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125<sup>TH</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY  
June 16, 2011  
Approved June 28, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER**

Legislative Council Chair, Senate President Raye called the June 16, 2011 special meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 1:20 P.M. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: President Raye, Senator Courtney, Senator Plowman, Senator Hobbins, Senator Alfond

Representatives: Speaker Nutting, Representative Curtis, Representative Cushing, Representative Cain, Representative Hayes

Legislative Officers: David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
Heather Priest, Clerk of the House  
Patrick Norton, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review  
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes  
Scott Clark, Director, Legislative Information Technology  
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library  
Beth Ashcroft, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability  
Rose Breton, Legislative Finance Director  
Debra Olken, Human Resources Director

Senate President Raye convened the meeting at 1:20 P.M. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF JUNE 3, 2011 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary of June 3, 2011 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Courtney. Second by Representative Cain. **Motion passed.** (9-0-0-1, with Representative Hayes abstaining).

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM 1: Legislative Council Actions Taken by Ballot**

The following actions were taken by ballot by the Legislative Council since the last meeting.

- A. LR 2212                    **An Act to Provide Further Improvements to Maine’s Health Insurance Law**

  - Submitted by:            Representative Wesley Richardson
  - Approved:                  June 15, 2011                                 Vote: 9 - 1 in favor
  
- B. LR 2213                    **An Act to Ensure Local Control with Respect to Gaming Facilities**

  - Submitted by:            Senator Kevin Raye
  - Approved:                  June 16, 2011                                 Vote: 9 - 1 in favor

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #1: Review of Legislative Studies**

Nine (9) legislative study requests and four (4) requests by joint standing committees to meet during the interim were considered and decided by the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council action on the requests is attached.

**Item #2: VoIP Telecommunications System - Recommendation**

Scott Clark, Director of the Office of Information Technology, presented to the Legislative Council his recommendation to proceed with review of two vendor proposals for a VoIP telecommunications system for final consideration. His evaluation of both proposals indicates they are technically sound, satisfy the feature requirements, have positive references and will cost less than our current telephone service. The estimated cost is \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month less than the Legislature currently pays while providing significantly improved telephone features. Based on the evaluation of the two vendors, Mr. Clark recommended the Legislative Council authorize the Information Technology Office to move forward with the procurement of a VoIP phone system to replace the 25+ year old existing system. The next steps include a discussion between the vendors and a management team to determine the final details of the system. The Information Technology Director and the Executive Director will then negotiate a contract with the lead vendor and present it to the Legislative Council for approval at a future meeting.

**MOTION:** That the Legislative Council approve the installation of a VoIP telephone system for the Legislature, subject to Legislative Council approval of a qualified vendor and contract for services. The Director of the Office of Information Technology, in consultation with the Executive Director, shall review proposals submitted by qualified vendors and recommend a VoIP system proposal for acceptance, with or without conditions, by the Legislative Council. Motion by Senator Courtney. Second by Representative Hayes. **Motion passed. (7-0-2-1,** with Senators Hobbins and Alfond absent, and Representative Cushing abstaining).

**Item #3: Consideration of After Deadline Requests**

The Legislative Council took no action on the After Deadline Requests.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M. on a motion by Representative Cushing, seconded by Representative Cain. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0**, with Senators Hobbins and Alford absent).

**125<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
ACTION ON LEGISLATIVE STUDY REQUESTS  
June 16, 2011**

		<b>Action</b>
<b>POLICY AREA:</b>	<b>Appropriations &amp; Financial Affairs</b>	
LD 1043	Streamline and Prioritize Core Government Services Task Force	<b>No Action (included in budget)</b>
LD 1043	Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Working Group	<b>No Action (included in budget)</b>
LD 1187	Downtown Revitalization Fund Board	<b>No Action (bill carry over requested)</b>
<b>POLICY AREA:</b>	<b>Education &amp; Cultural Affairs</b>	
LD 656	Task Force on Franco-Americans	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>POLICY AREA:</b>	<b>Health and Human Services</b>	
HP 597	Joint Select Committee on Health Care Costs	<b>FAILED</b>
LD 1558	Commission to Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>POLICY AREA:</b>	<b>Insurance &amp; Financial Services</b>	
LD 1338	Department of Professional & Financial Regulation's Evaluation of Ways to Streamline the State's Foreclosure Prevention Outreach and Housing Counseling Program	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>POLICY AREA:</b>	<b>Judiciary</b>	
LD 951	Commission to Study Priorities and Timing of Judicial Proceeding in State Courts	<b>APPROVED</b>
LD 1477	Committee to Review Issues Dealing with Regulatory Takings	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>POLICY AREA:</b>	<b>Labor, Commerce, Research &amp; Economic Development</b>	
LD 841	Blue Ribbon Commission on Affordable Housing	<b>APPROVED</b>

<b>Joint Standing Committee</b> LD 1534	<b>Agriculture, Conservation &amp; Forestry</b> Committee meeting to review progress of the Commission on Reform of the Governance of Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory (1 meeting)	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Joint Standing Committee</b> LD 1582	<b>Insurance &amp; Financial Services</b> Committee meetings to consult with the Advisory Committee on Maine's Health Insurance Exchange (3 meetings)	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Joint Standing Committee</b> Request by Memo	<b>Taxation</b> Committee meetings to identify areas of Maine's tax law that need review and restructuring and work on 9 carry over bills (4 meetings)	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Joint Standing Committee</b> LD 848	<b>Veterans &amp; Legal Affairs</b> Committee meeting to review report of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices Study Modifying the Maine Clean Election Act (2 meetings)	<b>APPROVED</b>