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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
August 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

President Thibodeau called the August 27, 2015 meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 1:44 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Senator Hill

Representatives: Representative McCabe and Representative Espling

Absent: Speaker Eves, Representative Gideon, and Representative Fredette

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
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

President Thibodeau convened the meeting at 1:44 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF JUNE 24, 2015 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for June 24, 2015 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Alfond. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0, with Senator Hill and Representatives Eves, Gideon and Fredette absent).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, reported on the following:

1. Applications for Low-Priority Security Screening begin September 1st

We are in the final stages of getting out a notice and developing the application forms for low-priority screening for persons having regular business in the State House. The recently changed policy regarding State House security screening takes effect September 1st for the purposes of taking applications and for implementation for the 2nd Regular Session. The State House Facilities Committee discussed some possible revisions to the policy.

2. Update on Paint Issues on State House Dome

Stripping of the paint from the problem areas with new copper has been slowed due to weather. We are still hoping that the new paint can be applied by the middle of September.

3. Availability of Original Copper from the State House Dome

We are in the process of working out the logistics and pricing for the sale of the salvaged copper from the State House Dome. We will also have mementos for sale that include a piece of the copper. We are planning to announce the availability of the copper in the middle of September.

4. State House Doors

Yesterday, the 2 new doors on the north side of the main entrance to the State House were made operational. The south doors are scheduled to be replaced over the next few weeks. While the doors have the same general look, you will notice a significant improvement in their operation.

5. Legislator Attendance

LD 1046, enacted as PL 2015, c. 134, requires the Legislative Council at the beginning of each Legislature to establish policies and procedures to record attendance for each legislative day and set salary reductions for legislators that have excessive absences. The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and I met recently to research and discuss the issues involved with implementing this bill. We will be reporting back to the Legislative Council later this fall after the effective date of the Act.

6. First State Painting

The Robert Indiana *First State* Painting has been moved to its permanent home above the Appropriations Committee room door.

Fiscal Report

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

General Fund Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
July	\$233.1	\$246.3	\$13.2	5.7%	\$218.2	12.9%
FYTD	\$233.1	\$246.3	\$13.2	5.7%	\$218.2	12.9%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$13.2 million (5.7%) for the first month of fiscal year 2016. Individual income tax revenue was \$2.9 million under budget for the month of July. Sales and use tax revenue was over budget by \$3.0 million, indicating strong sales for June. Corporate income taxes were \$1.2 million over budget continuing their strong performance from June. Cigarette and tobacco taxes were \$3.4 million over budget for July. Various revenue transfer lines from the General Fund to other funds were under budget for July, contributing to the positive General Fund July variance. These transfer line variances are most likely timing issues within the fiscal year.

Highway Fund Revenue Update**Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)**

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
July	\$29.4	\$29.1	(\$0.3)	-1.0%	\$28.5	2.2%
FYTD	\$29.4	\$29.1	(\$0.3)	-1.0%	\$28.5	2.2%

Highway Fund revenue was under budget by \$0.3 million (1.0%) in July. Most of the variance occurred within Fuel tax revenues, which were under budget by \$0.5 million for the month. This could be a timing issue between months as the last day of July (the date special fuel taxes are due) was a Friday. Motor vehicle registration and fees revenue was over budget for the month of July by \$0.4 million led by registration and title fees.

Cash Balances Update

The average total cash pool balance for July was \$818.5 million, an increase from June's average balance and significantly higher than both last July and the 10-year average balance for July. There was no General Fund internal borrowing from other funds in July – the first time in the nine years that the State has been doing internal borrowing that it was not necessary. The average Highway Fund balance for July increased over June's average and was higher than last July's balance.

FY 2015 Year-End Cascade Transfers

The FY 2015 closing General Fund balance totaled \$59.1 million, \$33.5 million of which was unbudgeted. The \$33.5 million not budgeted included the \$30.4 million General Fund revenue surplus and \$3.7 in unbudgeted lapsed program balances that were partially offset by \$0.5 million in other accounting adjustments. Under PL 2015 c. 267 (the 2016-2017 Biennial Budget), Section L-8 amended the distribution rules for the year-end "cascade" of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, so that after all fixed dollar transfers were distributed; 80% (\$23.9 million) was distributed to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund and 20% (\$6.0 million) was distributed to the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents. The table below summarizes the sources and uses of FY 2015 uncommitted funds.

Senator Cushing asked about Maine's status of reserve funds where they stand relative to the standards suggested by the credit rating agencies. Mr. Nolan responded that Maine's current reserves

are at less than 4% which would not meet the standards and he stated that he would research those numbers more in depth and report back to the Council Members.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

President Thibodeau of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Personnel Committee held a meeting on August 27th to consider the following matters:

1. Reclassification of Legislative Information Technology – one position

The committee considered a request to reclassify one position in the Office of Legislative Information Technology. The committee approved the plan as proposed.

Motion: That upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council approve the Human Resource Director's proposed reclassification of one position in the Office of Legislative Information Technology. Motion by President Thibodeau. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0**, with Senator Hill and Representatives Eves, Gideon and Fredette absent).

2. Upcoming Director Performance Evaluations and Reappointments

The committee discussed the review process for nonpartisan office directors in accordance with the personnel policy on Performance Evaluation and with P.L. c. 102 "An Act to Increase the Effectiveness of the Legislature". No Legislative Council action is required.

3. Status of Collective Bargaining Update

Ms. Little provided an update on the negotiation of a new collective bargaining agreement with the Administrative Unit of Legislative Employees. 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, August to consider the following items.

The State House Facilities Committee met on Wednesday, August 19th, to review the 5-year plan for State House Maintenance and Repairs (a copy of that plan was included in your packet of materials for today's meeting). Executive Director Pennoyer presented the various major and annual maintenance projects in the booklet. After discussion and questioning, the committee recommends approval of all projects in the 5-year plan with the exceptions of project 15.3 (Liberty Bell Restoration) and projects 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, and 17.2 (the video in committee room projects). The Executive Director is currently exploring alternatives and options for these particular projects and will be reporting back to the committee at its next meeting.

The committee had questions about certain professional fee costs and sought additional detail of the professional fees listed in the 2015 summary. That additional information was supplied by email after the meeting. The committee will be reviewing the construction management structure

employed by the Legislature along with the costs of that management structure and will be considering a proposal to rebid these services.

The committee also discussed the possible relocation of the Legislative Information Office and a redesign of the security lanes to process visitors to the State House. No decision was made on these matters.

As part of the discussion of security, members of the committee questioned the recently adopted change to allow priority screening for those who have a regular and necessary need to enter the State House as a result of their profession or employment. As noted in the Executive Director's report, the revised policy was effective September 1st for the purposes of accepting applications for access during the 2nd Regular Session. The committee discussed the \$100 annual fee and the timing of the implementation. The committee recommended a discussion by the Legislative Council at this meeting of the policy and a possible revision to the fee for renewals and allowing the access to be effective once the background checks have been completed and the cards issued. An agenda item for this discussion is included under New Business on today's agenda.

The committee also raised some concerns about several parking issues that they will discuss with Chief Gauvin of Capitol Police at its next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Legislative Council Actions Taken by Ballot Since the June 24, 2015 Meeting

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 2087 An Act to Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department Employees

Submitted by:	Senator James Hamper	
Approved:	June 30, 2015	Vote: 9-1 in favor (with Rep. Espling opposed)

LR 2101 An Act to Make Certain Technical Corrections to Recently Enacted Laws

Submitted by:	Senator David Burns	
Approved:	July 16, 2015	Vote: 10-0 in favor

Legislative Council Decisions:

That the Legislative Council establishes the Cloture Date as September 25, 2015 and the Related Schedule as listed on the enclosed memo, as recommended by the Revisor of Statutes.

Motion by:	President Thibodeau	
Second by:	Speaker Eves	
Approved:	July 30, 2015	Vote: 8-2 in favor (with Rep. Fredette and Espling opposed)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Approval of the Maine State House & Grounds 5-year Plan

This item was previously addressed and discussed during the State House Facilities Committee report. In response to a question by Senator Cushing, Mr. Pennoyer gave a brief report on the status of the 2015 projects.

Motion: That upon the recommendation of the State House Facilities Committee, the Legislative Council authorize maintenance and improvements to the State House and Grounds as described in the 2015 revision of the Multi-Year Plan with the exceptions of Projects 15.3, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, and 17.2, to be deferred until such time as the Legislative Council takes further action on them; and further, authorize the Executive Director to take all necessary measures to implement the approved plan in accordance with the schedules contained in the plan. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Senator Alford. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0, with Senator Hill and Representatives Eves, Gideon and Fredette absent).**

Item #2: Discussion of Recent Security Policy Changes

This item was previously addressed and discussed during the State House Facilities Committee report.

Motion: That the Legislative Council modify the effective date of the recently revised *Legislative Council Policy on Security Screening Protocols for the Maine State House* as beginning September 1, 2015 for the purpose of receiving and processing of applications and allowing activation of the State House access cards once approved. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0, with Senator Hill and Representatives Eves, Gideon and Fredette absent).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Fiscal Briefing

Legislative Council Meeting – September 24, 2015

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
August	\$263.7	\$259.3	(\$4.4)	-1.7%	\$80.5	221.9%
FYTD	\$496.8	\$505.6	\$8.8	1.8%	\$333.2	51.7%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$4.4 million (1.7%) for the month of August but was \$8.8 million (1.8%) over budget for the fiscal year through August. Individual income tax revenue was \$12.2 million over budget for the month of August led mainly by withholding which exceeded budget by \$13.6 million. Sales and use tax revenue was over budget by \$1.4 million, continuing its strong performance for fiscal year 2016. Corporate income taxes were \$1 million under budget. Corporate tax refunds were \$1.9 million over budget due to prior year tax settlements. Various revenue transfer lines from the General Fund to other funds were over budget for August, offsetting the negative variance from the previous month that was likely the result of a timing issue in making the transfers.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
August	\$30.1	\$30.1	\$0.0	0.2%	\$8.2	267.6%
FYTD	\$59.4	\$59.2	(\$0.2)	-0.4%	\$38.4	54.3%

Highway Fund revenue was on budget in August and was slightly under budget for the fiscal year through August. Fuel taxes were over budget for the month of August by \$0.1 million while registration fees were under budget by \$0.2 million.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average total cash pool balance for August was \$798.9 million, a decrease from July's average balance but significantly higher than both last August and the 10-year average balance for August. Following up on July, there was once again no General Fund internal borrowing from other funds in August. July had been the first month in the nine years the State has been doing internal borrowing that such borrowing was not needed. The average Highway Fund balance for August increased over July's average and was significantly higher than last July's balance.

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 (FY 2016)**

August 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	August '15		August '15		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2016 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	
								% Change from Prior Year
Sales and Use Tax	123,395,290	124,752,102	1,356,812		241,539,918	245,844,208	4,304,290	1.8%
Service Provider Tax	4,298,391	4,070,269	(228,122)		9,435,886	7,869,056	(1,566,830)	-16.6%
Individual Income Tax	105,710,000	117,952,058	12,242,058		211,160,000	220,528,038	9,368,038	4.4%
Corporate Income Tax	2,500,000	1,693,241	(806,759)		(8,000,000)	(7,576,838)	423,162	5.3%
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	12,036,119	11,432,286	(603,833)		25,054,628	27,829,716	2,775,088	11.1%
Insurance Companies Tax	86,336	182,610	96,274		300,846	334,437	33,591	11.2%
Estate Tax	2,363,908	1,506,860	(857,048)		4,727,816	3,163,850	(1,563,966)	-33.1%
Other Taxes and Fees *	9,990,645	10,281,528	290,883		20,108,685	20,879,252	770,567	3.8%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,983,077	1,833,013	(150,064)		3,979,652	3,516,204	(463,448)	-11.6%
Income from Investments	42,430	84,145	41,715		42,430	84,145	41,715	98.3%
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,381,336	4,621,771	(759,565)		10,168,704	8,577,926	(1,590,778)	-15.6%
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(4,147,489)	(4,225,320)	(77,831)		(4,187,422)	(3,864,131)	323,291	7.7%
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(4,364,643)	(4,363,936)	707		(13,592,112)	(13,591,404)	708	0.0%
Other Revenue *	4,443,728	(10,522,448)	(14,966,176)		(3,932,333)	(7,988,768)	(4,056,435)	-103.2%
Totals	263,719,128	259,298,181	(4,420,947)		496,806,698	505,605,690	8,798,992	1.8%
								51.7%

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 (FY 2016)**

August 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	August '15			Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2016 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:							
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,225,984
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,494,969	1,454,640	(40,329)	2,863,472	2,923,493	60,021	15,697,389
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,820,883	2,339,118	518,235	3,551,663	4,671,961	1,120,298	21,214,918
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	272,326	292,059	19,733	796,124	758,311	(37,813)	9,088,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,500,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,195,991	2,023,600	(172,391)	4,391,982	4,248,950	(143,032)	26,851,990
- Milk Handling Fee	253,451	291,872	38,421	506,902	618,511	111,609	3,041,412
- Racino Revenue	909,925	757,449	(152,476)	1,766,842	1,668,034	(98,808)	9,119,142
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	366,851	339,884	(26,967)	910,760	883,329	(27,431)	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,930,105	2,111,698	181,593	3,841,603	3,800,944	(40,659)	15,817,842
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	746,144	671,209	(74,935)	1,479,337	1,305,719	(173,618)	11,157,825
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	9,990,645	10,281,528	290,883	20,108,685	20,879,252	770,567	138,238,712
Detail of Other Revenue:							
- Liquor Sales and Operations	2,626	3,080	454	5,614	4,880	(734)	9,667,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	328,503	201,356	(127,147)	657,006	389,700	(267,306)	2,560,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,591,651	1,233,548	(358,103)	3,134,871	2,886,807	(248,064)	18,296,832
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,000,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	(8,147,985)	(8,147,985)	(8,147,985)	(8,147,985)	0	(12,854,128)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	0	(1,552,291)	(1,552,291)	0	(3,106,403)	(3,106,403)	(8,608,828)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	(4,608,262)	(4,608,262)	(4,608,262)	(4,608,262)	0	(6,800,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,520,948	2,348,106	(172,842)	5,026,423	4,592,495	(433,928)	22,068,372
Subtotal - Other Revenue	4,443,728	(10,522,448)	(14,966,176)	(3,932,333)	(7,988,768)	(4,056,435)	31,329,748
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:							
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	155	155	0	534	534	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(4,147,489)	(4,225,475)	(77,986)	(4,147,489)	(3,864,665)	282,824	(35,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	0	0	(39,933)	0	39,933	(31,771,938)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(4,147,489)	(4,225,320)	(77,831)	(4,187,422)	(3,864,131)	323,291	(66,771,938)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	2,387,969	2,536,839	148,870	4,917,192	4,839,341	(77,851)	21,415,407

Highway Fund Revenue Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 (FY 2016)

August 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	August '15		August '15		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2016 Budgeted Totals	
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		% Change from Prior Year
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	19,216,317	18,999,719	(216,598)		36,323,687	35,841,552	(482,135)	-1.3%	89.1%
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,565,739	3,903,064	337,325		7,926,964	7,939,390	12,426	0.2%	127.1%
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,672,613)	(1,682,136)	(9,523)		(3,250,672)	(3,216,428)	34,244	1.1%	-0.2%
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(480,542)	(475,147)	5,395		(908,345)	(896,085)	12,260	1.3%	-0.1%
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	20,628,901	20,745,500	116,599		40,091,634	39,668,429	(423,205)	-1.1%	116.3%
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,623,374	5,351,224	(272,150)		11,826,843	11,711,905	(114,938)	-1.0%	-3.8%
- License Plate Fees	362,891	400,938	38,047		702,608	794,799	92,191	13.1%	0.1%
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	592,801	649,944	57,143		1,207,404	1,193,449	(13,955)	-1.2%	-15.7%
- Title Fees	1,164,246	1,160,170	(4,076)		2,301,896	2,498,215	196,319	8.5%	8.3%
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	637,523	645,088	7,565		1,342,004	1,385,825	43,821	3.3%	3.4%
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0		0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	8,380,835	8,207,364	(173,471)		17,380,755	17,584,193	203,438	1.2%	-2.5%
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees									
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	274,565	397,862	123,297		417,831	552,802	134,971	32.3%	16.6%
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees									
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	110,672	103,494	(7,178)		254,368	248,227	(6,141)	-2.4%	2.7%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties									
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	70,609	58,868	(11,741)		129,883	124,023	(5,860)	-4.5%	-43.7%
Interest Earnings									
Interest Earnings	28,104	15,527	(12,577)		56,208	15,527	(40,681)	-72.4%	114.0%
Other Highway Fund Revenue									
Other Highway Fund Revenue	562,037	576,623	14,586		1,113,886	1,006,210	(107,676)	-9.7%	-3.9%
Totals	30,055,723	30,105,238	49,515		59,444,565	59,199,409	(245,156)	-0.4%	54.3%

2015 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated September 18, 2015

Study/Committee	Citation	2015 Meetings Authorized	2015 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status/Notes
NEW STUDIES							
Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine	PL 2015 c. 267 Part CCC	at least 2 and no more than 4 per year			1/10 annually		appointments not completed; staffed by Dept. of ED, new ongoing study
Commission to Study Difficult-to-place Patients	Resolve 2015 c. 44	4	9/5/2015		12/2/2015	Sen. Katz Rep. Gattine	appointments not completed
Commission to Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund	Resolve 2015 c. 267 Part GGGG	4	9/29/2015 10/27/2015 (tentative) 12/1/2015 (tentative)		12/5/2015	Sen. Saviello Rep. Hickman	conducting work
Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine Veterans	Resolve 2015 c. 48	4	10/7/15		1/15/2016	Sen. Collins Rep. Golden	appointments completed
Working Group to Meet the Needs of Municipal Volunteer Personnel	Resolve 2015 c. 49	3			12/2/2015	Sen. Baker Rep. Lajoie	appointments completed
Task Force on School Leadership	Resolve 2015 c. 46	2	10/6/15		12/2/2015	Sen. Langley Rep. Kornfield	appointments completed
Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee	SP 533 as amended by H-501	2			12/4/2015 (prelim.) 11/5/2016 (final)		appointments not completed
Jt. Standing Committee on HHS to Study the Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine	Resolve 2015 c. 47	4	9/28/2015	10/13/2015 10/26/2015 11/9/2015	12/2/2015	Sen. Brakey Rep. Gattine	
ON-GOING LEGISLATIVE STUDIES							
State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	20-A MRSA Sec. 12901	no more than 4 times per year			11/1 annually		appointments not completed
*Legislative Youth Advisory Council	3 MRSA Sec. 168-B	may hold 2 per year			2nd Friday in February in even numbered years		appointments not completed
Right to Know Advisory Committee	1 MRSA Sec. 411	not fewer than 4 times per year	9/15/2015		1/15 annually		conducting work
Citizen Trade Policy Commission	10 MRSA Sec. 11	at least 2 times per year	9/24/2015		annually		conducting work
Judicial Compensation Commission	4 MRSA Sec. 1701	n/a funded by court system			12/15 of each even numbered year		appointments not completed

2015 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

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Study/Committee	Citation	2015 Meetings Authorized	2015 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status/Notes
AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MEETINGS (other than AFA)							
IFS Committee (carry over bill LD 1305 - health insurance)		4	9/16/2015	10/5/2015 11/12/2015 11/30/2015	n/a		conducting work
ENR Committee (solid waste management issues)		4	9/10/2015	10/13/2015 11/17/2015	n/a		conducting work
EUT Committee (carry over bills LDs 466, 879, 1302 - telecommunications)		4			n/a		meetings not yet scheduled
SLG Committee (carry over bill LD 1328 - ancient and family burying grounds)		3			n/a		meetings not yet scheduled
HHS Committee (Riverview, contracting issues, substance abuse, wait lists and other HHS-related issues)		3			n/a		new request has been approved by Presiding Officers; meetings not yet scheduled