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127TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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REP. ELEANOR M. ESPLING

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
January 28, 2016
Approved February 25, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

President Thibodeau called the January 28, 2016 meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 1:52 p.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, OPLA
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes
Chris Nolan, Director, OFPR
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library
Kevin Dieterich, Director, Legislative Information Technology
Beth Ashcroft, Director, OPEGA

President Thibodeau convened the meeting at 1:52 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for December 17, 2015 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Alfond. Second by Senator Mason. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, reported on:

1. Youth in Government Program – November 11 to 13

At your last meeting, the decision on what weekend would be selected for the annual Youth in Government Program at the State House was delegated to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. They reached consensus that November 11th to the 13th was the best weekend this coming fall for this program.

2. Priority Security Screening Update

After the Legislature convened in early January, there was another surge upward in the number of applications for priority security screening badges. Since my report in December, we have had an additional 33 applications bringing the total number to 127.

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

As of Wednesday, we have sold 173 total mementos (68 plaques and 108 framed pictures). We have also sold approximately 945 square feet of the copper in rough form.

4. Active Shooter Training

After an initial training session for active shooter situations with the State House evacuation team in mid-December, we have been trying to schedule another session so that others could attend. The first session and the resulting conversations about this training and the concerns about preparing for these type of horrific events generated an outcry for additional training. We were finally able to schedule a second training session for February 17th. The State House Facilities Committee has been discussing security enhancements and will be considering some changes to improve our preparedness and emergency alert systems.

5. New Employee Training and Other Training Sessions

Over the last month, eight employee training sessions were held to meet statutory requirements for workplace harassment and video display terminal, among other important employee reminders. We will offer one additional training session to try and catch the remaining relatively small number of legislative employees that were unable to attend these past sessions. In addition, we also held a new employee orientation last Friday for the benefit of twelve recent new hires from various Legislative offices.

Legislative Council Chair Thibodeau asked if there was any objection to taking an item out of order. There was no objection. The Chair then moved to **Old Business, Item 1.**

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of Bill Requests Tabled from October 22 and November 19

The Legislative Council moved to reconsider and accept two bill requests (LR 2523 and LR 2205). The council authorized 1 requests for introduction in the 2nd Regular Session of the 127th Legislature, and 1 failed to be authorized. One request (LR 2324) was previously approved by ballot on December 29, 2015. No action was taken on all other previously tabled bill requests, so all remain tabled. The Legislative Council's actions on the requests are included on the attached list.

Legislative Council Chair Thibodeau asked if there was any objection to taking an item out of order. There was no objection. The Chair then moved to **New Business, Item 1.**

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests

The Legislative Council considered and voted on the bill requests in accordance with the established protocol. Of the 16 new bill requests, the council authorized 9 requests for introduction in the 2nd Regular Session of the 127th Legislature, 3 failed to be authorized, and 4 were tabled. Of the 13 previously tabled bill requests, the council authorized 2 requests for introduction in the 2nd Regular Session of the 127th Legislature, 1 was withdrawn by the sponsor prior to the meeting, 1 was previously approved by ballot, and all others remain tabled. The council took no action on the previously tabled joint resolution, so it remains tabled. The Legislative Council's actions on the requests are included on the attached list.

The Legislative Council then returned to the other items on its agenda.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, reported on:

General Fund Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
December	\$258.2	\$284.8	\$26.7	10.3%	\$265.8	7.2%
FYTD	\$1,638.5	\$1,673.3	\$34.8	2.1%	\$1,473.7	13.5%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$26.7 million (10.3%) for the month of December and over budget by \$34.8 million (2.1%) for the fiscal year through December. These positive variances now reflect the December 2015 revenue forecast, which reduced budgeted revenue by \$2.2 million in FY 2016. Individual income tax revenue was \$14.2 million over budget for the month of December and \$14.2 million over budget for the fiscal year through December. Estimated payments were over budget by \$3.7 million while withholding was over budget by \$9.7 million. Final estimated payments were due January 15th. The estimated payment line will be looked at closely when January revenues are posted. Historically, strong December and January estimated payments have been an indicator that April receipts may be higher than forecasted. The month of December contained an additional Thursday (five rather than four) which is likely the reason for the overage on the withholding line. Sales and use tax revenue was over budget by \$1.8 million for the month and over budget by \$5.0 million for the fiscal year to date. Car and

building supply sales were both 11% higher than last fiscal year. Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by \$1.0 million for the month of December and by \$1.0 million for the fiscal year through December.

Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2016 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
December	\$24.0	\$24.2	\$0.2	0.7%	\$24.6	-1.8%
FYTD	\$165.1	\$169.0	\$3.9	2.4%	\$145.5	16.2%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$0.2 million (0.7%) for the month of December and over budget by \$3.9 million (2.4%) for the fiscal year through December. These positive variances now reflect the December 2015 revenue forecast, which increased budgeted revenue by \$20 thousand in FY 2016. Fuel taxes were under budget for the month of December by \$1.2 million while motor vehicle registration and fees were over budget by \$1.0 million. Motor vehicle registrations will be reviewed before the March forecast with the possibility of being adjusted upward.

Cash Balances Update

December cash balances while down from November continue to remain strong. December's total cash balance of \$769.6 million is well above both last year's balance for December of \$585.2 million and the ten-year average for December of \$492.9 million. For the fourth month this fiscal year, there was no General Fund internal borrowing from other funds in December. The average Highway Fund balance of \$36.7 million in December decreased from November's average of \$54.4 million, with the drop-off reflecting the early December annual payment for the Local Road Assistance program.

Review and Update of Economic and Revenue Forecasts

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission is scheduled to meet on January 29, 2016 to review and update the economic forecast to comply with its February 1 reporting date. The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) will then meet later in February to review and update the current revenue forecast to comply with its statutory reporting date of March 1st.

Studies Update and Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, reported that the final two studies, the Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine Veterans and the Task Force on School Leadership, have completed their work and their reports are either in process or printing. Ms. Hylan Barr further reported that the Citizen Trade Policy Commission is still meeting and will complete their work later in the year.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee held a meeting earlier today to consider the following matters:

1. Reappointment of the Revisor of Statutes

The committee considered the reappointment of Suzanne Gresser as Revisor of Statutes. The Personnel Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Legislative Council reappoint Ms. Gresser.

Motion: That the Legislative Council appoint Suzanne Gresser as Revisor of Statutes, the date of her reappointment being retroactive to January 25, 2016. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Senator Alford. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0-0-1,** with Representative Fredette absent).

2. Step Increase for Director of Law Library

The committee reviewed the annual evaluation of and considered a step increase for Director John Barden. The committee voted unanimously to approve this step increase. No action required by the Legislative Council.

3. Step Increase for LIT Director

The committee reviewed the annual evaluation of and considered a step increase for Director Kevin Dieterich. The committee voted unanimously to approve this step increase. No action required by the Legislative Council.

4. Annual Evaluation of OPEGA Director

The committee reviewed the annual evaluation of Director Beth Ashcroft. No action required by the Legislative Council.

5. Request for Temporary Disability Benefits for Nonpartisan Employee

The committee considered a request by the legislative employee for temporary disability income benefits. The request was consistent with the provisions for temporary disability income benefits under the Legislative Council's personnel policies and guidelines. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the committee voted unanimously to approve the request. No Legislative Council action is required.

6. Update on Work/Life Balance Pilot Project

The committee received an update on the pilot project. The committee agreed to move forward with this project on a limited basis.

2. State House Facilities Committee

Senator Mason, Chair, reported the State House Facilities Committee met on Wednesday, January 20th to consider the following items.

1. Options for video in committee rooms and video and audio webcasts

The Executive Director and Maine Public Broadcasting have held an initial meeting to revise the estimated costs of implementation and the Legislature's IT staff and MPBN technical

staff prepared cost estimate to better evaluate options for implementing video broadcasts of committees and for replacing Senate and House video. They will continue their discussions and report at the next committee meeting.

The committee also discussed the upgrades to the Legislature's video and audio webcasts that included options for recording and accessing archived meetings beginning with this session. The committee felt that further discussions by the full membership of Legislative Council of the implications and means of making recorded legislative proceedings available is required before implementation.

2. Revisions to the Legislative Council Policy on the Use of the Hall of Flags

The committee reviewed the draft changes to the policy. Other changes were recommended. The committee voted unanimously to recommend those changes to the Legislative Council for approval. A motion will be made under this item in Old Business.

3. Updates from the Executive Director

Mr. Pennoyer updated the committee on the status of security measures stating that further research on this issue by Capitol Police and the Executive Director will be available at the committee's next meeting. Mr. Pennoyer also met with the State Museum Director and the Archivist regarding the possible relocation of the Liberty Bell in front of the Cultural Building. While that location proved problematic, other options are still be explored and a plan will be presented to the committee at a future meeting.

4. Request to Light the State House for National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

A request was made to light the State House with special blue and green lighting in honor of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week on Tuesday, February 23rd. In keeping with previous requests, the committee voted unanimously to deny the request.

5. The rebidding of Architect and Construction Manager contracts

The committee discussed the status of a subcommittee to review rebidding the construction manager role for projects other than the deferred projects. The subcommittee will be meeting in the next 4 to 6 weeks to seek input from interested parties to explore options for rebidding the Construction Manager contract as soon as possible.

At the close of his report, Senator Mason expressed his concern that committee proceedings were being recorded without prior Council approval. He also requested that further discussion be held at the next State House Facilities Committee meeting and at a future Legislative Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #2: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 2324 An Act to Strengthen Intragovernment Communication

Submitted by: Senator Roger Katz

Approved: December 29, 2015

Vote: 6-3-0-1 in favor (with Sen. Mason, Sen. Cushing and Rep. Espling opposed and Rep. Fredette absent)

LR 2596 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Operation of All-terrain Vehicle or Snowmobile on a Controlled Access Highway

Submitted by: Representative Robert Saucier

Approved: December 29, 2015

Vote: 8-0-0-2 in favor (with Sen. Mason and Rep. Fredette absent)

LR 2596 An Act to Combat Drug Addiction through Enforcement, Treatment and Recovery

Submitted by: Senator Michael Thibodeau

Approved: December 29, 2015

Vote: 8-0-0-2 in favor (with Sen. Mason and Rep. Fredette absent)

LR 2614 Resolve, To Name a Bridge between Atkinson and Sebec the Captain John "Jay" Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge

Submitted by: Senator Paul Davis

Approved: January 13, 2016

Vote: 9-0-0-1 in favor (with Rep. McCabe absent)

LR 2583 An Act to Convey Property to the Sinclair Sanitary District

Submitted by: Representative Roland Danny Martin

Approved: January 27, 2016

Vote: 9-0-0-1 in favor (with Rep. Fredette absent)

Item #3: Revision of the Legislative Council Policy on the Use of the Hall of Flags

Motion: That upon the recommendation of the State House Facilities Committee, the Legislative Council approve the revisions to the *Legislative Council Policy on the Use of the Hall of Flags* as presented. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

NEW BUSINESS

Item #2: Submission of the 2015 Annual Report on Activities and Performance, OPEGA

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the 2015 Annual Report on Activities and Performance, OPEGA and place it on file. Motion by Senator Alfond. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #3: Submission of the Report of the Commission to Study Difficult to Place Patients

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the Report of the Commission to Study Difficult to Place Patients and place it on file. Motion by Senator Alfond. Second by Speaker Eves. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #4: Submission of the Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services Study of Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services Study of Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine and place it on file. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0-0-1, with Representative Fredette absent).**

Item #5: Submission of the Tenth Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the Tenth Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee and place it on file. Motion by Representative McCabe. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0-0-1, with Representative Fredette absent).**

Item #6: Submission of the Annual Report of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the Annual Report of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority and place it on file. Motion by Representative McCabe. Second by Senator Alfond. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0-0-1, with Representative Fredette absent).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**127th Legislature - Second Regular Session
Legislative Council Action Taken January 28, 2016 on
Pre-Cloture Bill Requests Tabled
October 22 and November 19, 2015**

		Action
Representative Campbell of Orrington		
LR 2330		TABLED 11/19/15
	An Act To Encourage the Development of Commercial Transportation Opportunities in Bucksport	
LR 2331		TABLED 11/19/15
	An Act To Encourage the Development of Electrical and Natural Gas Infrastructure in Bucksport	
Representative Eves of North Berwick		
LR 2523		TABLED 10/22/15
	An Act To Support and Strengthen the Direct Care Workforce	PASSED 1/28/16
Representative Fowle of Vassalboro		
LR 2209		TABLED 10/22/15
	An Act To Amend the Public Safety Laws	
Representative Fredette of Newport		
LR 2343		TABLED 10/22/15
	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	

Representative Gattine of Westbrook

LR 2432

TABLED
10/22/15

An Act To Promote the Success and Accountability of
Welfare Reform Initiatives in Maine

Representative Gattine of Westbrook

LR 2456

TABLED
11/19/15

Resolve, To Improve Access to and the Quality of Services
for Persons with Mental Illness

Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

LR 2200

TABLED
10/22/15

An Act To Amend and Clarify the Brunswick Naval Air
Station Job Increment Financing Fund

Representative Gideon of Freeport

LR 2479

TABLED
11/19/15

An Act To Make Maine Energy-independent

Representative Herbig of Belfast

LR 2401

TABLED
10/22/15

An Act to Provide Job Opportunities to Families Participating
in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

Senator Hill of York

LR 2408

TABLED
11/19/15

An Act To Provide Accountability in State Government
Partnerships

Senator Katz of Kennebec

LR 2324

TABLED
10/22/15

An Act To Strengthen Intragovernment Communication

**Approved by
Ballot 12/29/15**

Representative Malaby of Hancock

LR 2384

An Act To Fix Changes Made to Maine's Provider Tax

TABLED
10/22/15

Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

LR 2321

An Act To Amend the Maine Criminal Code to Clarify the Prohibition on the Exercise of Improper Influence

TABLED
10/22/15

Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

LR 2322

An Act To Ensure the Proper Functioning of State Government by Ensuring Execution of Executive Branch Duties

TABLED
11/19/15

Representative Rotundo of Lewiston

LR 2399

An Act To Fund and Implement Wage Adjustments for All State Correctional Employees Who Perform Direct Care or Supervision of Prisoners

TABLED
11/19/15

Senator Saviello of Franklin

LR 2205

An Act To Create a Battery Stewardship Program

TABLED
11/19/15
FAILED 1/28/16

Senator Thibodeau of Winterport

LR 2417

An Act To Ensure Accountability in Maine's Welfare System

TABLED
10/22/15

Representative Wadsworth of Hiram

LR 2489

An Act To Ensure a Timely Reduction in Energy Costs for Maine Consumers

TABLED
11/19/15

**127th Maine State Legislature
Legislative Council
Action Taken on
Requests to Introduce Legislation
Second Regular Session
January 28, 2016**

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR: Rep. Roberta B. Beavers

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2628	An Act To Improve Services for Persons Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing by Updating the Laws Governing Qualifications for Certain Members of the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council	PASSED

SPONSOR: Rep. Henry E. Beck

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2638	An Act To Tax Electronic Cigarettes	TABLED

SPONSOR: Sen. Eric L. Brakey

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2654	An Act To Authorize Medicinal Cannabis for the Treatment of Opiate and Pharmaceutical Drug Addiction and Recovery	FAILED

SPONSOR: Rep. Richard H. Campbell

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2621	An Act To Allow the Placement of Road Signs Advertising Events That Benefit Philanthropic Organizations and Allow Free Admission to Military Personnel	PASSED

SPONSOR: Rep. Justin Mark Chenette

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2605	An Act To Establish a Recall Process for Elected Officials	FAILED

SPONSOR: Rep. Michael Gilbert Devin

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2647	An Act To Recognize Certain Veterans Service Organizations Providing Direct Supportive Services to Veterans and Their Families Living with Service-related Post-traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury	PASSED

SPONSOR: Rep. Aaron M. Frey

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2600	Resolve, To Rename the Essex Street Overpass in Bangor the Brent Cross Bridge	PASSED

SPONSOR: Rep. Sara Gideon

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2640	An Act To Protect Maine's Wood Products Industry	TABLED

SPONSOR: Rep. Jared F. Golden

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2617	An Act To Ensure Transparency in Government Contracting	FAILED

SPONSOR: Rep. Barry J. Hobbins

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2642	An Act To Provide Supplemental Allocations, Appropriations and Deappropriations for the Judicial Department for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017	PASSED

SPONSOR: Sen. Roger J. Katz

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2630	An Act To Increase Access to Health Coverage for Drug Addiction Services and Qualify Maine for Federal Funding for Such Services	TABLED

SPONSOR: Rep. Robert J. Saucier

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2634	An Act To Require That Public Universities in the State Give Preference to Maine Companies When Awarding Contracts Related to Fuel and Heating	PASSED

SPONSOR: Sen. Thomas B. Saviello

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2655	An Act To Exempt from Sales Tax All Fundraising Efforts by Nonprofit Organizations	PASSED

SPONSOR: Rep. Heather W. Sirocki

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2597	An Act To Revise the Laws Regarding Dental Practices	PASSED

SPONSOR: Rep. William R. Tuell

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2646	An Act To Continue To Provide Group Exemption Passes to State Parks for Persons with Disabilities	PASSED

SPONSOR: Rep. Arthur C. Verow

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2625	An Act Concerning Visitation Rights for Adult Children of Adults under Guardianship	TABLED

LATE-FILED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULES

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2651	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization	PASSED

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2652	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission	PASSED

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SPONSOR: Sen. Justin L. Alford

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2594	An Act To Facilitate the Timely Processing of Applications for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits	Tabled 12/17/15
2595	An Act To Prohibit the Expenditure of Any Cash-based Benefits from the State on Lottery Tickets	Tabled 12/17/15

SPONSOR: Sen. James F. Dill

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2558	An Act To Provide Assistance to Laid-off Workers	Tabled 12/17/15
2575	An Act To Amend the Maine Veterinary Practice Act	Tabled 12/17/15

SPONSOR: Rep. Michelle Ann Dunphy

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2561	An Act To Adjust the Property Tax Valuation of Old Town Following the Closure of the Old Town Expera Pulp Mill	Tabled 12/17/15

SPONSOR: Rep. Robert A. Foley

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2560	An Act To Authorize the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Provide Long-term Disability Insurance	Tabled 12/17/15 Withdrawn by Sponsor 1/27/16

SPONSOR: Rep. Kenneth W. Fredette

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2592	An Act To Create the Maine Energy Office	Tabled 12/17/15

SPONSOR: Rep. Roland Danny Martin

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2583	Resolve, Authorizing Sinclair Sanitary District To Lease Land for Telecommunications Purposes	Tabled 12/17/15 Approved by ballot 1/27/16

SPONSOR: Rep. Jeff M. McCabe

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2569	An Act To Establish a Commission on the Blind and Visually Impaired	Tabled 12/17/15

SPONSOR: Rep. Michael D. McClellan

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2567	An Act To Provide Relief from the Construction Code for Campgrounds and Camps	Tabled 12/17/15 TABLED 1/28/16

SPONSOR: Rep. Richard A. Pickett

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2556	An Act To Allow Certain Retirees To Buy Back Lost Pay	Tabled 12/17/15

SPONSOR: Rep. Christine B. Powers

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2582	Resolve, To Name the Naples Bay Bridge on Route 302 in Naples the Robert Neault Bridge	Tabled 12/17/15 PASSED 1/28/16

SPONSOR: Sen. Thomas B. Saviello

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2568	An Act Regarding the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit	Tabled 12/17/15 PASSED 1/28/16

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SPONSOR: Rep. Henry John Bear

LR #
2163

Title
JOINT RESOLUTION TO ALLEVIATE TRIBAL
UNEMPLOYMENT AND FUND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS WITHIN
THE HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS BY URGING
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE
UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS
TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE MALISEET LAND CLAIMS
SETTLEMENT COMPENSATION FOR THE OCCUPATION
AND LOSS OF NEARLY 5,000,000 ACRES OF MALISEET
TRIBAL HOMELAND IN THE AROOSTOOK COUNTY
REGION

Action
Tabled 12/17/15