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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
June 24, 2015
Approved August 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

President Thibodeau called the June 24, 2015 meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 2:41 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Thibodeau, Senator Mason, Senator Cushing, Senator Alfond and Senator Hill

Representatives: Speaker Eves, Representative McCabe, Representative Gideon, Representative Fredette and Representative Espling

Legislative Officers: Heather Priest, Secretary of the Senate
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director
Jackie Little, Human Resources Director
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Ed Charbonneau, Deputy Director, Revisor of Statutes
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library
Kevin Dieterich, Director, Legislative Information Technology
Beth Ashcroft, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

President Thibodeau convened the meeting at 2:41 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 26, 2015 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for March 26, 2015 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Cushing. Second by Speaker Eves. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, reported on the following:

1. Law and Legislative Reference Library Wins Award for its Digital Library

Mr. Pennoyer announced that the rapidly-growing Law and Legislative Digital Library project has been awarded the 2015 Innovations in Technology Award by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). The Innovations in Technology Award was established in 2009 to recognize an AALL member for their innovative use of technology in the development and creation of an application or resource for law librarians or legal professionals. The award carries a \$500 cash prize and will be formally given at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, held this year in Philadelphia, July 18th to the 21st.

2. Update on Paint Issues on State House Dome

Some initial paint removal from the areas of new copper on the State House dome began last month. That work will resume again during the last two weeks of June. Some testing is in process to assure that reapplication of the paint to the new copper will adhere properly this time. Painting is planned for the middle of July.

3. Liberty Bell Replica Safety Support

Mr. Pennoyer reported that the wooden yoke supporting Maine's replica of the Liberty Bell shows significant deterioration from exposure to Maine's weather. The replicas were given to each State in 1950. Working with the Division of Risk Management and the Department of Transportation, an unobtrusive emergency support was fabricated and installed underneath the bell to avoid risk of damage or injury should the yoke fail.

4. Update on Living Memorial from the Summit Display

At its January 8th meeting, the Legislative Council approved Rep. Golden's request to display the Living Memorial from the Summit in the Hall of Flags. The display was finally set up in the Hall of Flags on Memorial Day and was removed last weekend.

Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, reported on the following:

General Fund Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2015 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
May	\$238.4	\$233.3	(\$5.1)	-2.1%	\$233.5	-0.1%
FYTD	\$2,782.8	\$2,783.4	\$0.6	0.0%	\$2,605.1	6.8%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$5.1 million (2.1%) for May and over budget for the fiscal year through May by \$0.6 million (0.0%). Individual income tax revenue was \$8.5 million over budget for the month and \$8.8 million over budget for the fiscal year to date. Final payments for the 2014 tax year were over budget by \$1.8 million and refunds were under budget by \$7.8 million. Sales and use tax revenue was under budget by \$3.0 million, however, the

Department of Administrative and Financial Services' May Revenue Report indicated \$3.8 million of Maine sales tax revenue was mistakenly deposited to another state's account and will be reflected in June's revenue. Total taxable sales for the month of April (May revenue) were 4.5% higher than April 2014.

Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2015 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
May	\$27.0	\$26.9	(\$0.1)	-0.3%	\$27.3	-1.7%
FYTD	\$271.6	\$275.9	\$4.2	1.6%	\$271.3	1.7%

Highway Fund revenue was under budget by \$0.1 million (0.3%) in May and over budget by \$4.2 million (1.6%) for the fiscal year through May. Fuel taxes were over budget by \$0.5 million in May and by \$2.1 million for the fiscal year through May. Registration fees were slightly under budget for the month of May but were \$2.2 million over budget for the fiscal year through May.

Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool in May increased to \$737.3 million from \$628.9 million in April. The average balance for May was well above both last year's average for May of \$555.0 million and the ten-year average for May of \$584.7million.

Senator Cushing expressed his appreciation to the staff of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review for all of their hard work in this budget process. President Thibodeau concurred and extended the Council's appreciation for all of the legislative employees work this session.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

Speaker Eves, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Personnel Committee held a meeting on June 24th to consider the following matters:

1. Reorganization of Legislative Information Technology

The committee considered a request to reorganize the Office of Legislative Information Technology. The committee approved the plan as proposed.

Motion: That upon the unanimous recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council adopt the Human Resource Director's proposed reorganization of the Office of Legislative Information Technology to strengthen employee recruitment and retention and create an organizational structure that better supports efficient operations and effective communication. This reorganization includes reclassifying four positions and revising position descriptions; further that the 2016-2017 baseline budget for the Legislative account includes sufficient funds to implement the reorganization as a result of recent staff transitions and hiring decisions; and further that the HR Director work with the Executive Director to implement the reorganization plan. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0**, with Representative Fredette absent).

Speaker Eves expressed his appreciation to all those involved in reorganization process for LIT, which is a continuation of the reorganizational work of the Legislative offices begun previously by the Personnel Committee.

2. Approach to Collective Bargaining and Personnel Policy Update

Mr. Pennoyer and Ms. Little reviewed the processes for collective bargaining and updating the personnel policies with the committee. No action was required.

3. Request for Temporary Disability Benefit for a Partisan Staff Employee

The committee considered a request by the legislative employee for temporary disability income benefits. The request was consistent with the provisions for temporary disability income benefits under the Legislative Council's personnel policies and guidelines. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the committee voted unanimously to approve the request. No Legislative Council action is required.

2. State House Facilities Committee

Senator Mason, Chair of the State House Facilities Committee, reported that the State House Facilities Committee, met on Wednesday, April 8th and again on Wednesday, May 6th to consider the following items.

1. Review of the Security Screening Policy

The committee reviewed a proposed revision to the security policy after discussions with the Executive Director and the Chief of Capitol Police. The revisions include:

- Allowing those with regular business in the State House to apply for access cards;
- Charging a fee for priority screening for those with regular business in the State House; and
- Authorizing random checks and heightened security on certain days.

The subcommittee is recommending acceptance of the revised policy with the revisions taking effect for the receiving of applications beginning September 1, 2015 for the 2nd Regular Session.

2. Review of Bidding Process for State House Projects

The committee discussed the adoption of the *Legislative Council Policy on Procurement Guidelines for State House Facilities Capital Improvement Projects*. It was proposed to add to the policy an RFP process for the architect and the construction manager positions for the Legislature for five-year periods. It was further suggested to tentatively start the bidding process for these positions this coming December. The committee decided to continue its review before any decisions are made and this matter was tabled.

3. Review of Draft State House Portrait Policy

The committee reviewed a proposed *Legislative Council Policy on the Maine State House Portrait Collection* after discussions with Maine State Museum Director Fishman. The committee is recommending acceptance of this new policy that covers the care and preservation of the collection and a process for accepting non-gubernatorial portraits into the collection. A revised draft after the May 6th meeting was circulated to make some technical corrections and to

remove a section regarding a commissioning process for gubernatorial portraits. The revised draft was approved by ballot.

4. Relocation of the Robert Indiana Painting

Mr. Pennoyer along with Julie Richard, Executive Director of the Maine Arts Commission, explained that the Robert Indiana painting, *First State*, was moved to the Cross Office Building from the State House without the artist's full consent as is required by the contract made between the artist and the State of Maine. A discussion was held regarding the possible locations in the State House for this painting to be relocated based on the consent of the artist or artist's representative. The committee decided to recommend relocation of the painting to the State House above the door of room 228, the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee room, or above the staircase beside room 228.

At the committee's May meeting, the Maine Arts Commission reported that it has received approval from the authorized representative of the Robert Indiana painting for the new location in the State House above the door of room 228.

5. Relocation of the LIO office and the Legislative Conference Room and redesign of the security screening

The committee considered a proposal to switch the locations of the Legislative Information Office and the Legislative Conference Room. This proposal is intended to make the Legislative Information Office more accessible to visitors to the State House, to address some work environment issues for the Kiosk staff person and open up the main entrance lobby to enhance security screen processing with 2 lanes of screening. The committee discussed this matter and Senate representatives are planning on scheduling a visit to see the space under discussion soon. The committee would also like to see a drawing that better represents the proposed redesign of the security screening. This item was tabled by the committee.

6. Updates from the Executive Director

Mr. Pennoyer reported to the committee on the following items:

- Repairing the paint on the new copper that peeled off will take place soon.
- The support structure for the Liberty Bell is deteriorating and will need to be repaired soon.
- One of the granite posts leading into the original entrance of Capitol Park was knocked over during the winter and should be restored according to Maine State Historian Earle Shettleworth.
- The *Maine State House & Grounds 2015 through 2019 Multi-Year Plan for Maintenance & Improvements* is nearing completion and will be distributed to the committee for its review.
- The Executive Director is working with the Maine Arts Commission on the copper reuse large art piece project. Other plans for the copper include saving a portion to be used as mementos and offering various sizes for sale.

7. Floor Plan Room Number Inconsistencies

Mr. Pennoyer brought members' attention to various room number inconsistencies that currently exist within the State House. Mr. Pennoyer requested permission to correct these inconsistencies. The committee unanimously recommended authorizing the Executive Director to correct room number inconsistencies within the State House.

8. New Business

Senator Alford requested that legislator parking and handicapped parking be added as new business for the committee's next meeting.

3. **Legislative Budget Subcommittee**

President Thibodeau, Chair of the Legislative Budget Subcommittee, reported that the Legislative Budget Subcommittee initially met on Wednesday, April 15th to review the tentative consolidated budget request for the fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17. At that initial meeting, the Legislative Finance Director, Dawna Lopatosky, presented the materials compiled to explain the Legislature's tentative budget submission for the 2016-2017 biennium. Members discussed the tentative budget and made no recommendation at this initial meeting.

The subcommittee met again three more times on April 23rd, May 7th and finally on May 27th to discuss specific budget items that included the dues for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Council of State Governments (CSG), the Citizen Trade Policy Commission and potential new funding for the Commission on Uniform State Laws. Some alternative proposals were discussed to fund these items without increasing the overall legislative budget. The subcommittee also considered potential savings from limitations on legislator mailings.

At the final meeting, May 27th, the subcommittee further discussed savings ideas related to legislator mailings, but ultimately decided not to adopt any of the ideas. The subcommittee concluded its meeting with a recommendation for the Legislative Council to accept the consolidated Legislative Budget as included in the Governor's proposed 2016-2017 biennial budget with the following adjustments:

- Deappropriate \$10,000 annually in each year of the upcoming biennium from the Commission on Interstate Cooperation that provides funding for dues to the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments, a \$5,000 reduction in funding from each organization, and appropriate \$10,000 annually to provide funding for the Commission on Uniform State Laws; and
- Require the Citizen Trade Policy Commission to seek approval from the Legislative Council to meet more than 5 times annually.

The subcommittee's recommendations were approved by the Legislative Council by ballot.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Legislative Council Actions Taken by Ballot Since the March 26, 2015 Meeting

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

- LR 1943 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine's Community Colleges
- Submitted by: Representative Kenneth Fredette
Approved: April 1, 2015 Vote: 9-1 in favor (with Rep. Espling opposed)
- LR 1999 An Act Concerning Eligibility for Membership on the Auburn Sewerage District Board of Trustees
- Submitted by: Senator Eric Brakey
Approved: April 14, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor
- LR 2000 Joint Resolution Memorializing the President of the United States and the United States Congress to Require Expansion of Fish Hatchery Operations
- Submitted by: Representative Walter Kumiega
Approved: April 21, 2015 Vote: 7-3 in favor (with Sen. Thibodeau, Sen. Mason and Rep. Fredette opposed)
- LR 2001 Joint Resolution Memorializing the United States Congress to Recognize the Need for Federal Reform in the Asylum Application Process
- Submitted by: Representative Peter Stuckey
Approved: April 21, 2015 Vote: 7-3 in favor (with Sen. Thibodeau, Sen. Mason and Rep. Fredette opposed)
- LR 1955 An Act to Allow a Student Who Resides in a Municipality without a High School and Attends a Private School that Does Not Offer Athletics to Participate in Athletics at a Public School
- Submitted by: Senator David Miramant
Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 8-2 in favor (with Rep. Fredette and Rep. Espling opposed)
- LR 1997 An Act to Expand Access to Workforce Development at Base Redevelopment Locations
- Submitted by: Senator Stanley Gerzofsky
Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 8-2 in favor (with Rep. Fredette and Rep. Espling opposed)
- LR 2005 An Act to Allow a Victim of a Crime to be Represented by an Attorney at a Sentencing Hearing
- Submitted by: Representative Erin Herbig
Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 9-1 in favor (with Rep. Espling opposed)
- LR 2024 An Act to Allow Interstate Shellfish Depuration
- Submitted by: Representative Roberta Beavers
Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor

LR 2013 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 21: Statewide Standards for Timber Harvesting and Related Activities in Shoreland Areas, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry

Submitted by: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor

LR 2041 An Act to Allow Hunters Whose Religion Prohibits Wearing Orange Clothing to Instead Wear Red

Submitted by: Senator Michael Thibodeau
Approved: May 12, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor

LR 2078 Resolve, Reauthorizing the Balance of the 2009 Bond Issue for an Off-shore Wind Energy Demonstration Project

Submitted by: Senator James Hamper
Approved: June 11, 2015 Vote: 9-1 in favor (with Rep. Espling opposed)

Legislative Council Decision:

That the Legislative Council accept the legislative budget proposed in Part A of LD 1019 (Governor's proposed 2016-2017 biennial budget) and LD 1080 (Governor's proposed 2016-2017 Highway Fund biennial budget) with the following adjustments:

- Deappropriate \$10,000 annually in each year of the upcoming biennium from the Commission on Interstate Cooperation that provides funding for dues to the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments, a \$5,000 reduction in funding from each organization, and appropriate \$10,000 annually to provide funding for the Commission on Uniform State Laws; and
- Require the Citizen Trade Policy Commission to seek approval from the Legislative Council to meet more than 5 times annually.

And further, that the Legislative Council direct the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting this decision of the Legislative Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor's budget bill, LD 1019.

Motion by: President Thibodeau Second by: Speaker Eves
Approved: May 29, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests / Addendum

The Legislative Council considered and voted on the bill requests in accordance with the established protocol. Of the 13 bill requests, the council authorized 1 request for introduction in the 1st Regular Session of the 127th Legislature, and the council took no action on 8 requests and on 4 previously tabled requests. Of the 3 joint resolutions, the council took no action on them. The Legislative Council's actions on the requests are included on the attached list.

Item #2: Acceptance of the amended *Legislative Council Policy on Security Screening Protocols for the Maine State House*

Senator Mason previously addressed this item during the State House Facilities Committee report.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the *Legislative Council Policy on Security Screening Protocols for the Maine State House* as revised, with the revisions taking effect for the purpose of receiving applications beginning September 1, 2015 for the 2nd Regular Session. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Representative McCabe. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #3: Acceptance of the *Legislative Council Policy on the Maine State House Portrait Collection*

Senator Mason previously addressed this item during the State House Facilities Committee report.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the proposed *Legislative Council Policy on the Maine State House Portrait Collection*. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Senator Alfond. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #4: Relocation of the Robert Indiana Painting, *First State*

Senator Mason previously addressed this item during the State House Facilities Committee report.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize and direct the relocation of the Robert Indiana Painting, *First State*, from the Cross Building Legislative floor to the State House to be placed on permanent exhibit to the public and located in the hallway above the door of room 228, the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee room. The relocation of the painting has received the approval from the artist's representative in accordance with the terms of deed of gift between the artist and the State of Maine. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Representative McCabe. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #5: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests

The Legislative Council voted to approve the suggested protocol found in the council packet (Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Representative McCabe. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0)**) and proceeded to consider and decide the requests for studies.

Fourteen (14) legislative study requests were reviewed and decided by the Legislative Council. The decisions of the Legislative Council are attached.

Item #6: Consideration of the Legislative carrying balance to offset the appropriations for the OPEGA Tax Expenditure Review included in LD 941

Speaker Eves proposed the following motion.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize legislative budget adjustments that total \$406,164 to be implemented by lapsing unspent balances in legislative accounts to the General Fund with \$168,884 lapsing no later than June 30, 2016 from OPEGA and \$237,280 no later than June 30, 2017 from various accounts of the Legislature to be

determined, and further, that the Legislative Council direct the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting this decision of the Legislative Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion as an offset to the appropriations in LD 941, An Act To Improve Tax Expenditure Transparency and Accountability. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Representative Gideon. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

President Thibodeau announced that the next meeting of the Legislative Council is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2015.

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

**127th Maine State Legislature
Legislative Council Action Taken on
Requests to Introduce Legislation
First Regular Session
As of: 6/24/2015**

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR: Rep. Lydia Blume

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2058	An Act To Prohibit Activities That Cause Irreparable Damage in the Shoreland Zone until Final Resolution of Appeal Process	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Benjamin M. Chipman

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2070	An Act To Avoid the Loss of Revenue to the State	No Action Taken
2073	An Act To Allow a Municipality To Restrict How Close to a Daycare Facility a Convicted Sex Offender May Live	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Sen. David E. Dutremble

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2048	An Act To Permit Law Enforcement Personnel To Acknowledge an Ongoing Criminal Investigation	No Action Taken
2049	An Act To Establish Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Stacey K. Guerin

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2046	An Act Regarding the Qualifications for a Military Law Enforcement Officer To Serve as a Law Enforcement Officer in This State	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Sen. Earle L. McCormick

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2086	An Act To Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Legislation	PASSED

SPONSOR: Rep. Catherine M. Nadeau

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2034	An Act To Include Law Enforcement in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the Special Plan for Retirement	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Diane M. Russell

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2044	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Scientific Evidence and Best Practices Regarding Drivers Impaired by Opiates, Prescription Drugs and Marijuana	No Action Taken

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SPONSOR: Sen. Amy F. Volk

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2074	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE TRADE ACT OF 2015 AND THE NEED FOR GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND CONSULTATION IN THE PROCESS USED TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS	No Action Taken

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR: Sen. Scott W. Cyrway

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1971	An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Powdered Alcohol	Tabled 03/26/15 No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Kenneth W. Fredette

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1939	An Act To Create Fairness with Regard to Pay for State Employees	Tabled 03/26/15 No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Sen. Christopher K. Johnson

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1958	An Act To Ensure the Proportional Offset against Social Security Retirement Benefits of Workers' Compensation Awards	Tabled 03/26/15 No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Heather W. Sirocki

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1929	An Act To Require Lobbyists To Be Sworn in When Registering as Lobbyists	Tabled 02/26/15 No Action Taken

JOINT RESOLUTIONS**SPONSOR: Rep. Justin Mark Chenette**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
162	JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO RECONSIDER ITS LIFETIME DEFERRAL ON BLOOD DONATION BY GAY MEN	Tabled 01/29/15 No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Stanley Byron Short, Jr.

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1935	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RATIFY TRADE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ARE FAIR	Tabled 03/26/15 No Action Taken

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTION ON
REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES
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		Action:
SP 533	Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee	PASSED
LD 144	Task Force to Study State and Federal Laws Regarding Online Privacy and Data Security to Develop Ways to Further Protect Consumers from Identity Theft and Fraud	FAILED
LD 155	Commission to Study Difficult-to-place Patients	PASSED
LD 500	Working Group to Develop Solutions to Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel	PASSED
LD 665	Commission to Study Services Available on the Long-term Care Continuum	FAILED HHS Committee – Interim Mtg. Review
LD 721	Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans	PASSED
LD 902	Commission to Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities	FAILED TRA Committee – Interim Mtg. Review
LD 1019 Pt HHHH	Commission to Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund	PASSED
LD 1042	Task Force on School Leadership	PASSED
LD 1061	Commission to Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities and Autism	FAILED HHS Committee – Interim Mtg. Review
LD 1019 Pt A-46, Pt DDD	Commission to End Student Hunger (Title 5 permanent commission)	PASSED
LD 905	Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services Study of Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine	PASSED
LD 706	Commission to Study Transportation Funding Reform	FAILED

LD 1406

Task Force to Study College Attainment and Degree
Completion Goals

FAILED
EDU Committee
– Interim Mtg.
Review