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**129th Legislature
Legislative Council
February 27, 2020**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

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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. MELD Replacement Project

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 transition 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 General Fund Revenue - 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)

	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>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2723	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Set Below-market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs	Tabled 12/06/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Michael F. Brennan

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2847	An Act To Promote Justice for Victims of Sexual Abuse by Suspending the Statute of Limitations	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Ned Claxton

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2944	An Act To Minimize Potentially Objectionable License Plates	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>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2610	An Act To Require Warning Labels Regarding the Danger of Psychosis from the Consumption of Marijuana Products	Tabled 12/06/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3058	An Act To Protect Independent Contractors from Sexual Harassment	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>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2805	An Act To Provide Additional Supplemental Funding to the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program	Tabled 12/06/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Justin J. Fecteau

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2849	An Act To Protect Students from Individuals Convicted of Sex Crimes	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Geoff Gratwick

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2691	An Act To Restrict the Use of Chlorpyrifos in Farming	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>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2658	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	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Henry Ingwersen

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2884	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Investigate Potential Sources of High-level Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination of Land and Drinking Water	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2657	An Act To Allow Day Students at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	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

LR # Title Action
2760 An Act To Provide MaineCare to Disabled Veterans Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. MaryAnne Kinney

LR # Title Action
2625 An Act To Protect the People of Maine from Drug Overdoses Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Scott Landry

LR # Title Action
3060 An Act Relating to Energy Storage Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Nate Libby

LR # Title Action
2855 Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Case Management under the Behavioral Health Home Program and for Adults with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Jay McCreight

LR # Title Action
2968 An Act To Maintain and Enhance the Behavioral Health Workforce in Maine Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Dave Miramant

LR # Title Action
2718 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Aquaculture Leases Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Marianne Moore

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2746	An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions	Tabled 12/06/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Stephen Sullivan Stanley

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2808	An Act To Remove the Tax Cap on County Jail Funding	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Scott W. Strom

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2709	An Act To Prohibit the Collection of Campaign Contributions within a Voting Place	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Nathan J. Wadsworth

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2966	An Act To Provide Funding to the Maine Quality Centers within the Maine Community College System	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>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2684	An Act To Provide Veterans with Educational Benefits	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. New Employee Orientation

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.

2. Workday HR Management System

We received notification from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services that the new Workday HR Management System implementation has been postponed until fiscal year 2021. The exact deployment date is not known at this time.

Fiscal Briefing

February 27, 2020

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - 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 \$6.2 million and 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 Highway Fund Revenue - FY 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.

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

January 2020 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	January '20		January '20		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2020 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	
Sales and Use Tax	145,275,196	146,955,175	1,679,979	1,024,874,154	1,024,766,647	2,892,493	0.3%	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%	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%	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%	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%	141,621,642
Insurance Companies Tax	62,643	(50,697)	(113,340)	13,747,789	13,911,961	164,172	1.2%	75,950,000
Estate Tax	500,000	3,313,826	2,813,826	13,886,439	16,790,668	2,904,229	20.9%	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%	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%	12,459,191
Income from Investments	897,928	1,124,283	226,355	7,022,919	7,417,745	394,826	5.6%	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%	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%	(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%	(110,933,772)
Other Revenue *	3,642,001	3,421,805	(220,196)	(5,034,447)	(5,215,758)	(181,311)	-3.6%	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%	3,957,040,494

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

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

January 2020 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	January '20			January '20			January '20			Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2020 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual	Variance	% Change from Prior Year	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year		
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:													
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	(1,403,806)	(1,403,806)	1,865,726	273,724		12,362,347	10,596,918	(1,765,429)	-14.3%	-17.0%	14,613,169	
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,592,002	1,750,647	158,645	1,750,647	52,221		8,575,166	8,985,537	410,371	4.8%	-30.4%	14,266,803	
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,698,426	565,805	(1,132,621)	565,805	151,008		11,888,982	13,472,888	1,583,906	13.3%	-1.9%	20,381,153	
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	414,797	0	(414,797)	0	0		3,041,970	3,535,738	493,768	16.2%	45.7%	10,938,649	
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	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	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	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	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)	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	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	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	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	4,800	2,425		16,625	27,675	11,050	66.5%	20.1%	28,500	
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	6,937	6,041	(896)	6,041	(896)		127,060	65,283	(61,777)	-48.6%	-60.4%	158,160	
- State Cost Allocation Program	2,071,593	2,236,237	164,644	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	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,186,442	
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	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)	(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	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)	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)	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	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)	(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)	(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	(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	3,302,420	512,790		21,477,513	13,206,204	(8,271,309)	-38.5%	0.9%	21,486,646	

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

January 2020 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	January '20			Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2020 Budgeted Totals	Budgeted Change FY 2019 to FY 2020
	Budget	January '20 Actual	January '20 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		
Fuel Taxes:								
- Gasoline Tax	17,090,862	16,339,002	(751,860)	127,521,849	125,838,325	(1,683,524)	-1.3%	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%	1.0%
- Transeap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,543,899)	(1,429,545)	114,354	(11,604,461)	(11,460,064)	144,397	1.2%	-1.0%
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(427,405)	(408,589)	18,816	(3,187,700)	(3,152,198)	35,502	1.1%	-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%	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%	1.1%
- License Plate Fees	184,649	111,149	(73,500)	2,015,727	2,244,155	228,428	11.3%	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%	-21.6%
- Title Fees	1,076,993	1,292,715	215,722	8,614,782	9,089,794	475,012	5.5%	-0.6%
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	796,722	898,704	101,982	5,958,924	6,116,644	157,720	2.6%	7.7%
- Transeap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	310	0	(310)	(8,410,479)	(8,426,070)	(15,591)	-0.2%	-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%	-2.3%
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees								
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	216,876	249,208	32,332	2,168,126	2,158,797	(9,329)	-0.4%	0.0%
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees								
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	91,202	88,099	(3,103)	759,136	781,121	21,985	2.9%	6.9%
Interest Earnings	26,735	103,227	76,492	443,908	520,526	76,618	17.3%	-17.9%
Other Highway Fund Revenue	20,545	(16,141)	(36,686)	278,846	209,090	(69,756)	-25.0%	-36.2%
Subtotal - Other Highway Fund Revenue	351,389	485,008	133,619	9,052,013	9,370,142	318,129	3.5%	9.8%
Totals	28,422,632	28,609,508	186,876	208,740,475	209,819,968	1,079,493	0.5%	1.4%

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

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SPONSOR: Sen. Scott Wynn Cyrway

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3106	An Act To Amend the Law Governing Contracts for Pharmacy Services	Tabled 12/19/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Susan Deschambault

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3121	An Act To Prohibit the Use of Cellphones in Schools by Students in Grades 9 and under	Tabled 12/19/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Geoff Gratwick

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3102	An Act To Improve School Safety	Tabled 12/19/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Marianne Moore

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3118	An Act Regarding Mobile Billboards	Tabled 12/19/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Kent Ackley

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2723	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Set Below-market Interest Rates for Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Programs	Tabled 12/06/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Michael F. Brennan

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2847	An Act To Promote Justice for Victims of Sexual Abuse by Suspending the Statute of Limitations	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Ned Claxton

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2944	An Act To Minimize Potentially Objectionable License Plates	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>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2610	An Act To Require Warning Labels Regarding the Danger of Psychosis from the Consumption of Marijuana Products	Tabled 12/06/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3058	An Act To Protect Independent Contractors from Sexual Harassment	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>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2805	An Act To Provide Additional Supplemental Funding to the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program	Tabled 12/06/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Justin J. Fecteau

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2849	An Act To Protect Students from Individuals Convicted of Sex Crimes	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Geoff Gratwick

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2691	An Act To Restrict the Use of Chlorpyrifos in Farming	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Sheldon M. Hanington

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2658	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	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Henry Ingwersen

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2884	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Investigate Potential Sources of High-level Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination of Land and Drinking Water	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2657	An Act To Allow Day Students at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	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>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2760	An Act To Provide MaineCare to Disabled Veterans	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. MaryAnne Kinney

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2625	An Act To Protect the People of Maine from Drug Overdoses	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Scott Landry

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3060	An Act Relating to Energy Storage	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Nate Libby

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2855	Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Case Management under the Behavioral Health Home Program and for Adults with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Jay McCreight

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2968	An Act To Maintain and Enhance the Behavioral Health Workforce in Maine	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Dave Miramant

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2718	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Aquaculture Leases	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Sen. Marianne Moore

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2746	An Act To Clarify the Rights of Parties in Certain Foreclosure Actions	Tabled 12/06/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Stephen Sullivan Stanley

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2808	An Act To Remove the Tax Cap on County Jail Funding	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Scott W. Strom

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2709	An Act To Prohibit the Collection of Campaign Contributions within a Voting Place	Tabled 10/23/19

SPONSOR: Rep. Nathan J. Wadsworth

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2966	An Act To Provide Funding to the Maine Quality Centers within the Maine Community College System	Tabled 10/23/19

2967 An Act To Support Maine's Workforce Initiatives within the Tabled 10/23/19
Maine Community College System

SPONSOR: Sen. David Woodsome

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2684	An Act To Provide Veterans with Educational Benefits	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: Representative Mike A. Sylvester
Date: February 3, 2020
Vote: 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: Representative Kent Ackley
Date: February 3, 2020
Vote: 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: Representative Patricia Hymanson
Date: February 3, 2020
Vote: 7-3-0-0- Passed (with Sens. Dow and Timberlake and Rep. Dillingham opposed)

LR 3196 An Act To Incentivize Home Sharing

Submitted By: Senator Justin Chenette
Date: February 5, 2020
Vote: 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: Representative Sarah Pebworth
Date: February 5, 2020
Vote: 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: Senator Erin Herbig
Date: February 5, 2020
Vote: 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: Senator Geoff Gratwick
Date: February 6, 2020
Vote: 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: Representative Seth A. Berry
Date: February 6, 2020
Vote: 9-1-0-0- Passed (with Sen. Timberlake opposed)

LR 3177 An Act Regarding Health Insurance Options for Town Academies

Submitted by: Senator Michael Carpenter
Date: February 6, 2020
Vote: 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: Representative Michelle Meyer
Date: February 11, 2020
Vote: 10-0-0-0- Passed

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

Submitted by: Representative Margaret Craven
Date: 2/13/20
Vote: 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 Bellows
Date: 2/13/20
Votes: 10-0-0-0 Passed

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

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

LR 3240 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation

Submitted by: Senator Kimberly Rosen

Date: February 25, 2020

Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

LR 3247 An Act To Ensure Compliance with Disclosure for Political Communications

Submitted by: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson

Date: February 27, 2020

Vote: 6-4-0-0 Passed (with Sens. Dow and Timberlake and Reps. Dillingham and Stewart Opposed)

**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>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3205	An Act To Permit Naloxone Possession and Administration in Public and Private Schools	

SPONSOR: Rep. John Andrews

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3226	An Act To Protect Maine Children and Teenagers from Unauthorized Drone Surveillance	

SPONSOR: Rep. Donna Bailey

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3175	An Act To Amend the Definition of Tobacco Product To Exclude Matches and Lighters	

SPONSOR: Rep. Seth A. Berry

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3238	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Protect Municipal Revenue	

SPONSOR: Rep. Anne Carney

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3137	Resolve, Directing the Maine Complete Count Committee To Submit a Report to the Legislature Regarding Full Participation in the 2020 Federal Decennial Census	Withdrawn

SPONSOR: Sen. Justin Chenette

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3162	An Act To Protect Homeowners by Requiring Disclosure of Basement Flooding Coverage in Insurance Policies	

SPONSOR: Sen. Lisa Keim

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3195	An Act To Create a Voluntary Registry Program for Service Animals	

SPONSOR: Rep. Stephen Wilde Moriarty

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3219	An Act To Add the Use of Drones to the Statute on Stalking	Ballot in Process

SPONSOR: Rep. Maggie O'Neil

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3208	An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in the Fossil Fuel Industry	

3209	An Act To Ensure That Victims of Domestic Violence Have Parity under Tort Law	
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SPONSOR: Rep. Charlotte May Warren

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3227	An Act To Increase Government Accountability	Ballot in Process

LATE-FILED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULES

SPONSOR:

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3229	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 and Forestry.	

**129th Maine State Legislature
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Actions Taken After February 21, 2020

SPONSOR: Sen. Scott Wynn Cyrway

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3252	Resolve, To Require the Inclusion on an Accident Report Whether the Accident Was Marijuana-related	

SPONSOR: Spkr. Sara Gideon

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3250	An Act To Restore Honor to Service Members	Ballot in Process

SPONSOR: Rep. Lori K. Gramlich

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3251	An Act To Prevent Accidental Overdoses by Establishing a Protocol for Prescription Drug Recovery	

SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3247	An Act To Ensure Compliance with Disclosure Requirements for Political Communications	

LATE-FILED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULES

SPONSOR:

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3244	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Office of the State Treasurer	

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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.

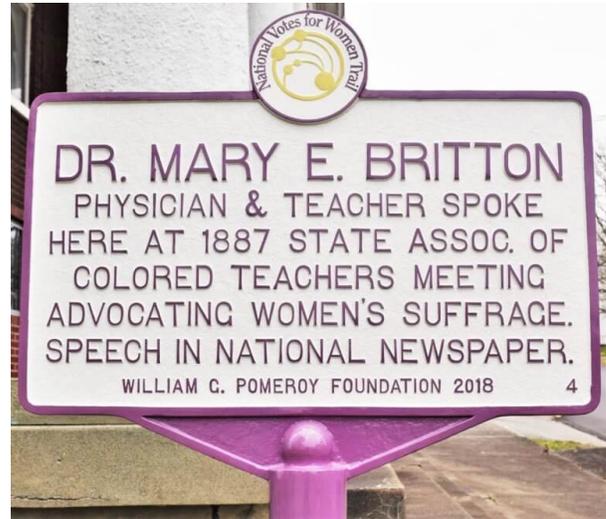
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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 [Maine Suffrage Centennial Collaborative](#) (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 [William G. Pomeroy Foundation](#) 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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