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**127th Legislature
Legislative Council
NOVEMBER 19, 2015
10:00 AM
REVISED AGENDA**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
October 22, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

President Thibodeau called the October 22, 2015 meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 10:59 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Thibodeau, Senator Mason, Senator Cushing, Senator Alfond and Senator Hill
Representatives:	Speaker Eves, Representative McCabe, Representative Gideon, Representative Fredette and Representative Espling
Legislative Officers:	Heather Priest, Secretary of the Senate Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House Jennifer McGowan, Assistant Clerk of the House Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director of the Legislative Council Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director Jackie Little, Human Resources Director Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library Kevin Dieterich, Director, Legislative Information Technology

President Thibodeau convened the meeting at 10:59 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for September 24, 2015 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Cushing. Second by Senator Mason. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, submitted the following written report:

1. Priority Security Screening Update

The Executive Director's Office has completed processing of roughly half of the applications for low-risk priority screening passes received to date (34 completed of 69 received). Cards were issued this week for this first batch of completed applications.

2. Update on State House Projects

Construction and cosmetic repair work in the State House is wrapping up for this interim. Repainting of the dome is finally completed. Some final work remains on the Senate Door card access project and the main entrance doors of the State House. The refilling of the State House heating system after the installation of a new pump and being empty for a several months exposed some new leaks, which have been repaired. The refilling of the heating system also resulted in multiple service calls over a couple of weeks to address air pockets affecting the flow to certain heating units.

3. Availability of Original Copper from the State House Dome

Earlier this month, the Office of the Executive Director announced that it was ready to receive orders for the 2 mementos (a plaque and a framed picture with pieces of the copper from the State House dome) and for sheets of the copper in rough form. So far, we have received orders for roughly 30 mementos and 80 square feet of the copper sheets in rough form.

4. Youth in Government Program – November 13th to 15th

As a reminder, the Youth in Government Program of the Maine YMCA is scheduled to be in the State House and Cross Office Building for its annual weekend in the State House beginning Friday, November 13th and ending Sunday, November 15th.

Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, submitted the following written report:

General Fund Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$352.9	\$354.9	\$2.0	0.6%	\$351.7	0.9%
FYTD	\$849.7	\$860.5	\$10.8	1.3%	\$685.0	25.6%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$2.0 million (0.6%) for the month of September and \$10.8 million (1.3%) over budget for the fiscal year through September. Individual income tax revenue was \$4.9 million over budget for the month of September led mainly by estimated payments. Estimated payments have exceeded fiscal year 2015, and it remains to be seen whether this is an anomaly or not. This line will be looked at closely in the December forecast.

Sales and use tax revenue was under budget by \$1.7 million but over budget by \$2.6 million for the fiscal year to date. These revenues are expected to rebound in October (September sales), since the September variance could be attributed to the late Labor Day holiday. Transfers for tax relief programs were over budget by \$5.8 million mainly due to timing of reimbursements under the BETR program which should correct itself over the next few months.

Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$25.4	\$27.1	\$1.7	6.9%	\$25.6	5.8%
FYTD	\$84.8	\$86.3	\$1.5	1.8%	\$64.0	34.9%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$1.7 million (6.9%) for the month of September and \$1.5 million (1.8%) over budget for the fiscal year through September. Fuel taxes were over budget for the month of September by \$0.5 million while motor vehicle registration and fees were over budget by \$1.0 million.

Cash Balances Update

The average total cash pool balance for September was \$798.9 million, a 6.4% increase from last month's average and significantly higher than both last September and the previous 10-year average balance for September. Internal borrowing for the General Fund averaged \$6.7 million in September which is, obviously, up from the rare zero borrowing in the past two months but well below the past two Septembers (\$153.7 million and \$142.0 million in 2013 and 2014 respectively). The average Highway Fund balance increased 3.9% from August to September and by 21.4% from July to September.

Studies Update and Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, submitted the attached written report.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

Speaker Eves, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Personnel Committee held a meeting Wednesday, October 21st to discuss collective bargaining and related policy changes. Mr. Pennoyer and Ms. Little reviewed the status of the collective bargaining negotiations and related changes to personnel policy. No action was taken by the committee at this time.

2. State House Facilities Committee

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Suggested Procedures for Deciding Legislator Bill Requests

President Thibodeau and Mr. Pennoyer reviewed the procedures for deciding legislator bill requests.

Item #2: Consideration of Legislator Bill Requests for Introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on three hundred ninety-six (396) bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized thirty-three (33) bills for introduction in the Second Regular Session, tabled eighteen (18) bill requests and declined to authorize three hundred forty-five (345) bill requests. Out of the 396 requests, two (2) bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsor prior to the Legislative Council's vote. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

Item #3: Legislative Council Meeting Schedule for 2016

Mr. Pennoyer reviewed the Legislative Council meeting schedule for 2016. These meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm unless otherwise stated.

Item #4: Notice of Single Audit of the State of Maine

The Office of the State Auditor notified the Legislative Council that the Single Audit of the State of Maine is being conducted at this time. The report will be issued in December 2015.

Item #5: Executive Session

Motion: That in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405, sub§ 6, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations between the employee representative for the Administrative Unit of Legislative Employees and the Legislative Council, and discussing collective bargaining negotiations between the employee representative for the Independent Association of Nonpartisan Legislative Professionals and the Legislative Council. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Senator Alfond. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0).**

The Legislative Council entered into an executive session at 2:08 p.m. At the conclusion of its executive session, on a motion by Speaker Eves, seconded by Senator Alfond, the Legislative Council voted unanimously to end its executive session at 2:39 p.m. and reconvene its regular meeting during which the following motion regarding collective bargaining was made.

Motion: That pursuant to its authority under 26 MRSA, §979-A, sub-§5, the Legislative Council of the 127th Legislature ratify the collective bargaining agreements for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017 that were negotiated and tentatively agreed to by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Maine State Employees

Association-SEIU Local 1989 on behalf of the Administrative Unit of Legislative Employees on October 15, 2015 and by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Independent Association of Nonpartisan Legislative Professionals (IANLP) on October 20, 2015. Further, that the Legislative Council authorize the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to carry out the terms of these two Agreements; Further, that due to the time-sensitive nature of the circumstances before us, that upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council exercise its right to adopt a revision to the Personnel Policies and Guidelines for Legislative Council employees and forego the tabling of the proposal, and to accept the Executive Director's prepared summary of updates as sufficient identification of the policy changes to be made; Further, that the Legislative Council modify its personnel policies and guidelines for Legislative Council employees and Committee Clerks, and for the employees of the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and Legislative Leadership employees, pending agreement from those respective authorities, to apply personnel policies and benefit provisions that are comparable to those contained in the ratified collective bargaining agreements, and direct its Executive Director to incorporate as appropriate and administer those provisions; and Further that compensation provisions in the form of cost of living adjustments and salary steps comparable to that provided in the aforementioned ratified collective bargaining agreements be provided to legislative employees who are not represented by a collective bargaining agent, the effective dates of such compensation provisions to coincide with those contained in the aforementioned collective bargaining agreement ratified. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Senator Alfond. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0).**

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Representative McCabe expressed his thanks to Mr. Pennoyer and Ms. Little for all of their hard work during the collective bargaining negotiations.

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

2015 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated October 15, 2015

Study/Committee	Citation	2015 Meetings Authorized	2015 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status/Notes
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NEW STUDIES

Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine	PL 2015 c. 267 Part CCC	at least 2 and no more than 4 per year			1/10 annually	Rep. Ginzler	appointments not completed; staffed by Dept. of ED; new ongoing study
Commission to Study Difficult-to-place Patients	Resolve 2015 c. 44	4		10/26/2015 (tentative)	12/2/2015	Sen. Katz Rep. Gattine	appointments completed
Commission to Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund	Resolve 2015 c. 267 Part GGGG	4	9/5/2015 9/29/2015	10/27/2015 12/1/2015 (tentative)	12/5/2015	Sen. Saviello Rep. Hickman	conducting work
Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine Veterans	Resolve 2015 c. 48	4	10/7/2015	10/28/2015	1/15/2016	Sen. Collins Rep. Golden	conducting work
Working Group to Meet the Needs of Municipal Volunteer Personnel	Resolve 2015 c. 49	3		10/20/2015	12/2/2015	Sen. Baker Rep. Lajoie	conducting work
Task Force on School Leadership	Resolve 2015 c. 46	2	10/6/2015		12/2/2015	Sen. Langley Rep. Kornfield	conducting work
Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee	SP 533 as amended by H-501	2			12/4/2015 (prelim.) 11/5/2016 (final)		appointments not completed
Jt. Standing Committee on HHS to Study the Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine	Resolve 2015 c. 47	4	9/28/2015 10/13/2015	10/26/2015 (cancelled) 11/9/2015	12/2/2015	Sen. Brakey Rep. Gattine	conducting work

ON-GOING LEGISLATIVE STUDIES

State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	20-A MRSA Sec. 12901	no more than 4 times per year			11/1 annually		appointments not completed
*Legislative Youth Advisory Council	3 MRSA Sec. 168-B	may hold 2 per year			2nd Friday in February in even numbered years		appointments not completed
Right to Know Advisory Committee	1 MRSA Sec. 411	not fewer than 4 times per year	9/15/2015 10/6/2015	11/13/2015 12/01/2015 (tentative)	1/15 annually		appointments not completed; conducting work
Citizen Trade Policy Commission	10 MRSA Sec. 11	at least 2 times per year	9/24/2015	10/27/2015	annually		appointments not completed; conducting work
Judicial Compensation Commission	4 MRSA Sec. 1701	n/a funded by court system			12/15 of each even numbered year		appointments completed

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AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MEETINGS (other than AFA)							
IFS Committee (carry over bill LD 1305 - health insurance)		4	9/16/2015	10/5/2015 (cancelled) 11/12/2015 11/30/2015	n/a		conducting work
ENR Committee (solid waste management issues)		4	9/10/2015 10/13/2015	10/28/2015 (tentative) 11/17/2015	n/a		conducting work
EUT Committee (carry over bills LDs 466, 879, 1302 - telecommunications)		4		10/26/2015	n/a		
VLA Subcommittee (Resolve 2015, c. 19 (LD 74) - continuation of VLA subcommittee that began work before adjournment regarding equitable provision of services to members of the military)		1	10/13/2015				request for meeting held approved by Presiding Officers
SLG Subcommittee (carry over bill LD 1328 - ancient and family burying grounds)		3		10/27/2015	n/a		
HHS Committee (Riverview, contracting issues, substance abuse, wait lists and other HHS-related issues)		3					request approved by Presiding Officers; meetings not yet scheduled

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY		
LR 2120	Representative Hickman of Winthrop An Act To Increase Transparency in Cooperative Agreements Entered Into by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	FAILED
LR 2135	Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis An Act To Prohibit Raising Cats and Dogs for Human Consumption	FAILED
LR 2141	Senator Baker of Sagadahoc An Act To Allow Maine Residents To Access the Online Reservation Site for State Parks 24 Hours before Nonresidents	FAILED
LR 2206	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Oversee Organic Dairy Farm Audits	FAILED
LR 2225	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Provide Military Families Free Access to State Parks	FAILED
LR 2256	Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Amend the Appointment Process for Members of the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Responsibilities of the Board	FAILED
LR 2306	Representative Espling of New Gloucester An Act To Require the Local Appointment of Inspectors of Weights and Measures	FAILED
LR 2312	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Limit Consent Regarding Land Transfers to the Federal Government	FAILED
LR 2360	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Protect the Land for Maine's Future Program	FAILED
LR 2458	Senator Hill of York An Act To Improve the Land for Maine's Future Board	FAILED
LR 2512	Senator Willette of Aroostook An Act To Require Veterinarians To Report Suspected Animal Abuse	FAILED

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		Action
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY		
LR 2528	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Clarify the Authority of a Plantation To Regulate Land Use	FAILED
LR 2545	Representative Monaghan of Cape Elizabeth An Act To Protect Elephants	FAILED
LR 2549	Representative Monaghan of Cape Elizabeth An Act To Protect Dogs from Extreme Weather	FAILED
LR 2552	Representative Martin of Eagle Lake An Act To Make Corrections to the Biennial Budget Regarding the Maine Forest Service	FAILED
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2130	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Reauthorize Certain Land for Maine's Future Bonds	FAILED
LR 2131	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan Resolve, To Reauthorize Bonds for Land for Maine's Future	FAILED
LR 2132	Representative Pouliot of Augusta Resolve, To Reauthorize the Issuance of Certain Bonds	PASSED
LR 2133	Representative Vachon of Scarborough An Act To Reauthorize Certain Bonds for the Land for Maine's Future Fund	FAILED
LR 2134	Representative Vachon of Scarborough An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds	FAILED
LR 2145	Representative Lockman of Amherst An Act To Make Information on the Biennial Budget Available in a Timely Manner	FAILED
LR 2176	Representative Fecteau of Biddeford An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Vocational High Schools	FAILED

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2212	Representative Timmons of Cumberland An Act Regarding Affordable Heating and the Issuance of Land Conservation Bonds	FAILED
LR 2230	Representative Foley of Wells An Act To Allow Members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program To Reapply for Disability Retirement Benefits after Denial	PASSED
LR 2257	Representative Tuell of East Machias An Act To Expand the Role of Voters in the Governmental Facilities Bonding Process	FAILED
LR 2316	Senator Valentino of York An Act To Modernize and Consolidate Court Facilities	PASSED
LR 2338	Representative Rotundo of Lewiston An Act To Clarify Expenditures Regarding Androscoggin County	PASSED
LR 2343	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Marine Transportation and Port Infrastructure at Mack Point To Meet the Needs of the Marine Construction and Shipping Business Sector and To Create Jobs	TABLED
LR 2373	Representative Guerin of Glenburn An Act Relating to Land for Maine's Future Bonds and To Provide Low-income Heating Assistance Upgrades	FAILED
LR 2392	Representative Doore of Augusta An Act To Ensure State Retirees Receive the Same Health Information State Employees Receive	FAILED
LR 2412	Representative Ward of Dedham An Act To Update the Laws Governing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System as They Relate to War-time Veterans	PASSED
LR 2433	Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor An Act To Increase Transparency in the Setting of Normal Teacher Retirement Costs Rates for School Districts	FAILED

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LR 2488	Representative Gideon of Freeport An Act To Revitalize Infrastructure Investment To Create Jobs	FAILED
LR 2495	Representative Nadeau of Winslow An Act To Include Law Enforcement Officers within the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	FAILED
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2123	Representative Head of Bethel An Act To Allow Tiered Qualifications for Volunteer Firefighters in Certain Municipalities	FAILED
LR 2136	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Require Ignition Interlock Devices on Vehicles Operated by First-time Operating-under-the-influence Offenders	FAILED
LR 2139	Representative Chipman of Portland An Act To Allow Municipalities To Restrict How Close to Daycare Facilities Convicted Sex Offenders May Live	TABLED
LR 2142	Senator Baker of Sagadahoc An Act To Ensure Restitution at the Full Value of the Stolen Property for Victims of Theft	FAILED
LR 2155	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Prevent the Use of Surplus Military Equipment for Routine Law Enforcement	FAILED
LR 2158	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Increase Firearm Safety	FAILED
LR 2166	Representative Devin of Newcastle Resolve, To Improve Firearm Safety in Maine	FAILED
LR 2167	Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Allow Plantations To Establish Local Fireworks Ordinances	FAILED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2192	Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Improve Pretrial Justice and Public Safety	FAILED
LR 2209	Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Amend the Public Safety Laws	TABLED
LR 2223	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Eliminate the Disclosure Requirement for a Person Carrying a Concealed Handgun without a Permit	FAILED
LR 2234	Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland An Act To Allow Municipalities To Enhance Children's Safety in "Safe Zones"	FAILED
LR 2242	Senator Diamond of Cumberland An Act To Improve the Law Concerning Carbon Monoxide Detectors	PASSED
LR 2243	Representative Kinney of Knox An Act Regarding Sealing the Records of Class C, D and E Crimes	FAILED
LR 2244	Representative Pierce of Dresden An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Sentencing of Persons Convicted of Trafficking Heroin or Opiates	FAILED
LR 2250	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Expand the Definition of "Advocate" for Purposes of Disclosure of Information by a Criminal Justice Agency	TABLED
LR 2253	Representative Long of Sherman An Act To Provide Proper Funding for County Jails	FAILED
LR 2284	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Increase Sentences Imposed for Interstate Trafficking of Illegal Drugs	FAILED
LR 2285	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act Regarding Ignition Interlock Devices	FAILED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2286	Representative Nadeau of Winslow An Act To Provide Supplemental Funding to the County Jail Operations Fund	FAILED
LR 2287	Senator Rosen of Hancock An Act To Amend the Law Reversing Jail Consolidation	FAILED
LR 2296	Representative Beavers of South Berwick An Act To Require Background Checks for Private Sales or Transfers of Firearms	FAILED
LR 2297	Representative Beavers of South Berwick Resolve, To Provide the Legislature with Information on the Need for Mental Health Services in County Jails	FAILED
LR 2315	Senator Rosen of Hancock An Act Regarding the Application Fees and Inspection Fees Associated with the Provision of Amusement Rides	PASSED
LR 2317	Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis An Act To Provide Wage Parity for Supervisors in Law Enforcement	PASSED
LR 2321	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Amend the Maine Criminal Code To Clarify the Prohibition on the Exercise of Improper Influence	TABLED
LR 2322	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Ensure the Proper Functioning of State Government by Ensuring Execution of Executive Branch Duties	FAILED
LR 2323	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Ensure Adequate Funding To Provide Bulletproof Vests for All Members of Law Enforcement	FAILED
LR 2327	Representative Head of Bethel An Act To Establish a Registry for Domestic Violence Offenders	FAILED
LR 2356	Representative Hymanson of York An Act To Reduce Drunk Driving	FAILED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2363	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Reduce the Trafficking of Illegal Drugs in the State	TABLED
LR 2399	Representative Rotundo of Lewiston An Act To Fund and Implement Wage Adjustments for All State Correctional Employees Who Perform Direct Care or Supervision of Prisoners	FAILED
LR 2438	Representative Grohman of Biddeford An Act To Allow School Resource Officers To Have Jurisdiction at Off-site Events	FAILED
LR 2463	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Provide Ballistic Vests to State Law Enforcement Officers	PASSED
LR 2472	Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Increase Public Access to Information Regarding Crimes of Sexual Assault	FAILED
LR 2473	Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Require Full Restitution by a Person in a Position of Authority Who Misuses Funds in the Control of That Person	FAILED
LR 2476	Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Increase Penalties for Gross Sexual Assault	FAILED
LR 2486	Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Correct a Conflict in the Laws Regarding Schedule W Drugs	PASSED
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2140	Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis An Act Regarding the Funding of Special Education	FAILED
LR 2149	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Change the School Funding Formula To Provide Funding Based on a Minimum of One Teacher for Each School Day	FAILED

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2174	Representative Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft An Act To Establish an Opportunity for Appeal of Certain Decisions Concerning Transfers of Students	FAILED
LR 2213	Representative Espling of New Gloucester An Act To Delay Any New Statewide Assessment Test	PASSED
LR 2214	Representative Chenette of Saco An Act To Allow Trained, Nonmedical Employees in Schools To Administer Emergency Rescue Medications	PASSED
LR 2262	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act Regarding New School Construction	FAILED
LR 2266	Representative Kornfield of Bangor An Act To Protect the Value of Diplomas for Maine's Students by Prohibiting Tiered Diploma Systems Based on Proficiency	FAILED
LR 2269	Senator Breen of Cumberland An Act To Promote Private Fund-raising for the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf	FAILED
LR 2272	Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor An Act To Establish a Specific Schedule for the Review of the Content Areas of Learning Standards	FAILED
LR 2273	Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor An Act To Clarify the Liability for Special Education Costs under State-directed Student Transfers	FAILED
LR 2274	Senator Hill of York Resolve, To Bring Transparency and Consistency to the Reporting of Public School Expenses	FAILED
LR 2279	Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Require That High School Curricula Include Instruction Regarding Affirmative Consent, Communication and Decision-making Skills	FAILED

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2299	Representative McClellan of Raymond An Act to Limit Municipalities' Exposure on Tuition Payments for Choice Students	FAILED
LR 2300	Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor An Act To Enable Alternative Organizational Structures To Purchase Group Health Insurance for All Employees	FAILED
LR 2314	Representative Gerrish of Lebanon An Act To Terminate Administration of the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey	FAILED
LR 2320	Senator Millett of Cumberland An Act To Promote Postsecondary Education Attainment and Degree Completion	FAILED
LR 2328	Representative Head of Bethel An Act To Review the Impact of Withdrawal from Regional School Units	FAILED
LR 2329	Senator Millett of Cumberland An Act To Facilitate the Use of State Education Subsidies	FAILED
LR 2334	Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Amend Certain Education Statutes	FAILED
LR 2340	Senator Collins of York An Act To Improve School Construction Finance	FAILED
LR 2350	Representative Turner of Burlington An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Withdrawal of a Single Municipality from a Regional School Unit	FAILED
LR 2352	Representative Tuell of East Machias An Act To Facilitate Homegrown Education in Maine	FAILED
LR 2353	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Provide Full Funding of Per-pupil Costs of Students Transferred Pursuant to Superintendent's Agreements	FAILED

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LR 2361	Representative Stearns of Guilford An Act To Improve the Superintendent Transfer Process	FAILED
LR 2365	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Establish the Maine Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights	FAILED
LR 2366	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Establish the Maine Tuition Integrity Act	FAILED
LR 2370	Representative Warren of Hallowell An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Truancy	FAILED
LR 2378	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Establish a Pilot Program To Prevent Student Drug Addiction	FAILED
LR 2389	Representative Tuell of East Machias Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend Its Rules Regarding Teacher In-service Days	FAILED
LR 2390	Senator Baker of Sagadahoc An Act To Improve Teaching Assignments in Maine's Public Schools	FAILED
LR 2397	Representative Golden of Lewiston An Act To Increase Information for Parents and Teachers Regarding Standardized Tests	FAILED
LR 2409	Senator Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Increase Collaboration between the Department of Education and School Food Service Directors	FAILED
LR 2416	Senator Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Feed Children from Low-income Families	FAILED
LR 2440	Representative McClellan of Raymond An Act To Create Arts Engage ME	FAILED
LR 2441	Representative McClellan of Raymond An Act Regarding the Maine Arts Commission	FAILED

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LR 2452	Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes	FAILED
LR 2478	Senator Whittemore of Somerset An Act To Promote Drug Awareness Education in Maine's Schools	FAILED
LR 2484	Representative Brooks of Lewiston An Act To Improve Internet Safety for Children	FAILED
LR 2503	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Coordinate Education and Prevention Efforts in Our Schools To Stop Harmful Drug Use	FAILED
LR 2511	Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Address the Costs for Certain Special Education Students	FAILED
LR 2516	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland Resolve, To Clarify the Law Regarding Access To Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities	FAILED
LR 2521	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Place a 2-year Moratorium on All State Mandates Involving Public Education and To Evaluate Current Mandates	FAILED
LR 2526	Representative Tipping-Spitz of Orono An Act To Improve Transparency in Education Funding	FAILED
LR 2532	Senator Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Increase Awareness of Postsecondary Financial Aid Options	TABLED
LR 2553	Representative Martin of Eagle Lake An Act To Transfer Excess Revenue from the State's Liquor Contract in Fiscal Year 2016-17 to General Purpose Aid to Local Schools	FAILED
ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY		
LR 2137	Senator Baker of Sagadahoc An Act To Increase Access to Call Location Information by Law Enforcement Agencies	FAILED

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY		
LR 2138	Representative Chipman of Portland An Act To Require Electric Utility Meter Reading and Billing Dates To Be Changed upon the Request of Customers	FAILED
LR 2173	Representative Fredette of Newport Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Conduct a Study Regarding the Transmission of Hydroelectric Power from Canada to Maine and New England	FAILED
LR 2202	Representative Nadeau of Winslow An Act To Allow the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District To Establish and Maintain a Capital Reserve Fund	FAILED
LR 2203	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Protect the Scenic Character of Maine's Special Places	FAILED
LR 2217	Representative Dunphy of Old Town An Act To Prevent Discontinuation of Utility Services to Customers Who Rely on Life-sustaining Medical Devices	FAILED
LR 2264	Senator Patrick of Oxford An Act To Make Changes to the Rumford Water District Charter	PASSED
LR 2308	Representative Vachon of Scarborough An Act To Prohibit Telecommunications Companies from Charging Consumers a Fee To Have an Unlisted Telephone Number	FAILED
LR 2331	Representative Campbell of Orrington An Act To Encourage the Development of Electrical and Natural Gas Infrastructure in Bucksport	FAILED
LR 2380	Representative Beavers of South Berwick An Act To Establish a Single Government Entity To Coordinate and Ensure Pipeline Safety in Maine	FAILED
LR 2435	Representative Grohman of Biddeford An Act To Make Efficient Heat Pumps Available to Low-income Customers	FAILED

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LR 2459	Representative Beavers of South Berwick An Act To Revise Qualifications for Certain Members of the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council	FAILED
LR 2461	Senator Patrick of Oxford An Act To Include Energy from Combined Heat and Power Facilities as Part of the Maine Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard	FAILED
LR 2475	Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Implement a Maine Solar Policy To Maximize Ratepayer Benefits	FAILED
LR 2479	Representative Gideon of Freeport An Act To Make Maine Energy-independent	FAILED
LR 2489	Representative Wadsworth of Hiram An Act To Ensure a Timely Reduction in Energy Costs for Maine Consumers	FAILED
LR 2506	Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Clarify Laws Relating to Affiliate Ownership of Electric Generation	FAILED
LR 2507	Representative Dion of Portland An Act Regarding the Competitive Bidding Process for Nontransmission Alternatives	FAILED
LR 2508	Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Establish a Pilot Program To Enhance the Development of Distributed Generation in Maine	FAILED
LR 2546	Representative Babbidge of Kennebunk An Act To Establish Policy Regarding Distributed Solar Power	FAILED
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES		
LR 2205	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Create a Battery Stewardship Program	FAILED

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES		
LR 2251	Representative Fredette of Newport Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Conduct Testing of Well Water in the Town of Plymouth	FAILED
LR 2267	Senator Dill of Penobscot An Act To Extend the Funding Period for Landfill Closure Costs To Include Applications Pending Prior to September 1, 1989	FAILED
LR 2270	Senator Breen of Cumberland An Act To Reestablish Recreational Use of Historic Trolley Lines	PASSED
LR 2281	Representative Kruger of Thomaston An Act To Require an Environmental Impact Statement for a Dredging Project in the Penobscot River Watershed and To Require That the Dredging Activity Be the Least Environmentally and Economically Damaging Alternative Available	FAILED
LR 2301	Representative Duchesne of Hudson An Act To Revise Oil Spill Reporting Standards	PASSED
LR 2318	Representative Powers of Naples An Act To Require Houseboats To Have a Marine Sanitation Device	FAILED
LR 2337	Representative Mastraccio of Sanford An Act To Include 50-milliliter Liquor Bottles in Maine's Returnable Container Law	FAILED
LR 2351	Senator Baker of Sagadahoc An Act To Protect Firefighters by Prohibiting the Use of Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals in New Upholstered Furniture	FAILED
LR 2443	Representative Blume of York An Act To Improve the Management of "Beach-cast" Seaweed for Purposes of Health, Ecology and Tourism	FAILED
LR 2493	Representative Timberlake of Turner An Act To Create Stability in the Control of Pesticides	PASSED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2121	Representative Hickman of Winthrop Resolve, To Strengthen Public-private Partnerships To End Hunger in Maine by 2025	FAILED
LR 2125	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Increase Access to Oral Contraceptives	FAILED
LR 2160	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Improve Access to Women's Health Care	FAILED
LR 2165	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Prevent Substance Abuse	FAILED
LR 2171	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Require That Licensed Marijuana Growers Implement Adequate Odor Control Technology	FAILED
LR 2182	Representative Kinney of Knox An Act To Prohibit State Funding of Health Care Services Provided by Certain Health Care Providers	FAILED
LR 2195	Representative Tepler of Topsham An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage for Dental Services To Intellectually Disabled Adults	FAILED
LR 2235	Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland An Act To Establish an Advisory Committee To Study the Prevalence and Service Needs of People Who are Deaf or Blind or Have a Dual Sensory Loss	FAILED
LR 2246	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot Resolve, To Establish the Telehealth Working Group	FAILED
LR 2263	Senator Libby of Androscoggin An Act To Amend Maine's Death Certificate Disclosure Law	PASSED
LR 2280	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Eliminate Asset Tests for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits	FAILED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2291	Representative Malaby of Hancock Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules Regarding MaineCare Reimbursement of Air Ambulance Services	FAILED
LR 2293	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Provide an Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment to Nursing Facilities	TABLED
LR 2294	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Preserve MaineCare Assisted Living by Providing a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes	TABLED
LR 2307	Representative Vachon of Scarborough An Act To Encourage Living Kidney Donation	FAILED
LR 2325	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Impose Penalties for Certain Transfers of Assets at Less Than Fair Market Value by Individuals	FAILED
LR 2336	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act Regarding Wholesale Sales of Cigarettes	FAILED
LR 2339	Representative Kinney of Knox An Act To Limit Smoking to Designated Areas at Certain Outdoor Events	FAILED
LR 2354	Representative Lajoie of Lewiston An Act To Require the State To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services	FAILED
LR 2385	Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Establish the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program in Maine	TABLED
LR 2401	Representative Herbig of Belfast An Act To Provide Job Opportunities to Families Participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program	TABLED

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LR 2404	Representative Beavers of South Berwick An Act To Establish the Maine Foster Children's Bill of Rights	FAILED
LR 2407	Senator Woodsome of York An Act To Increase Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine	FAILED
LR 2410	Senator Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Feed Young Children by Strengthening the Child and Adult Care Food Program	FAILED
LR 2411	Representative Picchiotti of Fairfield An Act To Enhance the Family Reunification Process	FAILED
LR 2417	President Thibodeau of Waldo An Act To Ensure Accountability in Maine's Welfare System	TABLED
LR 2421	Representative Sirocki of Scarborough An Act To Amend the Membership of the Maine Vaccine Board To Remove the Treasurer of State	FAILED
LR 2426	Representative Peterson of Rumford An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Oversight over and Responsibility for the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program	FAILED
LR 2428	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Improve the Quality of Mental Health Care Provided to Children in State Custody in Compliance with Federal Law and National Standards	FAILED
LR 2432	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Promote the Success and Accountability of Welfare Reform Initiatives in Maine	TABLED
LR 2436	Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Limit the Increase in the Price of Prescription Drugs	FAILED
LR 2437	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Reform General Assistance Benefits	FAILED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2442	President Thibodeau of Waldo An Act To Improve Hospital Governance by Removing the Requirement for a Certificate of Need for Intracorporation Transfers	PASSED
LR 2450	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Eliminate the Waiting List for Community-based Services Provided under MaineCare for Individuals with a Brain Injury, an Intellectual Disability or Autism	FAILED
LR 2454	Representative Vachon of Scarborough An Act To Clarify Medicaid Managed Care Ombudsman Services	FAILED
LR 2456	Representative Gattine of Westbrook Resolve, To Improve Access to and the Quality of Services for Persons with Mental Illness	FAILED
LR 2471	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Expand Resources for Independent Living Services for People with Disabilities	FAILED
LR 2481	Representative Sanderson of Chelsea An Act To Make Consistent Certain Laws Governing the Medical Use of Marijuana by Qualifying Minors and Adults	FAILED
LR 2492	Representative Lyford of Eddington An Act To Require That a Person Undergoing Methadone Treatment Be Accompanied by a Driver or Have Another Transportation Arrangement	FAILED
LR 2501	Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery	TABLED
LR 2514	Representative Frey of Bangor An Act To Support State Psychiatric and Forensic Workers	FAILED
LR 2515	Senator Burns of Washington Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules To Provide Fair Access to, and Prevent Abuse of, Ambulance Services	FAILED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2520	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Prevent Fatal Opioid Overdoses among Youth and Seniors	FAILED
LR 2522	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Increase Salaries for Personal Care Assistants	FAILED
LR 2523	Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Support and Strengthen the Direct Care Workforce	TABLED
LR 2525	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals	FAILED
LR 2531	Representative Guerin of Glenburn An Act To Prohibit the Payment of State Funds to Certain Entities That Perform Certain Health Care Services for Women and To Prioritize Allocation of State Funds to Health Care Entities	FAILED
LR 2533	Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Ensure Lead Paint Protection and Mitigation Programs Are Enforced	FAILED
LR 2536	Representative Grohman of Biddeford An Act To Engender Financial Responsibility among Recipients of Public Assistance	FAILED
LR 2537	Representative Hymanson of York Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Recommend Improvements to Maine's Medical Marijuana Laws	FAILED
LR 2541	Representative Jorgensen of Portland An Act To Protect Families from Lead Paint Poisoning	FAILED
LR 2547	Representative Beck of Waterville Resolve, To Clarify Inspections of Caregivers under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	FAILED
LR 2548	Representative Jorgensen of Portland An Act To Strengthen the Respite Care Fund	FAILED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2550	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act To Allow Greater Patient Access to Primary Caregivers under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	FAILED
LR 2554	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Enact the Foster Parents' Bill of Rights	FAILED
LR 2555	Senator Willette of Aroostook An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Diversion Alert Program	FAILED
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE		
LR 2161	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians An Act To Reduce Diabetes and Obesity among Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians by Recognizing and Providing for the Right of Tribal Members To Hunt Moose for Sustenance throughout Aroostook County	FAILED
LR 2238	Representative Doore of Augusta An Act To Ensure That Public Boat Ramps Are Accessible to Persons with Physical Disabilities	FAILED
LR 2290	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Allow Persons 16 Years of Age and Older To Operate Personal Watercraft	FAILED
LR 2305	Representative Martin of Sinclair An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Fees for All-terrain Vehicle Registrations	FAILED
LR 2319	Representative Powers of Naples An Act Regarding Lake Moorings	FAILED
LR 2344	Representative Wood of Greene An Act To Establish a Fall Fish Stocking Program for Lakes and Ponds That Do Not Meet the Equitable Access Requirements	FAILED

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE		
LR 2349	Representative Black of Wilton An Act To Allow the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Transfer Ownership of Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment to Incorporated Nonprofit Snowmobile Clubs	PASSED
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
LR 2190	Representative Turner of Burlington An Act To Insure Individual Drivers Instead of Motor Vehicles	FAILED
LR 2197	Representative Brooks of Lewiston An Act To Protect Consumers from Excess Copayments for Prescription Drugs	FAILED
LR 2248	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Clarify and Expand Maine's Laws Governing Private Payer Parity for Telehealth Services	FAILED
LR 2249	Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Create Improved Consumer Protection against Long-term Care Insurance Premium Rate Increases	FAILED
LR 2309	Representative Vachon of Scarborough An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers To Provide Notification to Medicare-eligible Customers	FAILED
LR 2371	Senator Whittemore of Somerset An Act To Amend the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act	FAILED
LR 2420	Representative Sirocki of Scarborough An Act To Repeal the Laws Establishing the Board of Trustees of Dirigo Health	FAILED
LR 2464	Senator Hamper of Oxford An Act To Promote Access to Financial Institutions by Entities That Are Authorized under State Law	FAILED

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
LR 2485	Representative Brooks of Lewiston An Act To Improve Insurance Coverage for Breast Cancer Screening and To Inform Patients If They Have Increased Breast Density	FAILED
JUDICIARY		
LR 2143	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Create a Transfer on Death Deed	FAILED
LR 2152	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Establish Visitation Rights for Grandparents	FAILED
LR 2169	Representative Espling of New Gloucester An Act Regarding the Disposition of Fetal Tissue from Abortions	FAILED
LR 2177	Representative Melaragno of Auburn An Act To Allow One Spouse To Adopt a Child without Requiring Agreement by the Other Spouse	FAILED
LR 2204	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Clarify Limited Liability for Recreational and Harvesting Activities	FAILED
LR 2210	Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Amend the Laws on Protection from Abuse and Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images	FAILED
LR 2211	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Protection from Abuse Orders in Order To Implement the Laws Regarding the Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images	FAILED
LR 2220	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Protect Victims of Human Trafficking	PASSED
LR 2237	Representative Sanborn of Gorham An Act Regarding Public Access to Certain Records of the State Board of Nursing	FAILED

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JUDICIARY		
LR 2245	Representative Pierce of Dresden An Act To Ensure Consumer Protection in the Laws Governing Foreclosure	FAILED
LR 2254	Representative Long of Sherman An Act To Establish the County Court System and Provide for Elected Judges	FAILED
LR 2271	Senator Rosen of Hancock An Act To Clarify Financial Responsibility in Gestational Carrier Agreements	FAILED
LR 2275	Representative Frey of Bangor An Act To Increase Compensation for Guardians Ad Litem Appointed in Child Protection Proceedings	FAILED
LR 2326	Representative Head of Bethel An Act To Improve Security in Courtrooms	FAILED
LR 2347	Senator Diamond of Cumberland An Act To Protect Victims of Sexual Assault	PASSED
LR 2355	Representative Picchiotti of Fairfield An Act To Ensure Children in the Care of Their Grandparents Can Access Fundamental Services	FAILED
LR 2369	Representative Warren of Hallowell An Act To Give Proper Oversight to the So-called Fusion Center Advisory Board	FAILED
LR 2383	President Thibodeau of Waldo An Act To Enact The Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act	PASSED
LR 2413	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Right to Standing and Intervenor Status in Child Protection Proceedings	FAILED
LR 2418	Representative Monaghan of Cape Elizabeth An Act To Expedite Foreclosure Actions	FAILED

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LR 2419	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Provide Immunity from Liability for a Person Operating a Motor Vehicle While Acting on Behalf of a Charitable Organization	FAILED
LR 2422	Representative Goode of Bangor An Act To Increase the Safety of Social Workers	FAILED
LR 2427	Representative Frey of Bangor An Act To Strengthen Programs To Help Individuals Overcome Addiction	FAILED
LR 2429	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Establish Educational and Licensing Requirements for Adult Guardians	FAILED
LR 2462	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Protect the Privacy of People Receiving Public Assistance	FAILED
LR 2477	Representative Davitt of Hampden An Act To Ensure Protection against the Invasion of Privacy by Unmanned Aerial Vehicles	FAILED
LR 2498	Representative Corey of Windham An Act To Protect and Promote Access to Shooting Ranges	PASSED
LR 2502	Representative Chenette of Saco An Act To Amend the Language of Liens on Time Shares	FAILED
LR 2513	Representative Beavers of South Berwick Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Consider the Rights of Siblings in Situations of Adoption	FAILED
LR 2527	Senator Dutremble of York An Act Regarding Shared Primary Residential Care of Children	FAILED
LR 2539	Senator Cushing of Penobscot An Act To Ensure Nondiscrimination against Gun Owners in Housing	FAILED

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LR 2124	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Permit Employers To Drug-test Their Employees and Prohibit an Employee from Using or Being under the Influence of Marijuana in the Workplace	FAILED
LR 2147	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Ensure the Proportional Offset against Social Security Retirement Benefits of Workers' Compensation Awards	FAILED
LR 2153	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Clarify the Contracts Used for Automobile Sales	FAILED
LR 2154	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Protect Worker Benefits	FAILED
LR 2189	Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Require Certain Retail Facilities Open to the Public To Be Equipped with Automated External Defibrillators	FAILED
LR 2191	Representative Battle of South Portland An Act Requiring Builders To Provide Information Regarding Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems	FAILED
LR 2196	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Create and Sustain High-quality Maine Jobs	PASSED
LR 2219	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Protect Low-wage Workers	FAILED
LR 2224	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act Regarding Credit Checks	FAILED
LR 2228	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Reform Credit and Debit Card Standards	FAILED
LR 2231	Representative Rykerson of Kittery An Act Regarding Clinical Practice Requirements for Licensure as an Independent Practice Dental Hygienist	FAILED

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LR 2233	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act Regarding Retail Businesses on Sundays	FAILED
LR 2247	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	FAILED
LR 2252	Senator Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Transfer the Maine Coworking Development Fund from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Finance Authority of Maine	FAILED
LR 2276	Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act Regarding the Cancellation of Subscription Services	FAILED
LR 2359	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Provide Heating Assistance for Maine Seniors and Families	FAILED
LR 2367	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Enhance Economic Development through the Attraction and Support of Immigrant Populations	FAILED
LR 2382	President Thibodeau of Waldo Resolve, To Establish a Program To Support Maine Agriculture and Improve Nutrition in the State	PASSED
LR 2398	Representative Golden of Lewiston An Act To Ensure Central Maine Companies Have Access to Skilled Labor	FAILED
LR 2402	Senator Patrick of Oxford An Act To Improve Working Conditions for Public Sector Employees by Removing the Prohibition against Striking	FAILED
LR 2414	Representative Sirocki of Scarborough An Act To Conform Maine Law to the Requirements of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation	FAILED
LR 2439	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Apartment Housing	FAILED

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LR 2449	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Appeal of Unemployment Tax Cases To Conform with Federal Law	FAILED
LR 2453	Representative Fecteau of Biddeford An Act To Protect Taxpayer Dollars and Ensure the Integrity of State Economic Development Programs	FAILED
LR 2460	Senator Patrick of Oxford An Act To Create a Maine State Rural Investment Tax Credits Program	FAILED
LR 2480	Representative Gideon of Freeport An Act To Create the Maine Workforce Academy	FAILED
LR 2487	Representative Gideon of Freeport An Act To Facilitate Affordable Green Housing	FAILED
LR 2497	Senator Haskell of Cumberland An Act To Strengthen the Economic Well-being of Maine's Workforce by Ensuring Employees Can Earn Paid Sick Time	FAILED
LR 2499	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Provide Incentives to Homeowners To Increase the Use of Clean Energy	FAILED
LR 2529	Representative Moonen of Portland An Act To Improve Transparency and Strengthen Consumer Protection in Rental Housing	FAILED
LR 2535	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Establish the Let's Grow Maine Program	FAILED
MARINE RESOURCES		
LR 2144	Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland An Act To Improve the Elver Season	FAILED

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MARINE RESOURCES		
LR 2183	Representative Tuell of East Machias An Act To Extend the Length of Maine's Elver Fishing Season in Certain Circumstances	FAILED
LR 2185	Representative Hanley of Pittston Resolve, To Postpone Implementation of Department of Marine Resources Rules Regarding Smelt	FAILED
LR 2381	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Ensure Fairness in Shellfish and Marine Worm Digger Licensing	FAILED
LR 2387	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Protect Shellfish Conservation Areas	FAILED
LR 2388	Representative McCreight of Harpswell An Act Regarding Authorized Municipal Shellfish Conservation Areas	FAILED
LR 2391	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians An Act To Alleviate Tribal Unemployment by Removing Barriers to the Granting of Commercial Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses to Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	FAILED
LR 2423	Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle An Act To Improve Maine's Lobster Licensing and Limited-entry System	FAILED
LR 2424	Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle An Act To Provide Flexibility To Designate the Closed Period for Elver Harvesting	FAILED
LR 2474	Representative Devin of Newcastle Resolve, To Ensure the Sustainability of the Periwinkle Fishery	FAILED
LR 2500	Representative Blume of York An Act To Implement an Owner-operator Requirement in the Scallop and Sea Urchin Fisheries	FAILED

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LR 2530	Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Recognize a Previously Completed Lobster Apprenticeship Program or Relevant Lobster Fishing Experience	FAILED
LR 2543	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Change the Size Restriction on Soft-shell Clams	FAILED
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
LR 2127	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Increase Accountability in the Governor's Expense Account	FAILED
LR 2146	Representative Duchesne of Hudson An Act To Establish November 1st as Veterans in the Arts and Humanities Day	FAILED
LR 2156	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Reduce Fuel Costs to State, County and Local Government	FAILED
LR 2178	Representative Verow of Brewer An Act To Require Disclosure of Settlement Amounts between Persons and Local Governments	FAILED
LR 2184	Senator Edgecomb of Aroostook An Act To Allow a Part of the Town of Caribou To Secede and Form the Town of Lyndon	FAILED
LR 2207	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Give Preference to Maine Vendors and American Products When Issuing State Funding	PASSED
LR 2208	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Transfer Approximately .75 Acres of Land from the Town of Madrid to the Madrid Historical Society	PASSED
LR 2236	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Prohibit Certain Entities Who Have Contracts with the State from Expending Funds To Influence Elections	FAILED

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LR 2259	Representative Tuell of East Machias An Act To Establish September 11th as First Responders Day and Provide an Exemption from the Tax on Prepared Foods for First Responders on September 11th	FAILED
LR 2277	Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Make Preparations for Maine's 200th Anniversary	FAILED
LR 2278	Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act Regarding Maine's Bicentennial	FAILED
LR 2324	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Strengthen Intragovernment Communication and Ensure the Ability of Boards and Commissions To Function	TABLED
LR 2341	Representative Lockman of Amherst An Act To Ensure That Local Governments Are in Compliance with Federal Immigration Law	FAILED
LR 2379	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Ensure the Continued Operation of Boards and Commissions in State Government	FAILED
LR 2405	Representative Chace of Durham An Act To Revise the Governance of the Cumberland County Recreation Center	FAILED
LR 2408	Senator Hill of York An Act To Provide Accountability in State Government Partnerships	FAILED
LR 2425	Representative Lockman of Amherst An Act To Require Random Drug Testing of Legislators	FAILED
LR 2451	Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Permit a Resident of a Canadian Province Adjoining Maine To Qualify as a Notary Public	FAILED
LR 2538	Representative Ward of Dedham An Act To Eliminate Conflict of Interest in Publicly Funded Projects	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2128	Representative Turner of Burlington An Act To Allow Parent-teacher Associations To Be Exempt from the Sales Tax	FAILED
LR 2188	Representative Turner of Burlington An Act To Provide Sensible Options for Tax Increment Financing Proceeds in Small Towns	FAILED
LR 2193	Representative McCreight of Harpswell An Act To Facilitate Student Loan Repayment by Allowing Graduates To Claim Educational Opportunity Tax Credits on Eligible Portions of Consolidated Loans	PASSED
LR 2200	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Amend and Clarify the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund	TABLED
LR 2215	Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis An Act To Protect Maine's Natural Resources Jobs by Exempting from Sales Tax Petroleum Products Used in Farming, Fishing and Forestry	PASSED
LR 2218	Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis An Act To Adjust the Property Tax Fairness Credit	FAILED
LR 2265	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act To Exempt Social Security Income from the Property Tax Fairness Credit	FAILED
LR 2268	Senator Dill of Penobscot Resolve, To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Old Town To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the Former Old Town Fuel and Fiber Pulp Mill	FAILED
LR 2289	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Promote Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Trails	FAILED
LR 2292	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Waive the Fee on Annuitizing Financial Instruments	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2311	Representative Davitt of Hampden An Act To Establish the Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund	FAILED
LR 2335	Senator Dill of Penobscot An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Assumption of Motor Vehicle Leases	FAILED
LR 2342	Senator Libby of Androscoggin An Act To Expand the Dental Care Access Credit	FAILED
LR 2377	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Adjust the Property Tax Fairness Credit To Ensure Sustainable Island Resident Populations	FAILED
LR 2384	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Fix Changes Made to Maine's Provider Tax	TABLED
LR 2393	Representative Wadsworth of Hiram An Act To Reduce the Property Taxes of Volunteer Firefighters	FAILED
LR 2415	Senator Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Attract Talent to Maine by Promoting the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit	FAILED
LR 2431	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Create Equity among Essential Nonprofit Health Care Providers in Relation to the Sales Tax	FAILED
LR 2434	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Make Additional Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Tax Legislation Concerning Pension Income	FAILED
LR 2496	Senator Cushing of Penobscot An Act To Repeal the Service Provider Tax on So-called Appendix C Private Nonmedical Institutions	FAILED
LR 2504	Representative Brooks of Lewiston An Act To Increase the Maximum Property Tax Fairness Credit for Taxpayers Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older	FAILED

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		Action
TAXATION		
LR 2510	Representative Welsh of Rockport An Act To Provide Incentives for Child Care and Elder Care	FAILED
LR 2518	Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Improve Access to Higher Education, Encourage Homeownership, Manage Medical Expenses and Strengthen Charitable Institutions by Eliminating Limitations on Claiming Itemized Deductions From Maine Adjusted Gross Income	PASSED
LR 2524	Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy and Create New Jobs in the State	FAILED
LR 2534	Senator Valentino of York An Act To Exempt Members of the Maine National Guard from the Vehicle Excise Tax	FAILED
LR 2542	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act To Encourage Maine Employers To Offer and Employees To Enroll in Disability Income Protection Plans in the Workplace	FAILED
LR 2551	Representative Martin of Eagle Lake An Act To Provide State Funding for the School Costs Portion of a Property Tax Bill for a Senior Citizen Whose Property Valuation Is below \$100,000	FAILED
TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2126	Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Sebec the John R. Brainard Bridge	FAILED
LR 2181	Representative Kinney of Knox An Act To Authorize a Person Whose Driver's License Is Suspended Due To Failure To Pay Child Support To Drive to and from a Place of Employment	FAILED
LR 2186	Representative Hanley of Pittston An Act To Eliminate the Use of Calcium Chloride on the Roads of the State	FAILED

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TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2198	Representative Sherman of Hodgdon Resolve, To Require the State Police To Study Automobile Inspection and the Reliability of Automobiles Bought from Used Automobile Dealers	FAILED
LR 2199	Representative Sherman of Hodgdon Resolve, Requiring the Department of Transportation To Expedite Planning and Upgrading of Route 1 between Houlton and Topsfield	FAILED
LR 2216	Representative Davitt of Hampden Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Name the Southbound Interstate 95 Rest Area in Hampden the Hannibal Hamlin Rest Area	FAILED
LR 2221	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Commercial Truck Registration Requirements	FAILED
LR 2222	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Requirements for Private Parking Signs	FAILED
LR 2226	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Expand Access to Farm Vehicle License Plates	FAILED
LR 2240	Representative Hanington of Lincoln An Act To Authorize an Individual Holding a Restricted License To Operate a Motor Vehicle between Midnight and 5:00 a.m. in Circumstances of Employment Need or Medical Need	FAILED
LR 2241	Senator Diamond of Cumberland An Act To Promote Business by Allowing Increased Opportunity for Advertising	FAILED
LR 2255	Representative Long of Sherman An Act To Ensure That Horse-drawn Wagons Are Safe and in Compliance with Safety Requirements	FAILED

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TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2283	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Prohibit Alley Lights on Other Than Law Enforcement Vehicles	FAILED
LR 2298	Senator Haskell of Cumberland An Act To Allow Municipalities To Regulate Transportation Network Companies	FAILED
LR 2310	Representative Head of Bethel An Act To Include Emergency Medical Service Vehicles in the Firefighter Registration Plate Program	FAILED
LR 2313	Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Expand Access to Calais via the Sunrise Trail	FAILED
LR 2330	Representative Campbell of Orrington An Act To Encourage the Development of Commercial Transportation Opportunities in Bucksport	FAILED
LR 2348	Senator Diamond of Cumberland Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Establish a Working Group To Examine Weight Limits for Tractor-trailers with Different Axle Spacings	FAILED
LR 2357	Representative Hilliard of Belgrade An Act To Require Municipalities To Maintain Certain Rights-of-way to Standards Required by Federal Postal Regulations	FAILED
LR 2364	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Improve the Safety of Ferries in the State	PASSED
LR 2400	Senator Collins of York Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Install a Traffic Signal Light in Wells	FAILED
LR 2448	Representative Golden of Lewiston An Act To Provide Wage Parity and Promote Retention for Transportation Workers in the Department of Transportation	FAILED

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TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2494	Representative Wadsworth of Hiram An Act To Suspend a Driver's License after a Fatal Accident Resulting from Criminal Speeding	FAILED
LR 2517	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Prohibit the Abandonment of Railroad Ties	FAILED
LR 2519	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act Regarding Pedestrians Crossing Train Tracks	FAILED
VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2148	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Allow the Direct Shipment of Wine in Containers of Less Than 750 Milliliters	FAILED
LR 2150	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Allow Wineries To Provide Sample Tasting	FAILED
LR 2151	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Allow Distilleries To Retain Product for Retail Sales	FAILED
LR 2162	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians An Act To Alleviate Unemployment in Aroostook and Washington Counties by Authorizing a Tribal Casino To Be Operated by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on Tribal Lands in Aroostook County	FAILED
LR 2164	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians An Act To Alleviate Tribal Unemployment, Fund Economic Development for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and Provide Funding for Essential Tribal Government Health and Housing Programs in Aroostook County by Annually Apportioning a Percentage of Slot Machine Income from the Casino in Bangor to Federally Recognized Tribes in Aroostook County	FAILED
LR 2180	Representative Luchini of Ellsworth An Act Regarding the Distribution and Off-site Storage of Spirits by Licensed Reselling Agents	PASSED

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2187	Representative Sirocki of Scarborough An Act To Require Lobbyists To Be Sworn in When Registering as Lobbyists	FAILED
LR 2194	Representative Chenette of Saco An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Automatically Register Nonregistered Persons Who Are Qualified To Vote from Records from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	FAILED
LR 2227	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Legalize Bingo at Campgrounds and Summer Camps	FAILED
LR 2239	Senator Collins of York An Act To Allow Minors at Licensed Campgrounds To Participate in Certain Seasonal Activities	FAILED
LR 2258	Representative Tuell of East Machias RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Certain Elected Officials To Be Elected by a Majority of Voters Qualified To Vote	FAILED
LR 2260	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Update the Laws Governing the Maine Veterans' Home	FAILED
LR 2261	Representative Parry of Arundel An Act To Allow Municipalities To Adjust Times of Operation for Establishments That Serve Alcohol	FAILED
LR 2282	Representative Luchini of Ellsworth An Act Regarding Distributions from Casinos	FAILED
LR 2288	Representative Hawke of Boothbay Harbor An Act To Update the Laws Regarding the Sale of Alcohol at Golf Courses	FAILED
LR 2295	Senator Patrick of Oxford An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Sales Representative"	PASSED
LR 2302	Representative Chipman of Portland An Act To Expand Early Processing of Absentee Ballots	FAILED

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2303	Representative O'Connor of Berwick An Act To Expand the Early Processing of Absentee Ballots	FAILED
LR 2304	Representative Parry of Arundel An Act To Adjust the Timing for Recounts in Certain Municipal and Local School Elections	FAILED
LR 2345	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians An Act To Alleviate Tribal Unemployment and Fund Critical Tribal Government Programs for Federally Recognized Tribes in the State by Exempting the Tribes from State Gaming Laws for Gaming Conducted on Tribal Lands Using 350 or Fewer Slot Machines and Located More Than 80 Miles from an Existing Casino	FAILED
LR 2346	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Authorize the Expansion of Processing of Absentee Ballots	FAILED
LR 2372	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Allow Nonprofit Organizations To Auction, Raffle or Sell Donated Bottles of Wine	FAILED
LR 2395	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Allow All Beer Manufacturers To Provide Samples of Products to Retail Licensees	FAILED
LR 2396	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Permit Tasting Rooms and Pubs Operated by a Manufacturer under an On-premises Retail License To Sell Their Products for On-premises or Off-premises Consumption without Physical Separation or Separate Inventory	FAILED
LR 2430	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Allow for the Nomination of a Candidate by Multiple Political Parties	FAILED
LR 2455	Representative Kinney of Limington An Act To Improve and Enhance Maine's Spirits Business	FAILED

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2457	Representative Kinney of Limington An Act To Support Vendors at Gated, Paid-entry Events	FAILED
LR 2505	Representative Herbig of Belfast Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations To Amend Its Rules To Allow Retailers To Return Promotional Alcoholic Beverages to Distributors	FAILED
LR 2540	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Create Transparency in Elections	FAILED

Total number of bills accepted: 33

Total number of bills tabled: 18

Total number of bills screened: 395

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Executive Director's Report November 19, 2015

1. Priority Security Screening Update

The processing of low-risk priority screening access cards by the Executive Director's Office has increased significantly since my last reporting. We have received 82 applications for the cards and through yesterday have distributed 59 cards. The cards issued this fall are scheduled to expire on December 6, 2016. If renewed for a \$35 renewal fee, the renewal will be valid through the 128th Legislature.

2. Update on State House Projects

Construction and cosmetic repair work in the State House have wrapped up for this interim. Two major projects that were approved for this year have been deferred until next interim: the replacement of the State House roof on the north and south wings and the State Street sidewalk repair. The delay of the roof work until next year produced a much lower bid for the work.

3. Original Copper from the State House Dome – Progress Report

The Office of the Executive Director has begun distributing mementos and rough pieces of the old copper from the State House Dome. So far we have sold 58 total mementos (the plaque or the framed picture with pieces of the copper from the State House dome). We have also sold roughly 140 square feet of the copper in rough form. We expect these orders to continue to grow as word spreads and the mementos and rough sheets are delivered and, of course, as the holidays approach.

4. Youth in Government Program – November 13th to 15th

The Youth in Government Program of the Maine YMCA held its annual weekend program in the State House and Cross Office Building last weekend. This year's program was a great success.

Fiscal Briefing

Legislative Council Meeting – November 19, 2015

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
October	\$283.9	\$280.3	(\$3.7)	-1.3%	\$283.8	-1.2%
FYTD	\$1,133.6	\$1,140.8	\$7.2	0.6%	\$968.7	17.8%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$3.7 million (1.3%) for the month of October and over budget by \$7.2 million (0.6%) for the fiscal year through October. Individual income tax revenue was \$0.4 million under budget for the month of October but remained over budget by \$14.6 million for the fiscal year through October. Withholding was over budget by \$4.3 million for the month while estimated payments were under budget by \$1.6 million. Sales and use tax revenue was over budget by \$0.6 million for the month and over budget by \$3.2 million for the fiscal year to date. These revenues rebounded as expected from the previous month's poor performance. Corporate income tax revenue was under budget by \$2.0 million for the month of October and \$7.3 million for the fiscal year through October.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
October	\$28.0	\$27.8	(\$0.2)	-0.6%	\$27.8	0.1%
FYTD	\$112.8	\$114.1	\$1.3	1.2%	\$91.8	24.3%

Highway Fund revenue was under budget by \$0.2 million (0.6%) for the month of October and over budget by \$1.3 million (1.3%) for the fiscal year through October. Fuel taxes were over budget for the month of October by \$0.5 million while motor vehicle registration and fees were under budget by \$0.5 million. Most of the latter variance could be attributed to timing as the last day of the month was a Saturday.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average total cash pool balance for October was \$818.5 million, a 3.7% decrease from last month's average but significantly higher than both last October and the previous 10-year average balance for October. Internal borrowing for the General Fund averaged \$17.4 million in October which is, slightly higher than last month but significantly lower than October of last year. The average Highway Fund balance decreased by 11.6% but is still much higher than in October of 2014.

General Fund Revenue
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October 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	October '15 Budget	October '15 Actual	October '15 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2016 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax	116,071,586	116,695,743	624,157	485,806,425	489,031,617	3,225,192	0.7%	304.3%	1,252,140,713
Service Provider Tax	4,231,075	3,794,245	(436,830)	18,018,564	15,411,136	(2,607,428)	-14.5%	237.4%	59,073,214
Individual Income Tax	120,610,000	121,014,542	404,542	492,070,000	506,701,455	14,631,455	3.0%	225.6%	1,486,487,128
Corporate Income Tax	6,000,000	3,958,361	(2,041,639)	35,500,000	28,229,979	(7,270,021)	-20.5%	279.5%	150,084,270
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	12,389,826	11,241,593	(1,148,233)	49,332,007	51,889,198	2,557,191	5.2%	105.3%	133,441,000
Insurance Companies Tax	7,404,846	8,670,799	1,265,953	7,795,244	9,073,415	1,278,171	16.4%	1578.0%	82,700,000
Estate Tax	2,573,765	1,318,102	(1,255,663)	9,665,489	6,399,407	(3,266,082)	-33.8%	2531.7%	30,675,326
Other Taxes and Fees *	19,583,386	20,012,066	428,680	48,645,132	49,581,417	936,285	1.9%	160.8%	138,140,064
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,968,235	1,605,340	(362,895)	8,089,752	7,258,773	(830,979)	-10.3%	85.9%	22,614,508
Income from Investments	29,341	104,751	75,410	107,393	282,219	174,826	162.8%	866.6%	439,232
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,091,797	4,697,141	605,344	18,505,006	18,159,370	(345,636)	-1.9%	107.5%	54,900,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(1,513,839)	(2,352,600)	(838,761)	(12,080,460)	(6,781,161)	5,299,299	43.9%	-205.5%	(66,771,938)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(6,606,930)	(6,544,937)	61,993	(24,917,116)	(25,105,694)	(188,578)	-0.8%	-188.3%	(63,974,827)
Other Revenue *	(2,898,814)	(3,954,658)	(1,055,844)	(2,940,501)	(9,346,334)	(6,405,833)	-217.8%	-328.8%	31,329,748
Totals	283,934,274	280,260,488	(3,673,786)	1,133,596,935	1,140,784,797	7,187,862	0.6%	242.3%	3,311,278,438

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

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Revenue Category	October '15 Budget	October '15 Actual	October '15 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2016 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	11,207,189	11,207,189	(0)	11,207,189	11,207,189	(0)	0.0%	-10.0%	14,225,984
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,576,922	2,420,184	843,262	5,759,403	6,696,940	937,537	16.3%	-51.6%	15,697,389
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,686,123	1,880,645	194,522	7,411,662	8,433,016	1,021,354	13.8%	-62.1%	21,214,918
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	213,225	200,474	(12,752)	1,218,005	1,190,635	(27,371)	-2.2%	-87.8%	9,088,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	0	(34,249)	(34,249)	N/A	-100.5%	7,500,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,195,991	1,765,050	(430,941)	8,783,964	8,592,000	(191,964)	-2.2%	-70.2%	26,851,990
- Milk Handling Fee	253,451	290,179	36,728	1,013,804	1,148,720	134,916	13.3%	-47.9%	3,041,412
- Racino Revenue	913,175	836,410	(76,765)	3,463,802	3,214,618	(249,184)	-7.2%	-62.8%	9,119,142
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	224,618	193,475	(31,143)	1,401,096	1,344,324	(56,772)	-4.1%	-70.6%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	841,310	729,147	(112,163)	5,751,760	5,600,159	(151,601)	-2.6%	-66.0%	15,817,842
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	471,382	489,314	17,932	2,634,447	2,188,068	(446,379)	-16.9%	-82.9%	11,059,177
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	19,583,386	20,012,066	428,680	48,645,132	49,581,417	936,285	1.9%	-64.4%	138,140,064
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	3,254	6,670	3,416	11,029	12,760	1,731	15.7%	-99.9%	9,667,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	219,964	317,518	97,554	1,205,474	880,220	(325,254)	-27.0%	-65.2%	2,560,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,773,617	1,651,836	(121,781)	6,265,985	6,248,814	(17,171)	-0.3%	-72.2%	18,296,832
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	-100.0%	7,000,000
- Tourism Transfer	(4,706,143)	(4,964,077)	(257,934)	(12,854,128)	(13,112,062)	(257,934)	-2.0%	-12.8%	(12,854,128)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	0	(912,968)	(912,968)	0	(5,450,887)	(5,450,887)	N/A	-38.6%	(8,608,828)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	(2,191,738)	(2,700,727)	(508,989)	(6,800,000)	(7,308,989)	(508,989)	-7.5%	-3.4%	(6,800,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,002,232	2,647,089	644,857	9,231,139	9,383,811	152,672	1.7%	-64.4%	22,068,372
Subtotal - Other Revenue	(2,898,814)	(3,954,658)	(1,055,844)	(2,940,501)	(9,346,334)	(6,405,833)	-217.8%	-118.0%	31,329,748
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	235	235	0	937	937	N/A	-93.7%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(1,513,839)	(2,352,835)	(838,996)	(12,040,527)	(6,782,098)	5,258,429	43.7%	79.7%	(35,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	0	0	(39,933)	0	39,933	100.0%	100.0%	(31,771,938)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(1,513,839)	(2,352,600)	(838,761)	(12,080,460)	(6,781,161)	5,299,299	43.9%	88.6%	(66,771,938)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,138,265	1,040,022	(98,243)	7,463,142	7,272,514	(190,628)	-2.6%	-67.1%	21,415,407

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October 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	October '15 Budget	October '15 Actual	October '15 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2016 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	% Change from Prior Year	
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	16,583,789	17,199,222	615,433	72,565,586	72,416,831	(148,755)	-0.2%	32.7%	197,254,300
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,543,870	4,688,820	144,950	16,232,107	17,026,499	794,392	4.9%	42.5%	46,393,600
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,553,471)	(1,609,346)	(55,875)	(6,523,727)	(6,572,509)	(48,782)	-0.7%	-1.9%	(17,903,637)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(414,710)	(634,906)	(220,196)	(1,814,645)	(1,810,723)	3,922	0.2%	-1.4%	(4,932,738)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	19,159,478	19,643,790	484,312	80,459,321	81,060,098	600,777	0.7%	39.1%	220,811,525
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,433,873	5,169,215	(264,658)	22,412,403	22,628,345	215,942	1.0%	-1.8%	65,659,536
- License Plate Fees	171,628	110,653	(60,975)	1,210,655	1,323,562	112,907	9.3%	-0.6%	3,342,681
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	422,365	318,470	(103,895)	1,981,098	2,055,356	74,258	3.7%	-11.5%	9,884,523
- Title Fees	1,156,344	1,068,970	(87,374)	4,555,829	4,803,595	247,766	5.4%	5.2%	13,129,254
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	661,930	696,681	34,751	2,636,748	2,793,133	156,385	5.9%	6.1%	7,425,882
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	(4,220,065)	(4,349,155)	(129,090)	-3.1%	-2.0%	(15,483,404)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	7,846,140	7,363,989	(482,151)	28,576,668	29,254,836	678,168	2.4%	-1.3%	83,958,472
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	255,597	218,180	(37,418)	828,822	1,095,542	266,720	32.2%	16.7%	2,982,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	107,570	95,284	(12,286)	461,612	459,631	(1,981)	-0.4%	0.6%	1,293,729
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	79,425	61,554	(17,871)	291,058	241,424	(49,634)	-17.1%	-35.2%	905,910
Interest Earnings	28,104	22,745	(5,359)	112,416	59,893	(52,523)	-46.7%	133.2%	337,245
Other Highway Fund Revenue	514,906	426,187	(88,719)	2,085,135	1,978,301	(106,834)	-5.1%	-5.3%	9,201,412
Totals	27,991,220	27,831,729	(159,491)	112,815,032	114,149,724	1,334,692	1.2%	24.3%	319,490,793

2015 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated November 16, 2015

<u>Study/Committee</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>2015 Meetings Authorized</u>	<u>2015 Meetings Held</u>	<u>Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Chair(s)</u>	<u>Status/Notes</u>
NEW STUDIES							
Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine	PL 2015 c. 267 Part CCC	at least 2 and no more than 4 per year			1/10 annually	Rep. Ginzler	appointments not completed; staffed by Dept. of ED; new ongoing study
Commission to Study Difficult-to-place Patients	Resolve 2015 c. 44	4	10/26/2015 11/5/2015	11/20/2015 12/2/2015	12/2/2015	Sen. Katz Rep. Gattine	conducting work
Commission to Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund	Resolve 2015 c. 267 Part GGGG	4	9/5/2015 9/29/2015 10/27/2015	12/1/2015	12/5/2015	Sen. Saviello Rep. Hickman	conducting work
Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine Veterans	Resolve 2015 c. 48	4	10/7/2015 10/28/2015 11/4/2015	12/2/2015	1/15/2016	Sen. Collins Rep. Golden	conducting work
Working Group to Meet the Needs of Municipal Volunteer Personnel	Resolve 2015 c. 49	3	10/20/2015 11/3/2015	11/17/2015	12/2/2015	Sen. Baker Rep. Lajoie	conducting work
Task Force on School Leadership	Resolve 2015 c. 46	2	10/6/2015		12/2/2015	Sen. Langley Rep. Kornfield	conducting work
Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee	SP 533 as amended by H-501	2			12/4/2015 (prelim.) 11/5/2016 (final)		appointments not completed
Jt. Standing Committee on HHS to Study the Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine	Resolve 2015 c. 47	4	9/28/2015 10/13/2015 11/9/2015	10/26/2015 (cancelled) 11/30/2015	12/2/2015	Sen. Brakey Rep. Gattine	conducting work

ON-GOING LEGISLATIVE STUDIES

State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	20-A MRSA Sec. 12901	no more than 4 times per year			11/1 annually		appointments not completed
*Legislative Youth Advisory Council	3 MRSA Sec. 168-B	may hold 2 per year			2nd Friday in February in even numbered years		appointments not completed
Right to Know Advisory Committee	1 MRSA Sec. 411	not fewer than 4 times per year	9/15/2015 10/6/2015 11/13/2015	12/1/2015	1/15 annually		appointments not completed; conducting work
Citizen Trade Policy Commission	10 MRSA Sec. 11	at least 2 times per year	9/24/2015 10/27/2015		annually		appointments not completed; conducting work
Judicial Compensation Commission	4 MRSA Sec. 1701	n/a funded by court system			12/15 of each even numbered year		appointments completed

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AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MEETINGS (other than AFA)							
IFS Committee (carry over bill LD 1305 - health insurance)		4	9/16/2015 11/12/2015	10/5/2015- (cancelled) 11/30/2015	n/a		conducting work
ENR Committee (solid waste management issues)		4	9/10/2015 10/13/2015 10/28/2015	11/24/2015	n/a		conducting work
EUT Committee (carry over bills LDs 466, 879, 1302 - telecommunications)		4	10/26/2015	11/18/2015	n/a		conducting work
VLA Subcommittee (Resolve 2015, c. 19 (LD 74) - continuation of VLA subcommittee that began work before adjournment regarding equitable provision of services to members of the military)		2	10/13/2015 11/12/2015	12/1/2015 (pending approval)	n/a		conducting work
SLG Subcommittee (carry over bill LD 1328 - ancient and family burying grounds)		3	10/27/2015 11/4/2015		n/a		conducting work
ACF Committee (Tour of sustainable forestry practices; Aroostook County)		1	10/26/2015		n/a		meeting held
HHS Committee (Riverview, contracting issues, substance abuse, wait lists and other HHS-related issues)		3	11/9/2015		n/a		conducting work (met on same date as last meeting regarding FHM)

Bill Requests Tabled on October 22, 2015, by Sponsor

LRNumber	Sponsor	Title
2532	Sen. Alfond, Justin	An Act To Increase Awareness of Postsecondary Financial Aid Options
2250	Sen. Burns, David	An Act To Expand the Definition of "Advocate" for Purposes of Disclosure of Information by a Criminal Justice Agency
2293	Sen. Burns, David	An Act To Provide an Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment to Nursing Facilities
2294	Sen. Burns, David	An Act To Preserve MaineCare Assisted Living by Providing a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes
2363	Sen. Burns, David	An Act To Reduce the Trafficking of Illegal Drugs in the State
2139	Rep. Chipman, Benjamin	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Restrict How Close to Daycare Facilities Convicted Sex Offenders May Live
2385	Rep. Dion, Mark	An Act To Establish the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program in Maine
2523	Spkr. Eves, Mark	An Act To Support and Strengthen the Direct Care Workforce
2209	Rep. Fowle, Lori	An Act To Amend the Public Safety Laws
2343	Rep. Fredette, Kenneth	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Marine Transportation and Port Infrastructure at Mack Point To Meet the Needs of the Marine Construction and Shipping Business Sector and To Create Jobs
2384	Rep. Gattine, Andrew	An Act To Fix Changes Made to Maine's Provider Tax
2432	Rep. Gattine, Andrew	An Act To Promote the Success and Accountability of Welfare Reform Initiatives in Maine
2200	Sen. Gerzofsky, Stanley	An Act To Amend and Clarify the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund
2401	Rep. Herbig, Erin	An Act To Provide Job Opportunities to Families Participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program
2324	Sen. Katz, Roger	An Act To Strengthen Intragovernment Communication and Ensure the Ability of Boards and Commissions To Function
2501	Rep. Maker, Joyce	An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery
2321	Rep. McCabe, Jeff	An Act To Amend the Maine Criminal Code To Clarify the Prohibition on the Exercise of Improper Influence
2417	Pres. Thibodeau, Michael	An Act To Ensure Accountability in Maine's Welfare System

Legislative Council Meeting
November 19, 2015

Deciding Appeals of Legislative Bill Requests Turned Down By the Council

Requirements relevant to bills in the Second Regular Session

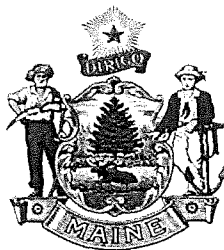
1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session **must be limited** to budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the 127th Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, any action of the Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 127th Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

Suggested Protocol for deciding appeals

- A. The Legislative Council will review appeals in alphabetical order by Sponsor.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on an appeal of a bill request that was denied, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction in the second regular session along with a second to that motion. (Yea is to let in a bill; nay is to reject the bill for introduction). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative appeals in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be made available by the Office of the Executive Director for public inspection following the meeting.
- D. Legislators who have appealed a decision of the Legislative Council will be given a brief opportunity to orally present their appeal to the Council. A time limit of 2 minutes will be observed for Legislators making an appeal. Only by leave of the Chair of the Legislative Council may a person who is not a Legislator Sponsor address the Council.
- E. Discussion of a bill request will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself. If a bill was turned down because it is closely related to another legislative request or to a carryover bill, the burden is on the Sponsor to convincingly distinguish his or her bill request from the closely related one.

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STATE OF MAINE

Task Force on School Leadership

November 6, 2015

MEMO TO: The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, Chair and Senate President; and
The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Vice Chair and Speaker of the House;
Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Brian D. Langley, Co-chair; and Representative Victoria Kornfield, Co-Chair;
Task Force on School Leadership

SUBJ: **Request for Task Force Report Deadline Extension**

We respectfully request a limited extension of our reporting deadline for the Task Force on School Leadership. Pursuant to the task force's authorizing legislation, (Resolve 2015, chapter 46), our current reporting deadline is December 2, 2015. We are requesting that the Legislative Council, in accordance with its authority pursuant to Joint Rule 353, Sec. 7, approve an extension for our task force reporting date to December 15, 2015.

This request is being made to permit the task force sufficient time to complete its review of the various aspects of the issues related to excellence in school leadership, develop recommendations, and review a draft report. We believe the extension will give the task force the opportunity it needs to make meaningful recommendations.

In conducting our review of issues related to excellence in school leadership, the task force accepted a proposal from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Maine Principals' Association (MPA) to bring 8-12 Maine legislators together with principals for a one-day observation of school principals in action. This endeavor is currently underway and the NCSL will survey legislators prior to Thanksgiving Day to find out what they learned from their visit with principals. A summary of these responses will be presented at the next meeting of the task force.

The task force was authorized to meet twice. The task force convened its first meeting on October 6th and, if our request is approved, our second meeting will be scheduled for the first week in December, (either December 1st or 4th).

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have.

cc: Members, Task Force on School Leadership
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy & Legal Analysis

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STATE OF MAINE

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
STUDY OF ALLOCATIONS OF THE FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate, Chair
Representative Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council
c/o Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Eric L. Brakey, Senate Chair (Mo6)
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair (Mo6)

DATE: November 10, 2015

RE: **Request for Deadline Extension**

Pursuant to our study's authorizing legislation – Resolve 2015, Chapter 47 – we are requesting a limited extension of our reporting deadline. Our current reporting deadline is December 2, 2015. We respectfully request an extension to December 15, 2015.

Our Committee is working to develop recommendations prior to our fourth and final meeting, which is scheduled to be held on November 30, 2015. Because our current reporting deadline is December 2, a limited extension would give our staff the time needed to finalize our report.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

cc: Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
Marion Hylan Barr, OPLA Director

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Sunrise County Economic Council

October 30, 2015

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Grant T. Pennoyer
Executive Director of the Maine Legislature
115 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. Pennoyer,

Attached you will find the Washington County Development Authority Annual Report and two attachments with it, the Financial Report and the Authority's property deed. If there are any questions I can be reached at 207-255-0983 or through email at prensema@sunrisecounty.org

Respectfully,

Peter H. Rensema Jr
Project Manager
Sunrise County Economic Council

WASHINGTON COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Introduction

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 5 of Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 383, Subchapter 3, Article 2-A, the Washington County Development Authority is required to submit an annual report to the Governor, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters. The report must be submitted no later than 120 days after the close of the authority's fiscal year. The Authority's fiscal year ended on June 30, 2015. This annual report must be submitted on or before the statutory deadline of October 30, 2015. The report that follows fulfills that requirement.

Section 13083-F of 5 MRSA requires that the annual report of the Authority include:

- A. A description of the authority's operations and activities;
- B. An accounting of the authority's receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities at the end of its fiscal year;
- C. A listing of all property transactions pursuant to section 13083-D;
- D. A statement of the authority's proposed and projected activities for the ensuing year; and
- E. Recommendations regarding further actions that may be suitable for achieving the purposes of this article.

History of the Authority

The Washington County Development Authority was established by the Second Regular Session of the 120th Maine Legislature as Chapter 568 of the Laws of Maine 2001. The Authority was established in response to the need to create a state entity that could take title to the former Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in Cutler, Maine from the United States Navy. Since that time, the legislation was amended to broaden the scope of the authority's mission to allow the authority to provide financial and technical assistance to any governmental entity and nonprofit located within Washington County in support of community and economic development projects. Representation was expanded to include all municipalities in Washington County, including the unorganized territories.

For the reporting period, the Authority was comprised of the following members: Betsy Fitzgerald (Machiasport), Robert Tyler (Calais and St. Stephen, NB), Bob

Hammond (Harrington), Marianne Moore (Calais), Bob Whitman (Marshfield), Lewis Pinkham (Milbridge), Christine Phillips (Calais), Dean Pike (Eastport), and Michael Radeka (East Machias). For this time period, the following officers were elected: Betsy Fitzgerald / Chairperson, Lewis Pinkham / Vice-Chairperson, / Secretary, and Marianne Moore / Treasurer. The WCDA held meetings at 1p.m. every third Monday of the month at the Machias Career Center.

The Authority can have from 9 to 13 voting members. At this point, there are only nine Trustees. Brian Mulligan (DECD) was appointed as ex-officio, as the designee for the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. Dale Crowley has resigned his appointment due to medical reasons. Michael Radeka has withdrawn his application for re-appointment, but will stay on until a replacement is confirmed.

Operations and Activities

The WCDA Trustees scheduled at least eleven (11) regular meetings from July 2014 to June 2015, though there was not always a quorum present for official business to take place. Major items of discussion during the course of the report period included the following subjects:

The Authority continues to contract with Sunrise County Economic Council to provide administrative services.

The Authority accepted a gift of part of the former Cutler Base from Cutler North, LLC.. The gift includes the real estate and buildings on most of the former administrative side of the base including the warehouse and commissary, the main administration building, the maintenance shop building, and the morale and recreation facility.

Using support from the Washington County Council of Governments Brownfields Program, the Authority completed a Phase I environmental assessment of the donated property before the transfer of ownership. A Phase II environmental assessment of the property is on-going.

The Authority has worked with the existing tenant of the warehouse and commissary (Look's Gourmet Food Company, Inc.) to expand its warehouse operation within the existing building and has begun to address the deferred maintenance on the warehouse and commissary building.

The Authority is seeking tenants to rent the vacant maintenance and recreation buildings.

The Authority has also assisted the Delta Development Corporation, a municipal development corporation, serving the western part of Washington County, to maintain real estate located in Harrington while it was offered for sale. Delta Development Corporation was unable to find a buyer for the property and has transferred ownership to the mortgage holder, Machias Savings Bank.

Receipts and Expenditures

See attached Financial Statement

Property Transactions:

The Authority received a gift of real estate from Cutler North, LLC as described in the Operations and Activities. A copy of the deed is attached. This gift included four buildings: the main administration building (#500); the maintenance shop (#501); the warehouse and commissary(#502), and the morale and recreation facility(#506). The Authority assumed the existing lease agreement with Look's Gourmet Food Company, Inc., the tenant in the warehouse and commissary building.

Proposed and Projected Activities

The Authority intends to continue its work to redevelop the former Cutler Navy base despite the lack of resources. The Authority receives no direct funding from the state or federal governments. Sunrise County Economic Council and Washington County Government have provided what staff support they could, but the Authority's trustees are handling much of the day to day management of the property as volunteers. The Authority's only source of income is rent, which has been entirely used for the maintenance and repair of the base property. In short, the redevelopment effort is hobbled by the lack of resources.

With continued support from the Washington County Council of Governments' Brownfields Program, the Authority plans to complete the Phase II environmental assessment and if necessary, to attempt to raise funds to pay for any needed mitigation.

The Authority is seeking new tenants to fill the commercial buildings on the base and continues to look for funding to repair the former base structures.

Recommendations

L.D. 1334, *An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Repair and Renovate the Former Cutler Navy Base in Washington County to Facilitate Development and Stimulate the Economy* was carried over by the Legislature's Appropriations Committee. The legislation would send a bond issue question to the voters that, if approved, would provide funds to repair and modernize the buildings on the former base. This funding is essential to the successful redevelopment of the property and would allow this significant public asset to again contribute to the state's economy. The Authority strongly recommends passage of LD 1334.

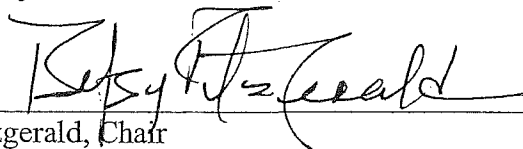
The Authority also recommends that the state invest the necessary staff and financial resources to support the redevelopment of the former Cutler base. A bill that

would have provided direct financial support to the Authority (LD 1333) was defeated in the last legislative session. The Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development has appointed Brian Mulligan as his representative on the Authority's Board; Mr. Mulligan's active participation has been very helpful. Staff support in grant proposal development, project administration, and property management would help move the redevelopment project forward.

Attachments:

- ❖ Financial reports: WCDA Annual Income Statement
- ❖ Deed of Cutler North, LLC to the Washington County Development Authority dated March 30, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:



Betsy Fitzgerald, Chair



Financial
Report
06/08/15
Marianne Moore – Treasurer

Account No.	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance	Date of Balance	Interest Rate	Maturation Date
8011575930	Non-Profit Organization Checking Account			\$1,413.51	04/30/15	n/a	n/a
	Check # 295 (Travel Exp)	\$108.53					
	Check # 296 (SCEC)	\$341.90					
	Deposit (Look's Rent)		\$7,912.00				
				\$8,875.08	05/29/15		
12001268	91-Day Certificate Passbook Account			\$0.00	Transferred	0.35%	04/12/11
	(NOTE: CD was closed out and funds transferred to Money Fund Account)						
8012412920	Money Fund Business Account			\$1,247.30	04/03/15	0.25%	n/a
	Service Charge	\$10.00					
	Interest		\$0.06				
				\$1,237.36	06/03/15		
	Total			\$10,112.44			

QUITCLAIM DEED WITHOUT COVENANT

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that CUTLER NORTH, LLC, a Maine limited liability company having its place of business in Cumberland, Maine, does hereby remise, release, bargain, donate and convey, and forever quitclaim unto Washington County Development Authority with an address of P.O. Box 679, Machias Maine, 04654, its successors and assigns, the property described below:

A certain lot or parcel of land with the improvements thereon on the West side of Route 191 in the Town of Cutler, County of Washington, State of Maine shown as Parcel A on Exhibit B of Cutler Administration Lot Division for Cutler North, by Sebago Technics, Inc. (project number 15055) dated March 26, 2015 and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly sideline of Route 191 at the southeasterly corner of the Fire Station Lot as shown on plan of Condominium Plat of Beachwood Bay Estates for Cutler Residential Development by Sebago Technics, Inc. last dated May 18, 2006 and recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds plan book 15, page 36;

Thence S 11°-37'-29" W, along the westerly sideline of Route 191, a distance of 183.17 feet to a found baseline monument at the westerly intersection of Route 191 and Ackley Road, so called;

Thence S 27°-48'-45" W, along the sideline of Ackley Road, a distance of 296.66 feet;

Thence N 63°-11'-24" W, along land of the condominium, a distance of 62.99 feet;

Thence S 27°-53'-36" W, along land of the condominium, a distance of 122.37 feet;

Thence S 20°-55'-15" W, along land of the condominium, a distance of 55.95 feet;

Thence S 46°-23'-20" W, along land of the condominium, a distance of 130.63 feet;

Thence N 65°-56'-49" W, along land of the condominium, a distance of 386.07 feet;

Thence N 08°-03'-13" W, along land of the condominium, a distance of 127.96 feet;

Thence S 88°-44'-00" W, along land of the condominium, a distance of 67.38 feet;

Thence S 75°-44'-35" W, along land of the condominium, a distance of 120.00 feet to a monument;

Thence N 22°-34'-16" W, along land of condominium, a distance of 50.53 feet, crossing the Access Easement serving the Condominiums as shown in the above mentioned Condominium Plat, to the southerly corner of Parcel B as shown on Exhibit B;

Thence N 75°-44'-35" E, along Parcel B and the Access Easement, a distance of 56.32 feet;

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Thence N 31°-08'-29" E, along Parcel B, a distance of 30.60 feet;

Thence N 04°-41'-37" W, along Parcel B, a distance of 115.00 feet;

Thence N 28°-52'-18" E, along Parcel B, a distance of 380.00 feet;

Thence N 00°-00'-00" W, along Parcel B, a distance of 250.00 feet to land now or formerly of Earnest and Dorothy Rice as described in a deed recorded at the Washington County Registry of Deeds in Book 1564, Page 83;

Thence N 87°-59'-31" E, along land of said Rice, a distance of 513.39 feet to a monument at the northwesterly corner of the Fire Station Lot;

Thence S 02°-00'-29" E, along said Fire Station Lot, a distance of 328.97 feet to a monument;

Thence S 63°-16'-37" E, continuing along Fire Station Lot, a distance of 54.50 feet;

Thence S 71°-33'-36" E, continuing along Fire Station Lot, a distance of 63.28 feet;

Thence S 79°-45'-48" E, continuing along Fire Station Lot, a distance of 100.71 feet to the westerly side of Route 191 and the Point of Beginning.

The total area of the above-described parcel is approximately 14.54 Acres.

Subject to a shared access easement over all roads within Parcels A as shown on Exhibit B.

Also subject to an underground fiber optic communications cable easement.

Also subject to and benefited by a 30-foot wide easement reserved in a deed recorded at said Registry in Book 2827, Page 234, described as follows: The Housing and Administration area shown hereon will be subject to an easement and right-of-way reserved by the United States of America for the purpose of, but not limited to, ingress and egress over the existing road.

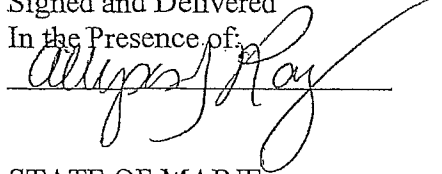
Said lot also subject to an easement granted to the Bangor Hydroelectric Company by the United States of America, dated November 18, 1993, recorded at said Registry in Book 1900, Page 6 for relocation, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of a utility pole numbered 158 with the necessary fixtures and supports.

Said lot also subject to an ingress, egress, and utility easement along the existing roads and utility lines that serve the condominium as shown on the above mentioned Condominium Plat.

Meaning and intending to describe a parcel of land being a portion of the land described in a deed to Washington County Development Authority recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds in Book 2827, Page 223.

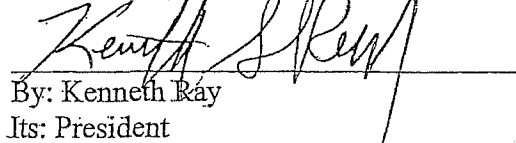
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said-Cutler North, LLC has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by Kenneth Ray, its President thereunto duly authorized, this 30th day of March, 2015.

Signed and Delivered
In the Presence of:



STATE OF MAINE
CUMBERLAND, ss.

Cutler North, LLC


By: Kenneth Ray
Its: President

March 30, 2015

Then personally appeared the above named Kenneth Ray, President of said Cutler North, LLC, as aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed in his said capacity, and the free act and deed of said limited liability company.

Before me,

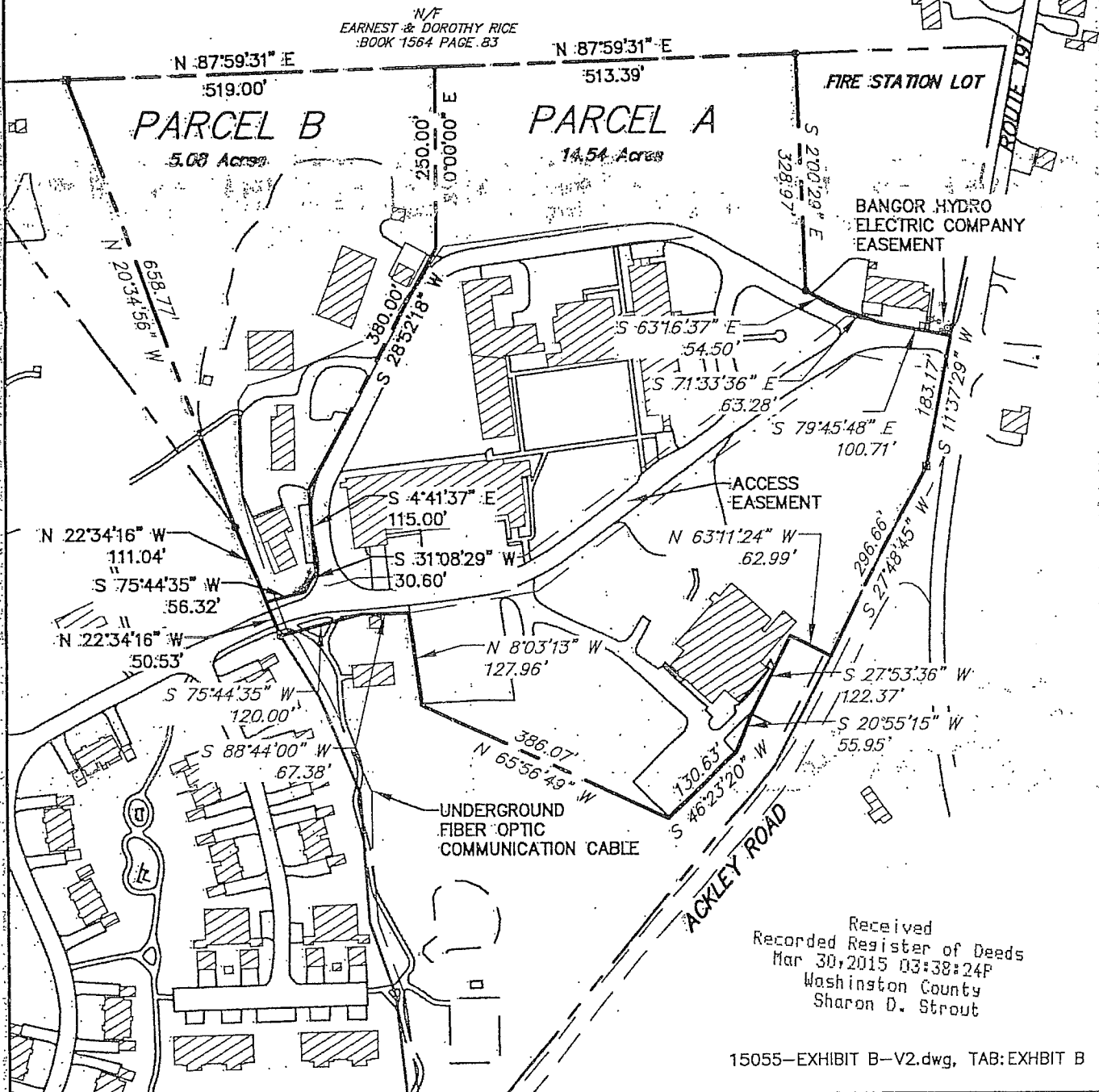


Notary Public/Attorney at Law

5/25/20 Rebecca A. Morais
My Commission Expires

GENERAL NOTES

1. PLAN REFERENCES CONDOMINIUM PLAT OF BEACHWOOD BAY ESTATES FOR CUTLER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT BY SEBAGO TECHNICS, INC. (PROJECT NUMBER 99477) LAST DATED MAY 18, 2006.
2. THE INTENT OF THIS PLAN IS TO DIVIDE TRACT 1 ADMINISTRATION AREA, INTO PARCEL A AND PARCEL B. NO FIELD WORK WAS PERFORMED FOR THIS PLAN.



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EXHIBIT B
OF CUTLER ADMINISTRATION LOT DIVISION

LOCATION: NAVAL COMPUTER &
TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATION
TURNER WAY, CUTLER, MAINE

FOR: CUTLER NORTH
15 EISENHOWER DRIVE
WESTBROOK, MAINE 04092

SCALE: 1"=200'

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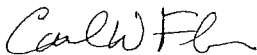
Mr. Grant T. Pennoyer
Executive Director
State of Maine Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Mr. Pennoyer:

Pursuant to "Section 15080-L Annual Report" of the Loring Development Authority of Maine's (LDA) enabling legislation, please find enclosed a complete report of the activities of the LDA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The report includes a summary of the LDA's development activities and audited financial statements for FY15. Subsequent events through October 15, 2015 and proposed activities for FY16 are also reported.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,



Carl W. Flora
President & CEO

Enclosure

cc: Senator Amy F. Volk, Chair
Representative Erin D. Herbig, Chair
Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

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PARAGRAPH 1A: DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY'S OPERATIONS

Loring Development Authority (LDA) is responsible for the redevelopment of the properties formerly comprising the Loring Air Force Base, for the purpose of creating new jobs and new economic activity following the base's closure. Accomplishing that mission requires LDA to manage the 3,700-acre business-commercial and industrial park including a 1,600-acre aviation complex; serve as landlord to leasehold businesses and supply municipal-type services to 384 residents and to 22 businesses that collectively employ approximately 800 people and occupy 1.5 million square feet of space in numerous major buildings. LDA operates a water treatment plant, water distribution system, and a wastewater collection system; maintains and plows 26 miles of roadways; performs grounds maintenance on hundreds of acres of developed and developable property; and through arrangements with the Town of Limestone and others, secures fire, ambulance, and law enforcement services and contracts for wastewater treatment. The LDA works with prospective businesses to develop opportunities to reuse additional facilities and properties, create additional employment and economic activity both at Loring and in the broader region.

Employers at Loring represent industrial, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, energy, telecommunications, commercial, back-office, education, recreation, conservation and aviation sectors. A profile of the employers at Loring, included in Addendum-4 at the end of this report, illustrates the significant level and diversity of economic activity generated by the reuse of facilities at Loring Commerce Centre.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 MARKED THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLOSURE OF LORING AIR FORCE BASE. Loring's closure as an Air Force Base took place September 30, 1994, launching Loring as a commercial center. Looking back, twenty years later significant major milestones include:

- Establishment of LDA in its early role as "caretaker" under agreements with the Air Force
- Establishment of early businesses including the golf course, apartments, camping area, bowling center
- The arrival and growth of some of our larger employers, DFAS, Job Corps, Sitel, and Maine Military Authority
- The negotiation of the Economic Development Conveyance Agreement calling for extended "caretaker" funding
- Obtaining the Loring property initially through a Long Term Lease and later by Deed
- Three successful weekend-long Phish festivals

- Developing two potentially large industrial projects - a potato processing plant and a wood products manufacturing facility - neither of which ultimately went forward because of market considerations
- The successful campaign to avert the threatened BRAC closure of DFAS, and the subsequent growth of DFAS
- The innovative use of our aviation assets to support research and development and flight testing of unmanned aircraft, airborne wind turbines, automotive and ground vehicle systems, autocross and land speed racing

**THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES THE LDA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015,
WHICH SUPPORT ITS PRIMARY MISSION OF JOB CREATION AND FACILITY ABSORPTION ON
LORING COMMERCE CENTRE.**

In response to losses in the manufacturing sector, particularly with declining workloads for military equipment refurbishment at Maine Military Authority (MMA), LDA has targeted opportunities that will take advantage of the now-underutilized capabilities of the regional workforce. This has led us to pursue opportunities with Norinco, a Chinese state-owned enterprise which would establish a railcar manufacturing facility at Loring; and with a European bus manufacturer which would leverage the existing capabilities of MMA. Both of these manufacturing projects are still in the development stage. In the case of Norinco, we have developed a MOU that lays the groundwork for future cooperation and development of the project. In the case of the bus manufacturer, the company's top executives visited Maine and Loring in late August. The production envisioned can be accommodated within existing facilities and the fit with the MMA workforce is very good.

Maine Military Authority has identified various opportunities to repair and rebuild non-military transit equipment, particularly buses. For example, MMA recently landed a \$19 M contract with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority to rebuild 32 dual mode drive articulating transit buses (perhaps the world's most complex bus). In pursuing these contracting opportunities, MMA has encountered several difficulties stemming from the fact that it is a state entity. For example, establishing a line of credit to buy the parts in bulk, at a discount, that are needed for a large contract, is not possible given MMA's legal structure. Complying with the state's complex procurement guidelines may, in some circumstances, cause delay and added cost which adversely affect MMA's competitiveness. In bidding on certain federal contracts, MMA is handicapped because it cannot qualify for any of the numerous small business preferences, because as the State, it is deemed a large business.

As a means to deal with some of MMA's limitations, the LDA established a private sector corporation, Loring Industries, Inc. (LI). LI is able to pursue business opportunities with various partners, and can attract capital as any private enterprise might. LDA may participate in a project as an equity investor, exchanging a portion of the value of the property and equipment contributed by LDA for an equity stake in the business. It's anticipated that MMA will continue to play an integral role by helping to develop the opportunities and subcontracting with LI to perform at least a portion of the work. This concept is not typical for LDA, but it appears to be a good conduit to new business opportunities for Loring, in general, and MMA in particular.

In the broadest of terms, what is good for MMA is good for LDA and what is bad for MMA is bad for LDA. For many years, MMA occupied the greatest amount of building space of any

tenant at Loring and was by far our largest source of lease revenue. The reduction of operations at MMA resulted in a series of layoffs with employment now in the vicinity of 70 persons, compared with a high of about 550 some years ago. Most of the facilities occupied by MMA have been turned back to LDA with MMA operations now consolidated in two adjacent buildings. Recent building and production line upgrades on former warehouse buildings provide a "linear" production process adding more streamlined production processes and efficiencies to the vehicle rebuilding process. These efficiencies helped MMA secure \$19 MM contract with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority to rebuild articulating buses and are part of what the bus manufacturer mentioned above found attractive about MMA's operations.

Other opportunities being pursued independently of MMA include the following existing and/or potential projects.

SMARTER RISK FSD CORPORATION. Smarter Risk FSD Corporation (SRC) is a joint venture between IBM and other companies in the enterprise risk management business. SRC has leased an office at Loring while working to establish operations here. Enterprise risk management services include data security, physical security and continuity of business (or government). The project would require computer and cyber security specialists and some precision manufacturing of high tech equipment. The University System has developed a cyber security program available through all campuses. This project would require an active collaboration with the University of Maine and the Community College System.

BANGOR GAS/PENOBSCOT NATURAL GAS. Bangor Gas acquired the leasehold interest to the LDA's Searsport to Loring jet fuel pipeline and has worked on its incremental reactivation. In the first phase, 62 miles of the pipeline was activated, from Bangor to Madawamkeag. Bangor Gas then built a lateral to bring natural gas to Lincoln Paper and Tissue, and to the Lincoln community; service began in November 2014. Phase two is now underway and includes reactivation from Bangor to Searsport. Phase three would be to place the pipeline into service from Madawamkeag to Houlton.

Bangor Gas also owns the Diesel plant at Loring and 54 acres of industrially zoned property and a 50 acre parcel just south of Loring not part of the former base. [The property was acquired by Loring Bio Energy and then sold at public auction along with lease rights to the pipeline; the parent of Bangor Gas purchased that package of assets at the foreclosure sale.] Bangor Gas does not have a use for diesel plant nor for the acreage and would like to sell the property.

LDA is working with prospects interested in acquiring the diesel plant, which houses diesel generators with about 5.1 megawatts of electricity generation. While it is not economically feasible to run diesel units to continuously generate electricity, having them on stand-by would allow for the sale of the stand-by capacity.

LORING HOLDINGS, LLC. Loring Holdings is working on a project called Maine Power Express which involves the construction of a DC power converter plant with a transmission line in the Searsport pipeline right-of-way and underwater to southern New England. The Maine Power Express project would bring renewable energy from northern Maine and Canada to southern New England. If built, the LDA would be compensated for the additional uses of the pipeline corridor.

SOLAR PV SYSTEM INSTALLATION. The Power Company completed the installation of 30 tracking solar panels, called Loring Solar II. The new project along with the existing smaller solar array, Loring Solar I, installed in 2012 have a combined output of 200 KW. Loring Solar II was the largest solar project in the state at the time of its installation. The output will be metered against various LDA accounts.

RANGER SOLAR. Ranger Solar, a grid-scale solar developer proposed the development of a 100 megawatt solar project at Loring to generate renewable energy for the local and/or regional electrical grid. Loring is an attractive site because of the abundance of open space and existing electrical infrastructure. One megawatt of electrical output requires about five acres of land; therefore, 100 megawatts would require 500 acres. Solar is becoming more affordable and practical, but solar output varies and must be accompanied by some form of balancing power such as natural gas generation which can be increased or decreased to maintain a steady output.

RESIDENTIAL AND GOLF OPERATIONS. Tin Cup Land Company, owners of the residential units at Loring and the Limestone Country Club, decided in 2014 to dissolve the company, divide its interests and obligations and create two separate businesses. Crossroads Land Company received the residential units and Phairways Enterprises leased the golf course and country club. Subsequently, the new companies, facing unexpected difficulties, decided that they would not be able to continue operations. Both worked with LDA to transition the businesses. LDA obtained the former Crossroads property and is operating the apartment rental business until another operator is in place. The country club was leased to a new party and was open for business again this summer.

Two current business prospects have indicated a need for on-premises housing for a portion of their workforce (employees with highly specialized skills who would move here from elsewhere). At the time that LDA acquired the residential units, 35 out of 66 units in 17 buildings were occupied; leaving several units available for in migrating employees.

ALTAEROS ENERGIES. Altaeros, a small development stage company with roots at MIT, conducted tests of its airborne wind turbine using Loring's Arch Hangar and airfield in the past three years. Altaeros' first innovation is a wind turbine in a helium-filled housing, marketed as a "BAT", a buoyant airborne turbine. The device can be deployed and retrieved quickly and moved from place to place making it ideal for military operations in forward areas or as a replacement for diesel generators in remote areas not served by transmission lines. Other important advantage are that BATS produce two times more energy than standard wind turbines with no capital tied up in the construction of large towers as traditional turbines require. The company indicated its interest in returning for future research and testing operations.

NORTHERN GIRL, LLC. Northern Girl, an organic vegetable processing company, leased the kitchen area of Loring's NCO Club allowing it to start operations while its facility in Van Buren was constructed. The company relocated to its permanent facility this year, but continues to have an interest in a regional food hub and a shared kitchen, which could make use of the NCO facility.

LORING MILITARY HERITAGE CENTER (LMHC). The LMHC, a museum of Loring's military heritage, hosted a very successful open house in July 2014, bringing many people to Loring.

LAND SPEED RACING. Loring Timing Association (LTA) continues to host land speed racing events at Loring, with 40% of the racers coming from Maine. The event has brought Loring's

facilities and airfield to the attention of companies interested in automotive product testing, research and development.

AUTOCROSS EVENT. Cumberland Motor Club Inc. continues to hold successful autocross precision driving events at Loring. The events consist of automobiles, including high performance cars, being operated within a defined course. Although the race events do not attract huge crowds they do bring visitors to the area who provide increased traffic to restaurants, hotels and other businesses.

PROSPECTS: Active prospects include various manufacturing companies, a buildings products company, a company seeking to do rocket launches, a data center, and some MMA projects that require LDA collaboration.

SMALL BUSINESS FACILITIES UPGRADES. LDA's \$1 million Small Business Administration (SBA) grant funded improvements to facilities for small business uses; energy efficiency is a project priority. The work is now complete.

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM UPGRADES PHASES 1 AND 2. LDA and the Air Force entered into a Memorandum of Agreement, which included a payment to LDA of \$1.5 million for upgrades to the water treatment plant and distribution system. The MOA and payment addresses the Air Force's responsibility to provide potable water to Loring, where groundwater contamination prevents the use of wells. The funding matched a \$1,132,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The grant provides for 50% of the costs of a \$2,264,000 project to upgrade Loring's drinking water treatment infrastructure. Phase one upgrades the treatment system and is intended to improve water quality. This phase along with the rebuilding of the fishway on the water impoundment dam was completed last year. Phase two nears completion; it includes the repair of the concrete weir and intake structure, additional upgrades to the treatment system and facility improvements.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 3. Despite the improvements made in Phases 1 and 2, LDA continues to experience compliance issues with respect to disinfection byproducts. Additional work will be completed in the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016 to address this issue. The \$1.1 million project will be completed with a \$507,780 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, of which 20% will be forgiven and part of a \$1 million a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), secured with the help of the Town of Limestone. (The balance of the CDBG, approximately \$336,000, will fund additional sewer rehabilitation at Loring.)

INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I/I) REDUCTION AT LORING COMMERCE CENTRE. Reduction of the I/I of ground and surface water in Loring's wastewater collection systems is an ongoing project. Upgrades to the system to date total approximately \$2.6 million. A large rain event maxed out the sewer line's capacity and clearly demonstrated that the LDA needs to continue to the next phase of I/I reduction work. A small project, approximately \$75,000, was completed in the fall of 2014 to replace infrastructure responsible for significant I/I. As mentioned above, with the CDBG funding secured this year, a \$336,000 project is planned for next summer.

LORING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING. After legislation to authorize a \$50 million state bond for infrastructure and site improvements at two former military installations failed to move forward for the bond referendum, LDA arranged a meeting with the Bureau of General Services to discuss Loring's long-term capital for extensive infrastructure maintenance and repair.

Unfortunately, BGS is not able to provide funding to LDA for infrastructure work. LDA continues to seek opportunities for funding its huge unmet capital needs.

ENERGY COSTS REDUCTION. An energy audit identified potential for energy savings for LDA buildings. A variety of energy alternatives were identified as potential means to reduce energy costs for the LDA. Propane burners were installed at two buildings and are being considered for other buildings as funding allows. Pellets were another option with a pay back of a few years. Pellet burners were installed at two buildings with limited success.

FIRE AND AMBULANCE. Changes were made to emergency services at Loring. LDA no longer employs firefighters to assist Crown Ambulance employees. Crown Ambulance now supplies a two-person crew for ambulance service at Loring and all of Limestone, and Caswell. The ambulance crew continues to be housed at the Loring Fire Station and will have access to the Fire Truck and associated equipment. Fire response will continue to fall under the authority of the Limestone Fire Department. The ambulance crew may be called upon occasionally to do long distance transports and when that happens, coverage will be by the crew based in Fort Fairfield.

AIR FORCE ENVIRONMENTAL BRIEFING ON PFCs OR "PERFLUORINATED COMPOUNDS. In 2009, EPA issued a Preliminary Health Advisory for two compounds, PFOS and PFOA, recommending provisional drinking water standards for two specific PFCs (PFOS & PFOA). PFCs are a group of manmade chemicals that had been used for a wide variety of products including food grade uses such as Teflon and fast food wrappers. PFCs were found in firefighting foams used after 1970 and the Air Force has identified PFCs in groundwater at Loring's former fire training area. This has been the case with many closed bases. The Air Force has arranged to assess other potential PFC sites at Loring and this field investigation work will take place during the 2015 season.

MARKETING EFFORTS

WEBSITE. A new Loring.org website has been completed and seamlessly launched, with a simplified layout and quick access for browsers. The site was designed to provide downloadable data for available facilities, up-to-date information, ease in making in-house changes and an efficient delivery of board meeting documents.

PROMOTING LORING

Loring's facilities, attributes and contact information are available on numerous business development websites such as The Maine Chamber, The Yellow Pages online, www.aviationacres.com and other aviation interests.

Following a request for proposals to provide real estate services, the LDA signed an Exclusive Right to Sell Listing Agreement with Re/Max Central to provide Sales Agent services and exposure on the Multiple Listing Service for designated Loring properties. The goal is to promote Loring properties, for sale or lease, to the widest possible audience. For properties not specifically listed, LDA maintains an "Open Listing" and encourages all real estate brokers to bring prospective purchasers or commercial lessees to Loring.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

STAKEHOLDER & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS. The LDA President & CEO regularly leads tours and presents Loring's buildings and assets to potential tenants and visitors. He also promotes Loring and northern Maine when participating in speaking engagements and meetings regionally and state-wide.

PUBLIC BOARDS AND AFFILIATIONS. The LDA President & CEO serves in a voluntary capacity on regional and state-wide Boards, networking within various communities and acquainting people with Loring Commerce Centre, the State of Maine's largest industrial, business and aviation complex.

OTHER ACTIVITIES & EFFORTS

REAL ESTATE BROKERS. LDA selected Re/Max to list some facilities in an Exclusive Listing contract for selected commercial properties. An exclusive listing opportunity provides an incentive for the selected broker to promote Loring properties, increasing potential sales. The exclusive listing contract is for specific properties. An Open Listing is maintained for properties not specifically listed.

LIMESTONE REAL ESTATE TAXES. The town of Limestone bore a large share of the impact of the closure of Loring Air Force Base and could not absorb the cost of providing municipal services at the 8,700 acre commerce center. LDA provides those services at Loring but does not have the ability to levy taxes. When a property at Loring is sold it becomes a part of the Limestone tax base. LDA Trustees and members of the Limestone Select Board have discussed a gain-sharing arrangement to assist with the costs of municipal services at Loring.

MOBILIZE MAINE. LDA continues to collaborate with DECD and the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) on the Mobilize Maine and other efforts – a proactive, assets based grassroots approach to economic development.

LEAD-LEADERS ENCOURAGING AROOSTOOK DEVELOPMENT. LDA President Carl W. Flora serves on the Board of Directors of LEAD.

KEEPING INFORMED. When relevant to the LDA's activities, LDA staff members actively participate in community and state economic development efforts, serving on various boards, attending workshops, development forums and trainings, keeping abreast of programs and other opportunities available to businesses.

LDA FUNDING

STATE OF MAINE. LDA received a grant from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for \$175,000. The funding supports the reuse of the former military facilities including newly developing manufacturing projects.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND. The Loring Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Program allows the LDA to receive 50% of the Maine State Income Tax withheld from incremental jobs created at the Loring Commerce Centre. Contributions to this fund for fiscal year 2015 totaled \$615,869. These funds are used to fund municipal service costs and maintenance of public infrastructure.

PROPERTY SALE, LEASE, MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES. During fiscal year 2015, the LDA received revenues from its tenants, from the sale of land and personal property and from miscellaneous revenues in the amount of \$1,780,277.

KATAHDIN TRUST COMPANY. LDA has two lines of credit from Katahdin Trust Company to assist in the management of cash flow; one line for \$1,000,000 and the second for \$250,000. At the end of FY 2015, funds advanced under the line of credit totaled \$1,189,807. This debt was retired in October 2015. The lines at Katahdin Trust Company will be closed and replaced with a \$1,250,000 line of credit at Machias Savings Bank.

KATAHDIN TRUST COMPANY. LDA secured a \$254,000 note from Katahdin Trust Company as part of the acquisition of the residential property; \$200,000 is the balance of the note used to purchase outdoor wood boilers for the residential complex and the remaining funds are for equipment needed to maintain the property. The note is secured by a portion of the property.

MACHIAS SAVINGS BANK. As mentioned above, LDA now has a \$1,250,000 line of credit from Machias Savings Bank. The line, needed to assist in the management of cash flow, was secured in September 2015 and replaces the lines of credit at Katahdin Trust Company.

MACHIAS SAVINGS BANK. LDA also secured a \$700,000 term loan from Machias Savings Bank to provide for short term cash needs and working capital needs beyond operating revenues. The three-year loan, secured in September 2015, is collateralized by the stream of payments from the pipeline lease.

SBA GRANT. In FY11 LDA secured a \$1 million federal appropriation which is administered through a grant from the Small Business Administration. The funding is for the upgrading of facilities in support of small businesses; the project was completed this year.

EDA GRANT. In FY11 LDA was awarded \$1,132,000 from the Economic Development Administration for the upgrade of Loring's water supply infrastructure; the project is about 97% complete.

CDBG GRANT. A \$1 million Department of Economic and Community Development Community Development Block Grant was awarded to the Town of Limestone on behalf of the LDA in July 2015. The grant will assist with water treatment system upgrades needed to achieve Disinfection By-Product (DBP) removal in the water supply system. It will also be used to upgrade a portion of the existing wastewater collection system to reduce the inflow and infiltration of ground and surface water in the system.

MAINE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF). LDA is working with the Maine Bond Bank to close on a \$507,780 DWSRF loan. A portion of the loan, 40%, will be forgiven; the remaining 60% or \$304,668 will be repaid over 30 years. The DWSRF funds will be used to match the CDBG grant and will fund the water treatment system improvement project.