the current study committee process, for the Legislature to adopt appropriate changes for this legislative session, and to educate committee chairs on the study process.

Sen. Martin also supported the recommendation for review of the process, and gave an example of the need for improved procedures. He briefly described the current study on solid waste which he chairs. The Department of Environmental Protection staffs the commission, rather than nonpartisan staff, and has a conflict of interest as staff since they want to advocate for certain recommendations that affect the department or the solid waste program. He also indicated that there are (now) former legislators serving on the commission in legislative roles.

Legislative Council Chair, President Edmonds concluded the discussion by noting that the comments all point out the need to undertake a review and make changes that will improve the study committee process. She suggested that a subcommittee be established with members appointed by the chair of the Legislative Council to review information, current procedures and the process, and to develop recommendations for consideration by the full Legislative Council.

Motion by Rep. Tardy to establish a subcommittee of the Legislative Council to review the study committee process, second by Sen. Mitchell. **Motion passed, unanimous.**

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF INITIAL SALARIES AND STEP INCREASES FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND STATE AUDITOR

Executive Director Boulter explained that one of the responsibilities of the Legislative Council is to establish initial salaries for the Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor and to consider and approve annual step increases for them as appropriate. Since the Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor were re-elected to their positions, setting initial salaries for them is unnecessary. Step increases would apply, however. Under the Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, the review and approval of step increases are delegated to the Legislative Council's Personnel Committee. No action by the Legislative Council is required at this time.

ITEM 2: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL POLICY ON PROCESSING DUPLICATE BILL REQUESTS FILED BY LEGISLATORS

Executive Director Boulter indicated that at the beginning of each legislative biennium, the Legislative Council considers a policy to minimize the number of duplicate bills that are introduced in the legislature session. He then asked Revisor of Statutes Margaret Matheson to summarize her recommendations for handling duplicate bill requests that are filed by legislators.

Revisor Matheson explained that the Revisor's office is usually given the task of identifying bill requests that are duplicates or have sufficient similarities that they can be combined into a single bill. She recommended that the Legislative Council adopt the procedures proposed in her memo found in the council packet that is essentially the same process that has been in place for past sessions. Under the procedure, the first legislator filing a bill request with sufficient information to fully draft the bill becomes the prime sponsor of the legislation. Subsequent filers of bill

requests determined to be duplicative of the first request become mandatory sponsors, i.e., they must be listed as co-sponsors of the legislation if they so choose. Duplicate bill requests are not drafted. In response to a question about the number of allowed sponsors for duplicate bill requests, Ms. Matheson indicated that any mandatory co-sponsors are in addition to the full complement of bill sponsors otherwise allowed by the joint rules. This process acknowledges all legislator sponsors of the bill but minimizes duplicate bills having to be drafted, printed and considered by the Legislature.

Speaker Cummings asked Ms. Matheson what is the cost to produce a bill. She replied that the direct cost is about \$300 per bill on average. Speaker Cummings noted that the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules developed several recommendations in 2000 designed to limit the number of bills being introduced. He asked if the committee report remains available for review by the Legislative Council. Ms. Matheson stated that as staff to the select committee, the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate may have copies, but in any event, copies should be available in the Law & Legislative Reference Library. Speaker Cummings indicated that it would be helpful for the report to be distributed to Legislative Council members.

Sen. Martin asked how many bills have been pre-filed this session. Ms. Matheson answered that 1,049 bills requests were filed. He then asked how many "concept draft" bills were filed last session. Ms. Matheson checked with her staff and reported that 130 concept drafts were filed. Sen. Martin commented that the Joint Rules committee may want to consider requiring the sponsor of a concept draft to present more detailed information by the time of the public hearing on the bill in order for a concept draft to be further considered. Without additional details, committees often do not know what a sponsor intends to be enacted or required. Sen. Mitchell agreed, saying that concept drafts have a value in conveying broad ideas such as school district consolidations, but perhaps concept drafts are a better committee tool than a legislator tool. The rules committee can address issues to improve effectiveness. Rep. Faircloth stated that concept drafting requirements must be specific enough so that legislation can eventually be drafted in a manner suitable for enactment. If the concept bill is too unspecific, it wastes the committee's time trying to identify what is actually being requested.

Legislative Council Chair, President Edmonds asked if anyone was prepared to make a motion to adopt a policy on processing duplicate bill requests.

Motion by Rep. Pingree to adopt the proposed policy on processing duplicate bill requests, second by Rep. Faircloth. **Motion passed, unanimous.**

President Edmonds noted that the members to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules will be appointed soon and can address the various issues raised about bill filings.

ITEM 3: FINAL REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION, DETECTION AND EDUCATION

Executive Director Boulter indicated that Item #3 is acceptance of the final report of the task force.

Motion by Sen. Mitchell to accept the final report of the Task Force to Study Cervical Cancer Prevention, Detection and Education and place it on file, second by Sen. Weston. **Motion passed, unanimous.**

**ITEM 4: FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ARRANGE FOR A
MONUMENT HONORING WOMEN VETERANS OF MAINE**

Executive Director Boulter indicated that Item #4 is acceptance of the final report of the commission. Sen. Mitchell urged Legislative Council members to look at the design for the women veterans' memorial that is proposed to be constructed at a new memorial park on the east side of the Kennebec River. The memorial will be built using private funds.

Motion by Sen. Mitchell to accept the final report of the Commission To Arrange For A Monument Honoring Women Veterans Of Maine and place it on file, second by Sen. Weston.
Motion passed, unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND REMARKS

Legislative Council Chair, President Edmonds thanked the members for their support and stated that she looked forward to working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 9:43 A.M. Motion by Sen. Mitchell, second by Speaker Cummings, **Motion passed, unanimous.**

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DAVID E. BOULTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Legislative Council
Executive Director's Report**

January 25, 2007

1. State House renovations projects for 2006

The last of the State House renovation projects for 2006 is concluding this week with the completion of the emergency call box system at Parking Lots A & B near the State House. The call boxes will be connected to the Building Control Center and Capitol Security, be activated on Monday, and should provide an important measure of security to visitors, legislators and staff who use the parking lots.

2. MDF Legislative Policy Forum on Health Care

As a reminder, the Maine Development Foundation is holding a legislative policy forum on health care. The forum is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2007 from 8:30 to 4:00 at the Augusta Civic Center, and is the last of the legislative orientation programs organized by the Legislative Council for this session.

3. Bill Drafting Progress

Bill drafting is well underway in the Revisor's office, OPLA and OFPR. The Revisor's office reports that the current number of live LR's stands at 2,097, the number of bills that have been drafted and are out for sponsor review and signature is 244, the number of completed bills that have been sent for printing is 400, and the number of LR's that have been withdrawn to date is 380.

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Fiscal Briefing

Legislative Council Meeting

January 25, 2007

*Prepared by the
Office of Fiscal & Program Review*

1. Revenue Update

- General Fund revenue was under budget by \$11.1 million in December, resulting in a negative variance for the Fiscal Year-to-date (FYTD) of \$9.0 million (-0.7%). This variance is from the revised revenue forecast, which increased General Fund revenue by \$86.4 million for FY07. This negative variance was driven by the December's Corporate Income Tax collections, which were under budget by \$16.9 million for the month and for the FYTD. Maine's experience in this area differs substantially from the federal experience and many other states' experiences. As yet, no good explanation for this negative variance is available.
- Highway Fund revenue with the downward revision of FY07 revenue by \$9.6 million in the December 2006 revenue forecast is now performing much closer to budget.

2. Revenue Forecasting Schedule

- The update to the revenue forecast begins with the meeting of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC). The CEFC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd at 9:30AM in Room 228 of the State House.
- The Revenue Forecasting Committee will likely meet in the later part of February to conclude the update in time for the March 1st statutory report deadline. No specific date has been established.

3. Cash Pool and Cash Balance Trends

- Average Cash Pool balance has dropped from \$689.3 million in July 2006 to \$494.8 million in December. This decline is largely due to the recent trend in General Fund cash balances and the reliance on internal borrowing from Other Special Revenue Funds rather than using Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) borrowing.
- The General Fund increased its internal borrowing from Other Special Revenue Funds to over \$100 million in December. The State Controller and State Treasurer will be consulting soon to see what type of additional cash flow borrowing may be required to get through to April's income tax collections. Earlier, the expectation was that no TAN borrowing would be required in this fiscal year.
- Highway Fund average cash balance trends continued their downward slide in October. December's average balance dropped below \$10 million. Highway Fund cash balances typically recover somewhat during the winter months.

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Technology Report
January 18, 2007

MELD Bill Drafting System:

- The MELD Bill Drafting System is in full production
- An external software support agreement for MELD is in place
- Issues with MELD are being addressed as they are identified by the Revisor's Office
- A problem log of items will be addressed by the vendor

Bill Text on the Web Page:

- Working with the Secretary and Clerk, process changes have been made to link the posting bill text information to the Web page to when the Senate and House Calendars are posted to the Web page.
- Work is underway to further automate this process

Email Processing Time:

- The external throughput of the of the email system is being monitored and tested daily
- Adjustments have been made to the process to improve throughput volumes
- Daily test indicate average processing times of 1 to 2 minutes from the time a message is sent until it is received
- Systems is working an issue of long processing times for large PDF type files

Senate and House Video:

- Coordinating for the Secretary and Clerk with the vendors to resolve the remaining technical issues

**Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
December 7, 2006 Council Meeting**

Request for Introduction of Legislation

A. LR 2504: **Joint Resolution Memorializing the President and the Congress of
the United States to Repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005**

Submitted by: Senator Elizabeth H. Mitchell

Accepted: January 23, 2007 Vote: 10 – 0 in favor

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 123rd LEGISLATURE
January 18, 2007**

Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Berry, Seth A.

LR 2440 An Act To Declare a Moratorium on the Sale and Installation
of Outdoor Wood Boilers That Do Not Meet the Current EPA
Standards for Wood Stoves

SPONSOR: Rep. Berry, Seth A.

WITHDRAWN

LR 2449 An Act To Amend the Tax Code

SPONSOR: Rep. Blanchard, Richard D.

LR 2474 An Act To Fund Pesticide Education in the State

SPONSOR: Rep. Clark, Herbert

LR 2479 An Act To Appropriate Funds for the Katahdin Cultural Center

SPONSOR: Rep. Cotta, H. David

LR 2461 An Act To Allow Stores over 10,000 Square Feet To Be Open on
Certain Holidays

SPONSOR: Rep. Craven, Margaret M.

LR 2441 An Act To Allow Union Members to Collect Unemployment
Benefits during a Strike

SPONSOR: Rep. Craven, Margaret M.

LR 2442 An Act To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement for Speech and
Language Therapists and Provide Treatment for Adults with
Developmental Disabilities

SPONSOR: Rep. Greeley, Christian D.

LR 2480 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Failure To Provide a Correct Name

SPONSOR: Rep. Greeley, Christian D.

LR 2481 An Act To Allow Refusal To Submit to a Test Grounds for Conviction for Operating under the Influence

SPONSOR: Rep. Greeley, Christian D.

LR 2482 An Act To Increase the Penalty for Failure To Appear on a Summons

SPONSOR: Rep. Greeley, Christian D.

LR 2483 An Act To Require Registered Sex Offenders To Reveal that to the Police

SPONSOR: Rep. Greeley, Christian D.

LR 2484 An Act To Include Children as Persons Eligible under the Military Family Leave Act

SPONSOR: Rep. Greeley, Christian D.

LR 2485 An Act To Exempt from Income Tax Military Reenlistment Bonuses

SPONSOR: Rep. Greeley, Christian D.

LR 2486 An Act To Increase the Penalties for Cruelty to Animals

SPONSOR: Rep. Hanley, Stephen P.

LR 2475 An Act To Prohibit the Confiscation of Lawfully Owned and Carried Firearms during a State of Emergency

SPONSOR: Rep. McDonough, John F.

LR 2478 An Act To Change the Way Excise Tax Is Assessed

SPONSOR: Rep. Perry, Anne C.

LR 2506 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Closed Periods for the Hauling of Lobster Traps

SPONSOR: Sen. Plowman, Debra D.

LR 2494 An Act To Allow the Use of Credit Cards To Purchase Alcohol, Beer and Spirits from Distributors

SPONSOR: Sen. Plowman, Debra D.

LR 2495 An Act To Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act

SPONSOR: Rep. Saviello, Thomas B.

LR 2496 An Act To Create a School District in Northern Franklin County

SPONSOR: Sen. Sherman, Roger L.

LR 2493 An Act To Protect Retirement Benefits of Teachers and Principals with Respect to Implementation of the Local Schools and Regional Support Initiative

SPONSOR: Rep. Simpson, Deborah

LR 2489 An Act To Authorize Judges To Mandate Counseling for Juvenile Offenders

SPONSOR: Rep. Treat, Sharon Anglin

LR 2459 An Act To Regulate Presettlement Lawsuit Funding

SPONSOR: Rep. Tuttle, Jr., John L.

LR 2505 An Act To Increase Wheelchair Van Services Reimbursement Rates

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Berry, Seth A.

WITHDRAWN

LR 1693 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Berry, Seth A.

LR 1694 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO REPEAL THE LAWS THAT REDUCE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR RETIRED TEACHERS

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Berry, Seth A.

LR 2416 JOINT RESOLUTION, MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO REQUEST THAT MAINE'S HIGHWAY TAX DOLLARS COME BACK TO MAINE

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Bliss, Lawrence

LR 1156 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULFILL THE INTENT TO FUND 40% OF THE COSTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND TO END UNFUNDED MANDATES

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Bowman, Peter B.

LR 1542 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXEMPT SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS FROM THE FEDERAL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001 WHEN STUDENT ATTENDANCE FALLS BELOW THE STATE TARGET DUE TO EXCESSIVE STUDENT ABSENTEEISM

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Sen. Courtney, Jonathan T.E. (Title Change)

LR 0040 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO REINSTATE THE TERM "POW" OR "PRISONER OF WAR"

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Marley, Boyd P.

LR 1983 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO BOYCOTT CANADIAN SEAFOOD UNTIL THE SLAUGHTER OF PUP SEALS STOPS

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Savage, David G.

LR 2093 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO BOYCOTT CANADIAN SEAFOOD DUE TO THE CONTINUING CANADIAN SEAL HUNT

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Schatz, James M.

LR 0949 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN OPPOSITION TO MANDATORY IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS

ADDENDUM

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AFTER DEADLINE REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 123RD LEGISLATURE January 25, 2007

Action

SPONSOR: Rep. Moore, Gary W.

LR 2462 An Act To Allow a Racino in a Municipality To Support a Train on the Route 113 Railway Corridor and To Support the Harness Racing Industry

JOINT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Wheeler, Sr., Walter A.

LR 2509 JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO OPPOSE THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TROOPS IN IRAQ

SPONSOR: Rep. Mazurek, Edward J.

LR 2512 Resolve, Creating an Oversight Board To Review State Prison Disciplinary Actions

SPONSOR: Rep. Pingree, Hannah

LR 2516 An Act To Provide One-time funds to Leverage Private Funds To Strengthen Children and Families in Maine

SPONSOR: Rep. Trinward, Pamela Jabar

LR 2517 An Act To Allow Contributors to Candidates Financed by the Maine Clean Elections Fund To Submit Qualifying Contributions Online

SPONSOR: Rep. Hanley, Stephen P.

LR 2518 An Act Regarding the Certification of the Required Driving Time for a License for Certain Persons Under 21 Years of Age

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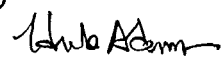


Senator Philip L. Bartlett II, Co-Chair

Representative Herbert Adams, Co-Chair

December 27, 2006

To: The Honorable Betheda Edmonds, Chair, Legislative Council
The Honorable Glenn A. Cummings, Vice-Chair, Legislative Council

From: Senator Philip L. Bartlett, II, Co-Chair 
Representative Herbert Adams, Co-Chair 

Subject: **Extension Request for the Initial Report of the Maine Energy Council**

Public Law 2005, chapter 677, Part D, establishes the Maine Energy Council (MEC), which is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy matters and the Legislative Council by January 15, 2007. Section 10 of Part D provides that, "If the council requires a limited extension of time to complete its study and make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant an extension." Pursuant to Section 10 of Part D, we are writing to request an extension of this initial reporting deadline to March 15, 2007.

Our request is based on the fact that the MEC did not convene until December 1, 2006, and the fact that the MEC requires additional time to consider and deliberate the complex policy issues involved and prepare our report as required by law. The MEC plans to meet three times in January, one time in February, and one time in March to continue its consideration of the issues before it. The MEC is therefore requesting an extension until March 15, 2007 to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy matters and the Legislative Council.

On behalf of the MEC, we respectfully request that the Legislative Council consider this request at the next Legislative Council meeting so that we can report your decision to the MEC members at our next meeting. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact either one of us. We thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

cc: Members of the Legislative Council
David Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Patrick Norton, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

MAINE ENERGY COUNCIL BUDGET (December 27, 2006)

4 legislators attending 6 ¹ meetings @ \$105 per meeting	\$2520
Report Printing – 50 page report, GBC bound, for approximately 40 ² people	\$125
Report Distribution – postage & envelopes	\$210
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Total Council Budget	\$2855

¹ We understand the Legislative Council has preliminarily assumed that the MEC would meet only four times. Based on the magnitude and importance of the MEC's charge, we respectfully request funding for an additional two meetings.

² We had initially planned to print and distribute 100 hard copies of the Report. By distributing electronic copies to as many people as possible, we hope to save approximately \$495.00 in copying and distribution costs (the approximate cost of four legislators attending one of the two additional meetings we are requesting).

MAINE ENERGY COUNCIL (MEC) WORK PLAN - DECEMBER 27, 2006

1. **Project** The MEC was created to evaluate matters affecting electricity supply and costs to Maine consumers and to provide recommendations to the Governor, the Public Utilities Commission and the Legislature.
2. **Objective** The MEC is charged with the following duties: (1) Advise the Governor, the Public Utilities Commission and other appropriate state agencies and the Legislature on matters affecting electricity supply and costs to consumers in this State; (2) As resources permit, undertake studies, develop findings and make recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters on issues affecting electricity supply or costs to consumers in this State; and (3) Undertake an examination of the feasibility and appropriate means of studying the impacts of electric industry restructuring in this State.
3. **Project Team** (See Attached)
4. **Final Work Production(s)** Report including suggested implementing legislation to the First Session of the 123rd Legislature
5. **Intended Audience** The Governor, the Public Utilities Commission, other state agencies, the Legislature and the public.
6. **Anticipated Start & Completion Dates** Start: October 17, 2006 Complete: March 15, 2007

7. **Council Meeting Plan:**

<u>Key Elements</u>	<u>Person Responsible</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Consultation Needed With</u>
<u>Meeting 1:</u> Discuss overview of Maine's electricity and future discussion topics	Chairs, staff	12/1/2006	
<u>Meeting 2: Economics of Regulation and Risk Allocation</u> - discuss the components and costs of the electricity marketplace; compare the restructured world with the regulated world and the risk allocation associated with each paradigm	Chairs, staff	1/4/2007	
<u>Meeting 3: Efficiency</u> - discuss what options are available (focusing on topics such as peak clipping, cogeneration and net energy billing), what customers should be targeted and what role utilities should play	Chairs, staff	1/11/2007	
<u>Meeting 4: Environmental policy</u> - discuss how environmental policy shapes energy policy and the need to prioritize goals (focusing on topics such as RGGI)	Chairs, staff	1/18/2007	DEP
<u>Meeting 5: Maine's strategic position</u> - discuss Maine's strategic position relative to the rest of the region and Canada, and ways to leverage Maine's position to benefit Maine ratepayers	Chairs, staff	2/2/2007	
<u>Meeting 6: Report</u> - discuss draft report	Chairs, staff	3/2/2007	

MAINE ENERGY COUNCIL
Public Law 2005, Chapter 677, Part D
(Revised December 12, 2006)

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MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Memo

To: Legislative Council Members

From:  Dave Boulter, Executive Director

Date: January 16, 2007

Re: Request for permission to use copyrighted song: *The State of Maine Song*

Ms. Peggy Beaman, writer, d/b/a No-Note Miracle Music of Mount Olive, North Carolina, is requesting permission to use *The State of Maine Song* by Roger Vinton Snow in a music book she is writing, entitled *Play Piano by Ear (and by Note)*. Part II of the music book will include state songs with historical information.

Ms. Beaman seeks Legislative Council permission to use *The State of Maine Song* because the copyright to the song is held by the state of Maine, having been transferred to the state years ago. The entity that is authorized to give permission is the Legislature. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§16-A authorizes the Legislative Council to use, manage and administer on behalf of the Legislature any copyright held by the Legislature and, among other things, to manage the copying, use and dissemination of such copyrighted materials. It appears that the Legislative Council has authority under this provision of law to give permission to use the song, if it wishes to do so. Under that authority, the Legislature Council granted permission to a publisher in March 2006 to use *The State of Maine Song* in a book.

Given the educational nature of the book being written and as long as there is full attribution to the author and the State in the book, I do not see a reason to object to the request, and there would be some limited benefit to the state of Maine by being included with those of other states.

Thank you.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
OFFICE

2006 NOV 30 A 9:30

November 17, 2006

Maine State Archives
84 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0084

Dear Sir/Madam:

I need written and signed permission to print State Song "State of Maine" with lyrics and derivative composition in an educational music book that I am writing. I first self-published three smaller ones on how to play piano by ear where twelve numbers instead of 88 traditional notes are used for composition. A New York publisher has asked me to enlarge it for education. Part I, *Play Piano by Ear (and by Note)*, covers those first three books. Part II gives state songs of the United States with historical information. Part III has the sixteen styles of music since composition began, with artists, composers, piano pieces, and accomplishments.

Please send by mail, fax, or e-mail a copy of your state song, its history and background information, and the copyright owner's permission to publish it in *Play Piano by Ear (and by Note)*.

Thank you for your time and answer.

Sincerely,



Peggy Beaman
Writer

2 Encs.: SASE
Permission Form





BETH L. ASHCROFT
DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
OFFICE

2007 JAN 12 A 8:00

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

TO: The Honorable Beth Edmonds, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Cummings, Vice-Chair
And Members of the Legislative Council

FROM: Beth L. Ashcroft, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability *BFA*

DATE: January 10, 2007

RE: Transfer of Unspent Funds From Prior Year

I am respectfully requesting that the remaining balance of Highway Funds appropriated to the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in FY 06 be carried forward to FY 07 with \$1,200 placed in obj. code 4939 (Printing, Binding, etc.), \$400 placed in obj. code 4270 (Auto Mileage In-state), and the remainder in obj. code 4099 (Misc. Prof. Fees & Services).

The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation had appropriated \$100,000 to OPEGA from the Highway Fund for FY 06 to be spent on reviews of government programs and agencies that receive funds from the Highway Fund. The majority of those funds were unspent as of the end of FY 06. However, OPEGA has been conducting a review of the use of Highway Fund by the Department of Public Safety and has incurred personal mileage expenses in FY 07 that should be charged to the Highway Fund. In addition, the report will soon be ready for printing and there will be expenses associated with that.

Lastly, OPEGA may conduct more reviews of areas supported by the Highway Fund in FY 07 and beyond. OPEGA will seek to utilize outside contractors on the reviews as reasonable and appropriate.

I am also respectfully requesting to transfer a portion of unspent All Other funds in FY 06 to FY 07 for the purchase of servers and related software to support full implementation of OPEGA's TeamMate software. In FY 06, the Government Oversight Committee approved OPEGA's proposed purchase of the TeamMate software license and other related hardware and software, so long as that purchase could be covered within the FY 06 budget. OPEGA did receive and began using the TeamMate software in FY 06 but a delay in invoicing resulted in the payment being made in FY 07. In addition, OPEGA is only now in the process of procuring the hardware and software necessary to implement the remaining TeamMate modules.

OPEGA has an unspent balance in All Other funds from FY 06 sufficient to cover these purchases. Consequently, I am seeking your approval to transfer a total of \$31,234.77 in unspent FY 06 funds to FY 07. The unspent FY 06 funds would be taken from object category 5300 – Technology Expenditures (\$29,897.89) and object category 4900 – General Operations (\$1,336.88). A portion of this (\$5,364) would be transferred to a FY 07 capital line category to cover the costs of the servers and the remainder (\$25,870.77) to the All Other object category 5300 to cover the costs of the TeamMate and other required software.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cc: David Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Rose Marie Breton, Legislative Finance Director

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Memorandum

Law and Legislative Reference Library

January 10, 2006

To: David Boulter, Executive Director
From: *LER* Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian
Re: Purchase of upgraded scanner

We have been searching for ways to make our scanning project more efficient. Our current scanner seems to be a major limiting factor, as it doesn't feed odd shapes well and the size of the flat bed is only 8.5 by 11 inches (although the feeder allows us to scan up to 8.5 by 14 inches).

Stephanie has led the effort to evaluate scanning equipment. She suggests that this model would best meet our needs:

Cannon DR 7080 Flatbed area 12 by 17 inches \$6,396

This model offers a significantly larger scanning area, and a document feeder is included. This will increase our efficiency because we won't have to handle the clippings so much and document preparation will be much simpler. This scanner will interface well with our scanning software.

My recommendation is to purchase the Cannon scanner at \$6,396. This will require allotment in Capital in FY 07 from FY 06 unspent All Other funds resulting from savings achieved in the maintenance costs for West statutes and publications.



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
Augusta, Maine 04333

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

December 19, 2006

The Honorable Beth Edmonds, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Cummings, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council
123rd Maine Legislature
115 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Edmonds and Representative Cummings:

This letter is to inform you that the Human Trafficking Task Force has completed its work and submitted its final report pursuant to Resolve 2005, Chapter 200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Diamond".

Senator Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
Human Trafficking Task Force

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn E. Canavan".

Representative Marilyn E. Canavan, House Chair
Human Trafficking Task Force

Enclosure

cc: Members of the Legislative Council (w/enc.)

Legislative Youth Advisory Council

Established in 2002 • Codified at 3 MRSA, §168-A

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January 3, 2007

MEMO TO: The Honorable Beth Edmonds, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Cummings, Vice-chair
Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Legislative Chair
Legislative Youth Advisory Council

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SUBJ: **Transmittal of Legislative Youth Advisory Council Report to Legislative Council**

I write on behalf of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council ("LYAC") to request the opportunity to place the transmittal of the "Report of the LYAC Public Forums" as an agenda item for the January 25th meeting of the Legislative Council.

The LYAC makes this request in order to transmit the "Report of the LYAC Public Forums" to the Legislative Council pursuant to Public Law 2005, chapter 616. This law required the LYAC to convene two public forums for youth in the State and to prepare a report summarizing the forums, including any recommendations resulting from the forums. We have completed our report and hope to have a few minutes to transmit it to the Legislative Council.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I respectfully request that you inform me of your response at your earliest convenience so that I can notify LYAC youth members about this matter and make any necessary preparations to transmit this report to you.

cc: David Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Rickmond McCarthy, Chief of Staff, Senate President
Toby McGrath, Chief of Staff, Speaker of the House
Patrick Norton, Deputy Director, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis
Phillip D. McCarthy, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
Augusta, Maine 04333

*Commission to Study the Cost of Providing Certain Services in the
Unorganized Territories*

December 1, 2006

Representative John Richardson, Chair
Senator Beth Edmonds, Vice-Chair
122nd Maine State Legislature
Legislative Council
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear: Chair Richardson and Vice-Chair Edmonds:

This letter is to inform you that the Commission to Study the Cost of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories has completed its work and summated its report including recommended legislation pursuant *Resolves 2005, Chapter 125*.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert Duplessie.

Rep. Robert Duplessie
House Chair

Handwritten signature of Bruce Bryant.

Senator Bruce Bryant
Senate Chair

cc: Members of the Legislative Council

Attachment:

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STATE OF MAINE

RIGHT TO KNOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 3, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Cummings, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council
123rd Maine Legislature
115 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Edmonds and Representative Cummings:

Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, Section 411, the Right to Know Advisory Committee is pleased to submit its report including recommended legislation. Copies of the report have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library and will be available online via the OPLA website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry J. Hobbs", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Senator Barry J. Hobbs, Chair
Right to Know Advisory Committee

Enclosure

c: Members of the Legislative Council (w/enc.)



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
Augusta, Maine 04333

TASK FORCE TO STUDY MAINE'S HOMELAND SECURITY NEEDS

January 4, 2007

The Honorable Beth Edmonds, Chair
The Honorable Glenn A. Cummings, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council
123rd Maine Legislature
115 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Edmonds and Representative Cummings:

This letter is to inform you that the Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs has completed its work and submitted its final report, including recommended legislation, pursuant to Resolve 2005, Chapter 126.

Sincerely,

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Senator Ethan Strimling, Senate Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Gerzofsky", written in a cursive style.

Representative Stan Gerzofsky, House Chair

Enclosure

cc: Members of the Legislative Council (w/enc.)
Task Force Study Members



MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
Augusta, Maine 04333

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
THE INNOVATION ECONOMY**

December 20, 2006

The Honorable Glenn Cummings, Chair
The Honorable Beth Edmonds, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council
123rd Maine Legislature
115 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Representative Cummings and Senator Edmonds:

This letter is to inform you that the Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development and the Innovation Economy has completed its work and submitted its final report including recommended legislation, pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 847.

Sincerely,

Senator Lynn Bromley, Senate Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn Bromley", with a circled "LH" monogram to the right.

Representative Emily Ann Cain, House Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emily Ann Cain", with a circled "AH" monogram to the right.
Enclosure

cc: Members of the Legislative Council (w/enc.)
Task Force Study Members

ADDENDUM

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REQUESTS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
January 25, 2007

Action

SPONSOR: Sen. Dow, Dana L.

LR 2520 An Act To Change the Registration Fees of Pet Foods for
Home-based Manufacturers.