

Citizen Trade Policy Commission

December 11, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.

Transportation Committee Room, Augusta

Meeting Summary

Members present: Rep. Margaret Rotundo, Rep. Sharon Treat, Sarah Bigney, Malcolm Burson, Paul Volckhausen, Joseph Woodbury, Wade Merritt, Michael Herz, Michael Hiltz, Linda Pistner

Guests: Robert Marvinney (Maine Geological Survey); William Waren (Forum on Democracy and Trade via conference call)

Staff present: Judy Gopaul

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Rep. Margaret Rotundo.

Robert Marvinney circulated a draft revision of the report “The Potential Impact of International Trade Agreements on Ground Water Withdrawal Regulations” to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources that included recommendations and clarification of language made by members at the previous meeting. The report was reviewed and minor corrections were suggested. Lengthy discussion followed on public ownership section. Suggestion was made to title the end of the report “conclusion and recommendations”. Mr. Marvinney will make corrections and circulate a new draft capturing comments.

Rep. Rotundo thanked Mr. Marvinney for his leadership and work preparing the report.

Discussion followed regarding extending the contract with William Waren to allow time for final edits to the assessment report. David Boulter, Legislative Council, advised that the contract can be modified and will work with Curtis Bentley and Mr. Waren on language in terms of extending the contract, as well as any changes in terms of the substance of the work that Mr. Waren is doing. If it is substantial, it will be circulated to members for comment. Linda Pistner made a motion to give Rep. Rotundo authority to decide on language changes to the contract. Seconded. Vote, unanimous.

Discussion transpired on the continuance of the CTPC. Motion made recommending that the Citizen Trade Policy Commission continue in existence because it’s proven to be an effective forum and is still needed. The Commission could not officially vote as there wasn’t a quorum (short one vote) but will ratify the motion at January’s meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held January 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. It is very important to have a quorum for voting purposes. Members were asked to please attend.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Nickerson