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129TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

129th Legislature Legislative Council

February 27, 2020

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Decision

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY January 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Gideon called the January 23, 2020 meeting of the 129th Legislative Council to order at 1:38 pm in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	Senator Vitelli, Senator Dow and Senator Timberlake
Absent:	President Jackson and Senator Libby
Representatives:	Speaker Gideon, Representative Moonen, Representative Stewart
Absent:	Representative Fecteau and Representative Dillingham
Legislative Officers:	Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes John Barden, Director, Law & Legislative Reference Library Jackie Little, Human Resources Director Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Nik Rende, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology

Speaker Gideon convened the meeting at 1:38 pm. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 19, 2019 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for December 19, 2019 be accepted and placed on file.

Motion by Representative Stewart. Second by Representative Moonen. Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of After-Deadline Bill Requests

Speaker Gideon announced that the Legislative Council would not be considering after-deadline bill requests at today's meeting, and she and President Jackson have instead approved the circulation of ballots for sponsors to seek approval of their after-deadline bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1: Consideration of Tabled Bill Requests from October and December 2019 Not Taken Up

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, gave the following report.

1. <u>MELD Replacement Project</u>

Despite best efforts by our contractor, the Revisor's Office and Legislative Information Technology, the implementation of the new bill production system has been delayed by some system bugs that need to be resolved before the Revisor's Office is able to fully transitioning to the new system to produce bills and amendments. In the meantime, they have been producing bills and amendments using MELD, the old bill production system. We are still hopeful that the remaining system bugs will be worked out soon so that we may fully transition to the new system and convert those bills and amendments that were developed in MELD into the new system so that we may take full advantage of the features of the new system that includes a more efficient and accurate statute update process that was used to update the statutes after the 1st Regular Session.

2. Benefits Fair

Representatives from Employee Health & Benefits, Maine Public Employees Retirement System, WellStarME (Health Screening), and representatives of the Deferred Compensation Plans will be in the Hall of Flags on the morning of Tuesday, February 4, for a Benefits Fair. The WellStarME staff will also be scheduling appointments for Health Screenings to help meet the requirements of the 2020 Health Credit Premium Program.

Fiscal Report

In the absence of Mr. Nolan, the Speaker directed members to the Fiscal Report included in the packet. Mr. Pennoyer noted that the next meeting of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission will meet on January 30, 2020 to begin the mid-session revenue forecast. The Revenue Forecasting Committee has a March 1st deadline for the final revenue forecast, so that the final forecast will be available to the Legislature as it wraps up the session.

1. General Fund Revenue Update

	Total Ge	neral Fund R	evenue - FY	2020 (\$'s in	Millions)	
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
December	\$291.4	\$296.3	\$4.9	1.7%	\$309.3	-4.2%
FYTD	\$1,973.3	\$1,979.1	\$5.8	0.3%	\$1,904.2	3.9%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$4.9 million (1.7%) for the month of December and by \$5.8 million (0.3%) for the fiscal year to date. These positive variances now reflect the December 2019 revenue forecast, which increased budgeted General Fund revenue by \$52.7 million for FY 2020.

Individual income tax revenue was under budget by \$4.9 million for the month and by \$4.9 million for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax withholdings were under budget by \$10.3 million while refunds were over budget (less refunded than budgeted) for the month by \$4.4 million. The withholding tax revenue may be a timing variance between December and January which will be reviewed in more detail next month. Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by \$0.3 million for the month and by \$0.3 million for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue (November sales) was over budget for the month by \$5.5 million and by \$1.2 million for the fiscal year to date.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2020 (\$'s in Millions)

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	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
December	\$23.6	\$24.7	\$1.1	4.6%	\$24.1	2.5%
FYTD	\$180.3	\$181.2	\$0.9	0.5%	\$177.5	2.1%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by 1.1 million (4.6%) for the month of December and by 0.9 million (0.5%) for the fiscal year to date. These positive variances now reflect the December 2019 revenue forecast, which increased budgeted Highway Fund revenue by 3.1 million for FY 2020.

Fuel taxes were under budget by \$0.3 million for the month while motor vehicle registrations and fees were over budget by \$1.2 million.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for December was \$1,571.6 million, a decrease from November's average of \$1,616.1 million but above both last December's average balance and the ten-year average for the month. The average Highway Fund balance of -\$9.7 million in November was down from November's average of \$0.9 million. The negative average balance in the Highway Fund for December was the result of increased expenditures for construction season spending and delays in the availability of federal reimbursements. The balance is now positive and expected to continue to improve with the release of federal funds.

Studies Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, submitted the written studies report found in the agenda packet. She also stated that she has posted the last report by OPLA on the website and that the Council should be seeing proposed recommendations from committees in the near future.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Speaker Gideon reported that the Personnel Committee met on Thursday, December 19, 2019 and January 23, 2020 to consider the following matters:

1. Onsite Childcare

Ms. Little provided an update to the committee. This matter will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

2. Harassment Prevention

Ms. Little provided the committee an update about recent annual training for supervisors, staff and lobbyists. Ms. Little will continue to provide the committee with updates as training for the 2nd regular session continues.

3. Maine Leadership Development Program for Staff Supervisors

Ms. Little and Mr. Pennoyer presented a proposal from the National Conference of State Legislatures to provide a leadership development program for staff supervisors at the Maine Legislature. The committee voted unanimously to recommend that this proposal be presented to the full Legislative Council for their consideration. This item appears on your agenda today and will be discussed momentarily.

4. Merit Increases for the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House

The committee voted to approve step increases of one-step for both the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

5. Step Increases for Constitutional Officers

The committee reviewed and approved step increases for the two eligible Constitutional Officers.

6. Performance Evaluation and Step Increase - Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director

The committee reviewed the performance of Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director and voted unanimously to approve a step increase for him.

7. Performance Evaluation and Step Increase - Marion Hylan Barr, Director, OPLA

The committee reviewed the performance of Marion Hylan Barr, Director of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and voted unanimously to approve a step increase for her.

8. Performance Evaluation and Step Increase - Chris Nolan, Director, OFPR

The committee reviewed the performance of Chris Nolan, Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and voted unanimously to approve a step increase for him.

9. Performance Evaluation and Step Increase – John Barden, Director, Law Library

The committee reviewed the performance of John Barden, Director of the Law and Legislative Reference Library and voted unanimously to approve a step increase for him.

10. Performance Evaluation and Step Increase - Suzanne Gresser, Revisor

The committee reviewed the performance of Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes and voted unanimously to approve a step increase for her.

State House Facilities Committee

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #2 - #7 Acceptance of the reports.

Motion: To accept Items #2-7 Motion by Representative Stewart. Second by Senator Timberlake. Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4)

Item #8 State Compensation Commission Final Report (January 2020)

Presented for informational purposes only.

Item #9 Maine Leadership Development Program for Staff Supervisors

Jackie Little, Director of Human Resources presented the following information:

The Personnel Committee met on this item earlier on January 27, 2020. This is an opportunity to partner with NCSL for a 3-day intensive leadership opportunity for staff Supervisors. It would be an abbreviated program from their 8-day national program, pulling out the best items in the agenda and would be resource for our staff supervisors. The proposal begins on page 80 of the packet. NCSL would provide some cost sharing and our responsibility would be approximately \$40,500. The request today is to authorize this program to move forward and any additional expenses to come out of the available balances. The program would take place in May or June of 2020. At the December 2019 meeting, the Personnel Committee voted unanimously to proceed with the program, but wanted to present it to the whole Council.

Motion: To approve the program

Motion by Senator Dow. Second by Representative Stewart. Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm

129th Maine State Legislature Legislative Council Tabled Pre Cloture Bill Requests From October 23, 2019 and December 6, 2019

SPONSOR:	Rep. Kent Ackley		
<u>LR #</u> 2723	<u>Title</u> An Act To Allow Municipalities To Set Below-market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/	06/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Michael F. Brennan		
<u>LR #</u> 2847	<u>Title</u> An Act To Promote Justice for Victims of Sexual Abuse by Suspending the Statute of Limitations	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/	23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Ned Claxton		
<u>LR #</u> 2944	<u>Title</u> An Act To Minimize Potentially Objectionable License Plates	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/	06/19
2946	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend Its Certification Requirement Rules	Tabled 10/	23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Scott Wynn Cyrway		
<u>LR #</u> 2610	<u>Title</u> An Act To Require Warning Labels Regarding the Danger of Psychosis from the Consumption of Marijuana Products	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/	06/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry		
<u>LR #</u> 3058	<u>Title</u> An Act To Protect Independent Contractors from Sexual Harassment	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/	23/19
3065	An Act To Properly Fund Early Childhood Education and Postsecondary Grant Opportunities	Tabled 10/	23/19
3066	An Act To Require Transparency in Postsecondary Institutions with Regard to Sexual Assaults	Tabled 10/	23/19

SPONSOR:	Rep. John C. DeVeau	
<u>LR #</u> 2805	<u>Title</u> An Act To Provide Additional Supplemental Funding to the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/06/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Justin J. Fecteau	
<u>LR #</u> 2849	<u>Title</u> An Act To Protect Students from Individuals Convicted of Sex Crimes	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Geoff Gratwick	
<u>LR #</u> 2691	<u>Title</u> An Act To Restrict the Use of Chlorpyrifos in Farming	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
2692	An Act To Codify Rules Regarding Firearms in Child Care Facilities, Nursery Schools and the Facilities of Home-based Child Care Providers	Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Sheldon M. Hanington	
<u>LR #</u> 2658	<u>Title</u> An Act To Impose Penalties for the Failure of Municipalities To Keep the Grave Sites of Veterans in Public Burying Grounds in Good Condition and Repair	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Henry Ingwersen	
<u>LR #</u> 2884	<u>Title</u> Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Investigate Potential Sources of High-level Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination of Land and Drinking Water	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Pres. Troy Dale Jackson	
<u>LR #</u> 2657	<u>Title</u> An Act To Allow Day Students at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
2713	An Act To Provide Tax Credits for Employers Who Employ Qualified Apprentices	Tabled 10/23/19
2714	An Act To Ensure Equitable Pricing for Fuel Delivered to Energy Markets	Tabled 10/23/19

2737	An Act To Ensure Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs	Tabled	10/23/19
2985	Resolve, To Establish Guidelines for the Creation of Offshore Wind Projects That Include the Protection of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Creation of High-quality Local Jobs	Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Lisa Keim		
<u>LR #</u> 2760	<u>Title</u> An Act To Provide MaineCare to Disabled Veterans	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. MaryAnne Kinney		
<u>LR #</u> 2625	<u>Title</u> An Act To Protect the People of Maine from Drug Overdoses	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Scott Landry		
<u>LR #</u> 3060	<u>Title</u> An Act Relating to Energy Storage	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Nate Libby		
<u>LR #</u> 2855	<u>Title</u> Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Case Management under the Behavioral Health Home Program and for Adults with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Jay McCreight		
<u>LR #</u> 2968	<u>Title</u> An Act To Maintain and Enhance the Behavioral Health Workforce in Maine	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Dave Miramant		
<u>LR #</u> 2718	<u>Title</u> An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Aquaculture Leases	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19

SPONSOR:	Sen. Marianne Moore	
<u>LR #</u> 2746	<u>Title</u> An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/06/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Stephen Sullivan Stanley	
<u>LR #</u> 2808	<u>Title</u> An Act To Remove the Tax Cap on County Jail Funding	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Scott W. Strom	
<u>LR #</u> 2709	<u>Title</u> An Act To Prohibit the Collection of Campaign Contributions within a Voting Place	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Nathan J. Wadsworth	
<u>LR #</u> 2966	<u>Title</u> An Act To Provide Funding to the Maine Quality Centers within the Maine Community College System	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
2967	An Act To Support Maine's Workforce Initiatives within the Maine Community College System	Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. David Woodsome	
<u>LR #</u> 2684	<u>Title</u> An Act To Provide Veterans with Educational Benefits	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
2686	An Act To Ensure Maine Cable Service Franchises Are Nonexclusive	Tabled 12/06/19
2704	An Act To Establish Common Law Marriage in Maine	Tabled 12/06/19
2873	An Act To Remove Barriers to Entry to the Profession of Dental Therapy and Expand Access for the Underserved Dental Patient Population	Tabled 12/06/19

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Executive Director's Report February 27, 2020

1. <u>New Employee Orientation</u>

On Friday, January 31st, we held a new employee orientation program. All 27 new employees were able to attend so that no make-up session was required this year.

Fiscal Briefing

February 27, 2020 Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

	Total Ge	eneral Fund R	evenue - FY	2020 (\$'s in	Millions)	
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
January	\$394.0	\$416.1	\$22.1	5.6%	\$378.8	9.8%
FYTD	\$2,367.3	\$2,395.1	\$27.9	1.2%	\$2,283.0	4.9%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$22.1 million (5.6%) for the month of January and by \$27.9 million (1.2%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was over budget by \$12.2 million for the month and by \$7.3 million for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax withholdings were over budget for the month by \$6.7 million, while estimated payments were over budget for the month by \$6.3 million for the fiscal year. The withholding tax revenue variance was largely a timing difference between December and January. The combined final estimated payments for December and January were 9.25% higher than the previous year. Corporate income tax revenue was under budget by \$1.2 million for the month and by \$1.0 million for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue (December sales) was over budget for the month by \$1.7 million and by \$2.9 million for the fiscal year to date, with taxable sales increasing by 7.5% over December 2018. Transfers for tax relief programs were under budget for the month (less transferred than budgeted) by \$8.7 million for the month. As in previous fiscal years, this variance is expected to be a timing difference, with transfers taking place in subsequent months.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

	Total Hi	ighway Fund l	Revenue - FY	7 2020 (\$'s in	Millions)	
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
January	\$28.4	\$28.6	\$0.2	0.7%	\$29.3	-2.5%
FYTD	\$208.7	\$209.8	\$1.1	0.5%	\$206.8	1.4%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by 0.2 million (0.7%) for the month of January and by 1.1 million (0.5%) for the fiscal year to date. Fuel taxes were under budget by 1.5 million for the month while motor vehicle registrations and fees were over budget by 1.5 million, led by a positive variance in long-term trailer and motor vehicle registration fees.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for January was \$1,659.6 million, an increase from December's average of \$1,571.6 million and above both last January's average balance and the ten-year average for the month. The average Highway Fund balance of \$3.4 million in January recovered from December's negative average of -\$9.7 million. The negative average balance in the Highway Fund for December was the result of increased expenditures for construction season spending and delays in the availability of federal reimbursements. The balance is now positive and expected to remain so for the remainder of the fiscal year.

4. March 2020 Revenue Forecast

The Revenue Forecasting Committee is scheduled to meet February 28, 2020 to review and update the revenue forecast to comply with its March 1, 2020 statutory reporting deadline.

Updated 2/19/20

General Fund Revenue Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 (FY 2020)

January 2020 Revenue Variance Report

					Fiscal Ye:	Fiscal Year-To-Date			
	January '20	January '20	January '20				Variance	% Change from Prior	FY 2020 Budgeted Totals
Revenue Category	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	%	Year	
Sales and Use Tax	145,275,196	146,955,175	1,679,979	1,021,874,154	1,024,766,647	2,892,493	0.3%	7.0%	1,603,738,944
Service Provider Tax	4,825,654	4,729,526	(96,128)	33,987,031	33,899,892	(87,139)	-0.3%	-5.5%	58,524,000
Individual Income Tax	218,100,000	230,311,127	12,211,127	1,094,542,561	1,101,855,408	7,312,847	0.7%	6.4%	1,790,503,500
Corporate Income Tax	17,000,000	15,822,705	(1,177,295)	118,172,400	117,251,384	(921,016)	-0.8%	-12.1%	217,460,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	12,139,237	8,420,668	(3,718,569)	82,081,020	81,451,779	(629,241)	-0.8%	2.7%	141,621,642
Insurance Companies Tax	62,643	(50,697)	(113, 340)	13,747,789	13,911,961	164,172	1.2%	4.5%	75,950,000
Estate Tax	500,000	3,313,826	2,813,826	13,886,439	16,790,668	2,904,229	20.9%	438.6%	16,450,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	11,088,414	11,927,316	838,902	76,588,143	78,282,891	1,694,748	2.2%	-7.4%	136,772,575
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,107,354	1,712,152	604,798	6,698,220	7,030,793	332,573	5.0%	-20.5%	12,459,191
Income from Investments	897,928	1,124,283	226,355	7,022,919	7,417,745	394,826	5.6%	41.7%	10,803,680
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,387,419	4,715,297	327,878	33,708,084	36,786,494	3,078,410	9.1%	-2.0%	57,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(15,700,000)	(6,993,619)	8,706,381	(62,924,835)	(52,561,011)	10,363,824	16.5%	9.4%	(75,315,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(9, 333, 631)	(9,336,413)	(2,782)	(67,080,991)	(66,528,831)	552,160	0.8%	-56.1%	(110,933,772)
Other Revenue *	3,642,001	3,421,805	(220,196)	(5,034,447)	(5,215,758)	(181,311)	-3.6%	52.4%	22,005,734
Totals	393,992,215	416,073,149	22,080,934	2,367,268,487	2,395,140,064	27,871,577	1.2%	4.9%	3,957,040,494

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

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General Fund Revenue Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 (FY 2020)

January 2020 Revenue Variance Report

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					Fiscal Ye:	Fiscal Year-To-Date			
	January '20	January '20	January '20				Variance	% Change from Prior	FY 2020 Budgeted Totals
Revenue Category	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	%	Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	(1,403,806)	(1,403,806)	12,362,347	10,596,918	(1,765,429)	-14.3%	-17.0%	14,613,169
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,592,002	1,865,726	273,724	8,575,166	8,985,537	410,371	4.8%	-30.4%	14,266,803
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,698,426	1,750,647	52,221	11,888,982	13,472,888	1,583,906	13.3%	-1.9%	20,381,153
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	414,797	565,805	151,008	3,041,970	3,535,738	493,768	16.2%	45.7%	10,938,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	(136,606)	99,724	236,330	173.0%	N/A	6,000,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,819,334	3,406,410	587,076	16,495,328	16,453,010	(42, 318)	-0.3%	-1.2%	27,891,990
- Milk Handling Fee	61,919	90,582	28,663	733,158	738,453	5,295	0.7%	-76.5%	1,457,928
- Racino Revenue	626,976	893,503	266,527	5,118,165	5,365,272	247,107	4.8%	9.9%	8,722,005
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	472,063	453,167	(18, 896)	2,209,526	2,101,536	(107, 990)	-4.9%	2.3%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	2,249,610	2,732,910	483,300	9,983,039	10,552,130	569,091	5.7%	0.9%	15,990,794
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	1,153,287	1,572,374	419,087	6,317,068	6, 381, 686	64,618	1.0%	15.5%	11,986,523
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	11,088,414	11,927,316	838,902	76,588,143	78,282,891	1,694,748	2.2%	-7.4%	136,772,575
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	2,375	4,800	2,425	16,625	27,675	11,050	66.5%	20.1%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	6,937	6,041	(968)	127,060	65,283	(61,777)	-48.6%	-60.4%	158,160
- State Cost Allocation Program	2,071,593	2,236,237	164,644	14,288,207	14,820,700	532,493	3.7%	39.9%	23,109,989
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,186,442
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(18, 238, 610)	(18, 150, 386)	88,224	0.5%	-5.7%	(18, 238, 610)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(319,958)	(230, 382)	89,576	(4,097,435)	(4,068,499)	28,936	0.7%	62.9%	(5,512,616)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(9,530,000)	(11, 138, 493)	(1,608,493)	-16.9%	-18.0%	(9,530,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	1,881,054	1,405,108	(475, 946)	12,399,706	13,227,962	828,256	6.7%	-16.5%	25,803,869
Subtotal - Other Revenue	3,642,001	3,421,805	(220,196)	(5,034,447)	(5,215,758)	(181,311)	-3.6%	52.4%	22,005,734
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	0	0	0	2,496	2,496	N/A	-39.1%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(9,200,000)	(1,914,732)	7,285,268	(22,069,306)	(10, 435, 243)	11,634,063	52.7%	31.2%	(27,060,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	(6,500,000)	(5,078,887)	1,421,113	(40,855,529)	(42, 128, 264)	(1,272,735)	-3.1%	1.6%	(48, 255, 000)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(15,700,000)	(6,993,619)	8,706,381	(62,924,835)	(52, 561, 011)	10,363,824	16.5%	9.4%	(75, 315, 000)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	2,789,630	3,302,420	512,790	21,477,513	13,206,204	(8,271,309)	-38.5%	0.9%	21,486,646

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Highway Fund Revenue Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 (FY 2020)

January 2020 Revenue Variance Report

					Fiscal Y	Fiscal Year-To-Date	te		FV 2020	Budgeted
	January '20	January '20	January '20				%	% Change from Prior	Budgeted Totals	Change FY 2019 to FY
Revenue Category	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance	Year	1 01415	2020
Fuel Taxes:										
- Gasoline Tax	17,090,862	16,339,002	(751, 860)	127,521,849	125,838,325	(1, 683, 524)	-1.3%	-0.3%	208,539,148	1.0%
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,992,238	3, 130, 190	(862,048)	30,733,924	29,900,431	(833,493)	-2.7%	0.8%	50,812,494	1.0%
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,543,899)	(1, 429, 545)	114,354	(11,604,461)	(11,460,064)	144,397	1.2%	0.0%	(19,060,252)	-1.0%
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(427,405)	(408, 589)	18,816	(3, 187, 700)	(3, 152, 198)	35,502	1.1%	0.2%	(5, 214, 940)	-1.0%
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	19,111,796	17,631,058	(1,480,738)	143,463,612	141,126,494	(2, 337, 118)	-1.6%	-0.1%	235,076,450	1.0%
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:										
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,253,305	5,669,855	416,550	38,441,359	38,873,857	432,498	1.1%	2.5%	69,161,015	1.1%
- License Plate Fees	184,649	111,149	(73,500)	2,015,727	2,244,155	228,428	11.3%	5.9%	3,618,983	0.2%
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	1,292,110	2,096,627	804,517	5,954,521	7,755,418	1,800,897	30.2%	4.9%	10,884,523	-21.6%
- Title Fees	1,076,993	1,292,715	215,722	8,614,782	9,089,794	475,012	5.5%	4.3%	14,325,795	-0.6%
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	796,722	898,704	101,982	5,958,924	6,116,644	157,720	2.6%	10.5%	10,066,651	7.7%
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	310	0	(310)	(8, 410, 479)	(8,426,070)	(15, 591)	-0.2%	-3.3%	(16,515,054)	-3.8%
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	8,604,089	10,069,050	1,464,961	52,574,834	55,653,798	3,078,964	5.9%	4.0%	91,541,913	-2.3%
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	216,876	249,208	32,332	2,168,126	2,158,797	(9,329)	-0.4%	3.8%	3,202,500	0.0%
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	91,202	88,099	(3,103)	759,136	781,121	21,985	2.9%	-7.9%	1,368,729	6.9%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	26,735	103,227	76,492	443,908	520,526	76,618	17.3%	38.6%	606,412	-17.9%
Interest Earnings	20,545	(16, 141)	(36,686)	278,846	209,090	(69, 756)	-25.0%	-40.4%	417,260	-36.2%
Other Highway Fund Revenue	351,389	485,008	133,619	9,052,013	9,370,142	318,129	3.5%	12.1%	12,222,250	9.8%
Totals	28,422,632	28,609,508	186,876	208,740,475	209,819,968	1,079,493	0.5%	1.4%	344,435,514	0.3%

129th Maine State Legislature Tabled Pre Cloture Bill Requests From October 23, 2019 and December 6, 2019 And Tabled After Deadline

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TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SPONSOR:	Sen. Scott Wynn Cyrway	
<u>LR #</u> 3106	<u>Title</u> An Act To Amend the Law Governing Contracts for Pharmacy Services	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/19/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Susan Deschambault	
<u>LR #</u> 3121	<u>Title</u> An Act To Prohibit the Use of Cellphones in Schools by Students in Grades 9 and under	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/19/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Geoff Gratwick	
<u>LR #</u> 3102	<u>Title</u> An Act To Improve School Safety	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/19/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Marianne Moore	
<u>LR #</u> 3118	<u>Title</u> An Act Regarding Mobile Billboards	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/19/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Kent Ackley	
<u>LR #</u> 2723	<u>Title</u> An Act To Allow Municipalities To Set Below-market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/06/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Michael F. Brennan	
<u>LR #</u> 2847	<u>Title</u> An Act To Promote Justice for Victims of Sexual Abuse by Suspending the Statute of Limitations	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR:	Sen. Ned Claxton	
<u>LR #</u> 2944	<u>Title</u> An Act To Minimize Potentially Objectionable License Plates	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/06/19
2946	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend Its Certification Requirement Rules	Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Scott Wynn Cyrway	
<u>LR #</u> 2610	<u>Title</u> An Act To Require Warning Labels Regarding the Danger of Psychosis from the Consumption of Marijuana Products	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/06/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry	
<u>LR #</u> 3058	<u>Title</u> An Act To Protect Independent Contractors from Sexual Harassment	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
3065	An Act To Properly Fund Early Childhood Education and Postsecondary Grant Opportunities	Tabled 10/23/19
3066	An Act To Require Transparency in Postsecondary Institutions with Regard to Sexual Assaults	Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. John C. DeVeau	
<u>LR #</u> 2805	<u>Title</u> An Act To Provide Additional Supplemental Funding to the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/06/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Justin J. Fecteau	
<u>LR #</u> 2849	<u>Title</u> An Act To Protect Students from Individuals Convicted of Sex Crimes	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Geoff Gratwick	
<u>LR #</u> 2691	<u>Title</u> An Act To Restrict the Use of Chlorpyrifos in Farming	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR:	Rep. Sheldon M. Hanington		
<u>LR #</u> 2658	<u>Title</u> An Act To Impose Penalties for the Failure of Municipalities To Keep the Grave Sites of Veterans in Public Burying Grounds in Good Condition and Repair	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Henry Ingwersen		
<u>LR #</u> 2884	<u>Title</u> Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Investigate Potential Sources of High-level Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination of Land and Drinking Water	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Pres. Troy Dale Jackson		
<u>LR #</u> 2657	<u>Title</u> An Act To Allow Day Students at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19
2713	An Act To Provide Tax Credits for Employers Who Employ Qualified Apprentices	Tabled	10/23/19
2714	An Act To Ensure Equitable Pricing for Fuel Delivered to Energy Markets	Tabled	10/23/19
2737	An Act To Ensure Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs	Tabled	10/23/19
2985	Resolve, To Establish Guidelines for the Creation of Offshore Wind Projects That Include the Protection of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Creation of High-quality Local Jobs	Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Lisa Keim		
<u>LR #</u> 2760	<u>Title</u> An Act To Provide MaineCare to Disabled Veterans	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. MaryAnne Kinney		
<u>LR #</u> 2625	<u>Title</u> An Act To Protect the People of Maine from Drug Overdoses	<u>Action</u> Tabled	10/23/19

SPONSOR:	Rep. Scott Landry	
<u>LR #</u> 3060	<u>Title</u> An Act Relating to Energy Storage	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Nate Libby	
<u>LR #</u> 2855	<u>Title</u> Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Case Management under the Behavioral Health Home Program and for Adults with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Rep. Jay McCreight	
<u>LR #</u> 2968	<u>Title</u> An Act To Maintain and Enhance the Behavioral Health Workforce in Maine	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Dave Miramant	
<u>LR #</u> 2718	<u>Title</u> An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Aquaculture Leases	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. Marianne Moore	
SPONSOR: <u>LR #</u> 2746	Sen. Marianne Moore <u>Title</u> An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions	<u>Action</u> Tabled 12/06/19
<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u> An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure	
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LR # 2746 SPONSOR: LR # 2808	Title An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure ActionsRep. Stephen Sullivan StanleyTitle An Act To Remove the Tax Cap on County Jail Funding	Tabled 12/06/19 <u>Action</u>
LR # 2746 SPONSOR: LR # 2808 SPONSOR: LR #	Title An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions Rep. Stephen Sullivan Stanley Title An Act To Remove the Tax Cap on County Jail Funding Rep. Scott W. Strom Title An Act To Prohibit the Collection of Campaign Contributions	Tabled 12/06/19 Action Tabled 10/23/19 Action

2967	An Act To Support Maine's Workforce Initiatives within the Maine Community College System	Tabled 10/23/19
SPONSOR:	Sen. David Woodsome	
<u>LR #</u> 2684	<u>Title</u> An Act To Provide Veterans with Educational Benefits	<u>Action</u> Tabled 10/23/19
2686	An Act To Ensure Maine Cable Service Franchises Are Nonexclusive	Tabled 12/06/19
2704	An Act To Establish Common Law Marriage in Maine	Tabled 12/06/19
2873	An Act To Remove Barriers to Entry to the Profession of Dental Therapy and Expand Access for the Underserved Dental Patient Population	Tabled 12/06/19

Legislative Council Actions Taken by Ballot Since the January 23, 2020 Council Meeting

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 3178	An Act to Prevent Charter Schools from Using State Funds for Anti-Union Campaigns
Submitted by: Date: Vote:	Representative Mike A. Sylvester February 3, 2020 6-4-0-0 Passed (with Sens. Dow and Timberlake and Reps. Dillingham and Stewart opposed)
LR 3138	An Act To Prohibit Foreign Governments and Foreign Quasi-Governmental Agencies from Influencing Citizen' Initiatives
Submitted by: Date: Vote:	Representative Kent Ackley February 3, 2020 7-3-0-0 Passed (with Sens. Timberlake and Representatives Dillingham and Stewart opposed)
LR 3170	An Act To Improve the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program
Submitted by: Date: Vote:	Representative Patricia Hymanson February 3, 2020 7-3-0-0- Passed (with Sens. Dow and Timberlake and Rep. Dillingham opposed)
LR 3196	An Act To Incentivize Home Sharing
Submitted By: Date: Vote:	Senator Justin Chenette February 5, 2020 4-6-0-0- Failed (With Pres. Jackson, Sens. Libby and Vitali and Speaker Gideon in favor)
LR 3171	Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Disabilities
Submitted by: Date: Vote:	Representative Sarah Pebworth February 5, 2020 7-3-0-0- Passed (with Sen. Timberlake and Reps. Dillingham and Stewart opposed)
LR 3135	An Act to Allow Certified Parents to Teach Driver's Education
Submitted by: Date: Vote:	Senator Erin Herbig February 5, 2020 0-10-0-0- Failed

LR 2692	An Act To Protect Maine Children by Codifying Certain Existing Rules Applicable to Child Care Facilities, Nursery Schools and the Facilities of Home-based child Care Providers.
Submitted by: Date: Vote:	Senator Geoff Gratwick February 6, 2020 6-4-0-0-Passed (with Sens. Dow and Timberlake and Reps. Dillingham and Stewart opposed)
LR 3161	An Act to designate Solar Farms as an Acceptable Activity on Land Classified as Farmland or Open Space Land
Submitted by: Date: Vote:	Representative Seth A. Berry February 6, 2020 9-1-0-0- Passed (with Sen. Timberlake opposed)
LR 3177	An Act Regarding Health Insurance Options for Town Academies
Submitted by: Date: Vote:	Senator Michael Carpenter February 6, 2020 9-1-0-0- Passed (with Sen. Timberlake opposed)
LR 3210	An Act To Ensure the Provision of Services for Children with Disabilities
Submitted by: Date: Vote:	Representative Michelle Meyer February 11, 2020 10-0-0- Passed

LR 3155 An Act to Improve Prescription Information Access for Maine Residents

Submitted by:Representative Margaret CravenDate:2/13/20Vote:9-1-0-0 Passed (with Sen. Timberlake opposed)

LR 3154 An Act Regarding Municipal Alcohol Sales

Submitted by:	Senator Louis Luchini
Date:	2/13/20
Vote:	10-0-0-0 Passed

LR 3218 An Act To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home Care Services

Submitted by:Senator Shenna BellowsDate:2/13/20Votes:10-0-0-0 Passed

LR 3221 An Act To Amend the Limited Lines Travel Insurance Act

Submitted by:Representative Joshua MorrisDate:2/20/20Votes:10-0-0 Passed

129th Maine State Legislature Legislative Council Requests to Introduce Legislation Second Regular Session

As of: 2/21/2020 9:21:37 AM

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR:

<u>LR #</u> 3205	<u>Title</u> An Act To Permit Naloxone Possession and Administration in Public and Private Schools	<u>Action</u>
SPONSOR:	Rep. John Andrews	
<u>LR #</u> 3226	<u>Title</u> An Act To Protect Maine Children and Teenagers from Unauthorized Drone Surveillance	<u>Action</u>
SPONSOR:	Rep. Donna Bailey	
<u>LR #</u> 3175	<u>Title</u> An Act To Amend the Definition of Tobacco Product To Exclude Matches and Lighters	<u>Action</u>
SPONSOR:	Rep. Seth A. Berry	
<u>LR #</u> 3238	<u>Title</u> RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Protect Municipal Revenue	<u>Action</u>
SPONSOR:	Rep. Anne Carney	
<u>LR #</u> 3137	<u>Title</u> Resolve, Directing the Maine Complete Count Committee To Submit a Report to the Legislature Regarding Full Participation in the 2020 Federal Decennial Census	<u>Action</u> Withdrawn

SPONSOR:	Sen. Justin Chenette	
<u>LR #</u> 3162	<u>Title</u> An Act To Protect Homeowners by Requiring Disclosure of Basement Flooding Coverage in Insurance Policies	<u>Action</u>
SPONSOR:	Sen. Lisa Keim	
<u>LR #</u> 3195	<u>Title</u> An Act To Create a Voluntary Registry Program for Service Animals	<u>Action</u>
SPONSOR:	Rep. Stephen Wilde Moriarty	
<u>LR #</u> 3219	<u>Title</u> An Act To Add the Use of Drones to the Statute on Stalking	<u>Action</u> In Circulation
SPONSOR:	Rep. Maggie O'Neil	
<u>LR #</u> 3208	<u>Title</u> An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in the Fossil Fuel Industry	<u>Action</u>
3209	An Act To Ensure That Victims of Domestic Violence Have Parity under Tort Law	
SPONSOR:	Sen. Kimberley Rosen	
<u>LR #</u> 3240	<u>Title</u> An Act To Amend the Charter of the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation	<u>Action</u> In Circulation
SPONSOR:	Rep. Charlotte May Warren	
<u>LR #</u> 3227	<u>Title</u> An Act To Increase Government Accountability	<u>Action</u> In Circulation
	LATE-FILED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULES	
SPONSOR:		
<u>LR #</u> 3229	<u>Title</u> Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: On Farm Raising, Slaughter and Processing of Less Than 1,000 Ready-to-Cook Whole Poultry Carcasses, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation	<u>Action</u>

and Forestry.

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MEMO

To: Members, Legislative Council

From: Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director

Date: January 27, 2020

Re: Youth in Government Program

I received a request from Lonney Steeves, Director of the Maine YMCA Youth in Government Program, regarding the scheduling of the 2020 Youth in Government Program. This excellent program has been very successfully using the State House in early November of the last several years and they are asking for the Legislative Council to once again approve the dates for this year's program.

The two weekends that Mr. Steeves is suggesting are November 6th to 8th or November 13th to 15th. Mr. Steeves' preference for scheduling the program would be the weekend beginning Friday, November 13th. According to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, either weekend would work from a staffing perspective and the likelihood of conflicts with legislative work right after the election is negligible. The potential conflict that could arise would be the scheduling of party caucuses shortly after the November 3rd election on either of those Fridays. We do not expect either Friday to conflict with a New Member Orientation that is typically scheduled at least a week after the election.

Therefore, the Legislative Council will need to consider the potential likelihood of any party caucuses being scheduled on either of those Fridays, the 6th or the 13th, and the preference of Mr. Steeves.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Woman Suffrage Marker at State House Proposal

This year, 2020, marks the centennial of most women winning the vote through the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment.

In recognition of this historic anniversary, the <u>Maine</u> <u>Suffrage Centennial Collaborative</u> (MSCC) is proposing to place a commemorative marker on the State House grounds.

The example at right shows what the marker would look like, though of course the words on the sign would be customized for Maine. MSCC is willing to work with the Facilities Committee and the Legislative Council on the exact language, but it might read something like the following:



VOTES FOR WOMEN NOV. 5, 1919. THE LEGISLATURE AFTER A DECADES-LONG BATTLE RATIFIED THE 19TH AMENDMENT THROUGH WHICH MOST WOMEN WON THE RIGHT TO VOTE. Women's suffrage was one of the most successful political movements in history. Through peaceful protest, over many generations, suffrage supporters at last succeeded in redefining "women's sphere" to include voting and other activities outside the home. Yet we teach very little of this in our schools and there is almost no visible history of women's history anywhere. Nationally, fully 96% of public statues are of men.

To support efforts to promote women's history, the <u>William G. Pomeroy Foundation</u> has generously offered every state at least five roadside markers that can be used to commemorate a site that has suffrage significance. In Maine we've so far nominated three sites/suffragists, two in Portland and one in Lewiston. The signs are made of cast iron and placed on an aluminum pole. Pomeroy would create the sign and ship it and the pole to us at no cost; we would simply need the grounds crew to do the installation. We have control over the wording but not the color or size of the sign. We would work with the Legislative Council on determining the location of the sign on the State House Grounds.

We are eager to get the marker installed during this centennial year. It takes several months for the Pomeroy foundation to complete its review process, and to manufacture and ship the marker, so while there's no fixed deadline we would need a decision from the Legislative Council soon in order to have it installed before the ground freezes in the fall.



Gail Laughlin was one of the first women in Maine to practice law. She received her law degree from Cornell in 1898. Laughlin practiced first in NYC, then in Denver, when women received the right to vote there in 1908. She moved to San Francisco in 1914 where she served on the Republican state central committee, and as a judge for the police courts. She was involved in the women's suffrage movement at the national level, and in 1919 became the first president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

She returned to Maine in 1924, practicing law in Portland with her brother. She was elected to the legislature in 1929, serving three terms. Among the bills she sponsored that became law were measures raising the marriage age from 13 to 16, and preventing husbands from committing their wives to mental institutions based on their testimony alone. She also helped establish the State Department of Health. From 1935 to 1941 Laughlin served in the Maine Senate. She then worked as the first woman to serve as recorder of courts.

Laughlin died in 1952.

Mae Douquette painted this portrait in California around 1919, when Laughlin was elected the first president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

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