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One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Legislature First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

6th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

Senate called to Order by President Justin L. Alfond of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Frank Gleason, Center Point Community Church in Anson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Margaret M. Craven of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 17, 2013.

Doctor of the day, Carla Burkley, MD of Auburn.

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ORDERS

Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **GERZOFSKY** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order: S.P. 20

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by adding Joint Rule 319 to read:

Rule 319. Review of provisions creating or enhancing criminal penalties.

Whenever a legislative proposal in a resolve or bill, including a budget bill, enacts a new crime or increases the penalty for an existing crime, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the proposal shall hold a public hearing and determine the level of support for the proposal among members of the committee. If there is support for the proposal among a majority of the members of the committee, the committee shall request the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters to review and evaluate the proposal for its impact on the criminal justice system. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters shall conduct the review and report back to the joint standing committee of jurisdiction and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.

(4-2) On motion by Senator **GERZOFSKY** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order: S.P. 30

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability shall examine the operation of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority. The Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability shall secure the documents necessary to complete its examination pursuant to this order.

(4-3) On motion by Senator **GERZOFSKY** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order: S.P. 31

ORDERED, the House concurring, that by March 1, 2014, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, after consultation with the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, shall submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature establishing the Criminal Code Revision Commission, for the purpose of reviewing, revising, unifying, recodifying and consolidating Maine's criminal laws, including, but not limited to, the Maine Criminal Code. The commission shall: