MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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The House Calendar

The Advance Journal and Calendar of the House of Representatives

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

4th Legislative Day Tuesday, January 14, 2003

Calling of the House to Order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Thomas E. Teichmann, Trinity Lutheran Church, South Paris.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Jeff Maher, M.D., Bath.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 9, 2003.

Patrick Colwell, Speaker

Millicent M. MacFarland, Clerk

(4-6) On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 43)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Joint Rule 310, section 2 is amended to read:

2. Committee Reports. The report of the committee must include a recommendation. Recommendations that may be made are:

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought Not to Pass
Refer to Another Committee

The committee shall vote on all recommendations to be included in reports on a bill during a work session on that bill. When the committee recommendation is not unanimous, a minority report or reports are required. A minimum threshold of 2 members of the committee, one Senator and one Representative, are required to report out an "Ought to Pass," an "Ought to Pass as Amended" or an "Ought to Pass in New Draft" divided report. Except as provided in subsection 5, minority committee reports must be voted on at the same work session as the majority report on that bill. Notwithstanding subsection 5, a committee vote to report a bill out favorably must be taken based on written language before the committee at that time or on a motion describing the content of the report. After a committee vote, no substantive change may be made in the committee report unless motions to reconsider and to amend the report are approved at a committee work session. All reports on any legislative document must be submitted to the Legislature at the same time.