

TRANSITION

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY TRANSITION PROGRAMME

UNITED STATES "TASK OF GOVERNMENT" PROGRAMME

NOVEMBER 18-25 1998

THE LEGISLATIVE TASK

This week-long programme is designed to provide legislators from the Northern Ireland Assembly with tools and ideas that will help them carry out their legislative task by using United States legislators as a model. The week-long programme combines discussions with academic experts on legislative behaviour, federalism, and legislative executive relations and policy analysis with field visits to legislative offices and other relevant working governmental organisations. Participants will meet with State Senators, State Representatives, City Councillors and their staff to discuss best practices, public private partnerships and discuss successful working models for delivering good government. Specific topics of analysis will include legislative oversight and accountability; information technology and communications; and intergovernmental relations. Extensive use will be made of case studies and simulations in order to give legislators the opportunity to participate actively in working through real problems of governance.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday 18 November 1998

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| <i>Morning</i> | Depart Belfast |
| <i>Afternoon</i> | Arrive Boston via London. |

Thursday 19 November

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| <i>9.00 am-10.30 am</i> | Policy Analysis Professor Marc Landy Boston College Political Science Department. |
| <i>10.30 am-11.00 am</i> | AM Break. |
| <i>11.00 am-12.30 pm</i> | Session Reconvenes. |
| <i>12.30 pm-1.30 pm</i> | Lunch |
| <i>2.30 pm</i> | Boston Redevelopment Authority Massachusetts Port Authority "Development and Public Private Partnership" facilitated by former Executive Director of Massport, Alden Raine. |

Friday 20 November

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| <i>9.00 am-10.30 am</i> | Executive-Legislative Resources Professor Tierney. |
| <i>10.30 am-11.00 am</i> | AM Break |
| <i>11.00 am-12.30 pm</i> | Session Reconvenes. |

Visit to Boston City Hall
Services, City State Relations and Budget Issues
Facilitated by David Baer, Director of Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Saturday 21 November

10.00 am-12.30 pm Electoral campaigning and campaign tools
campaign managers, publicists and staffers.

12.30 pm-1.30 pm Lunch

2.00 pm-4.00 pm Personal Communications Strategies
Professor Wally Coyle.

7.00 pm Dinner

Sunday 22 November

2.00 pm-6.00 pm Tour of Boston College
Richard Goldfine.

Monday 23 November

9.00 am-10.30 am Legislative Executive Relations
Professor Denis Hale.

10.30 am-11.00 am AM Break

11.00 am-12.30 pm Session Reconvenes.

12.30 pm-1.30 pm Lunch

2.30 pm Travel to Connecticut
Hotel Check In.

7.00 pm Dinner

Tuesday 24 November

9.00 am-10.30 am Connecticut State House
Federalism overview and discussion with Connecticut House and
Senate elected officials and staff.

10.30 am-11.00 am AM Break

11.00 am-12.30 pm Session Reconvenes.

12.30 pm-1.30 pm Lunch with members of the executive offices.

2.30 pm Connecticut committee members round table on various topics
Information Technology
Legislative Oversight and Accountability
Legislative Resources and Staffing.

Evening Return to Boston College.