

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**  
OF THE  
**One Hundred And Seventeenth Legislature**  
OF THE  
**State Of Maine**

**VOLUME VI**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**House of Representatives**  
January 3, 1996 to April 3, 1996

**Senate**  
January 3, 1996 to March 13, 1996

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MAINE LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
6th Legislative Day  
Thursday, January 18, 1996

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Paul Plante, St. John's Church, Winslow.

Physician for the day, Robert M. Haile, M.D., New England Rehabilitation Hospital, Portland.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 16, 1996 was read and approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following Communication: (H.C. 296)

**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL  
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION  
BUREAU OF BANKING  
36 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0036**

January 16, 1996

The Honorable Dan A. Gwadosky  
Speaker of the House  
Maine House of Representatives  
State House Station 2  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gwadosky:

In accordance with Title 9-B MRSA §217, as amended, I am submitting to the members of the Maine House and Senate a report entitled "The Status of Maine's Financial Institutions."

This report contains the number, type and legal structure of all financial institutions operating in the State of Maine, as well as the location of offices and total deposits held by these institutions. Maine's financial institutions continued to show improvement in earnings and capital ratios for 1995.

The future course of the financial services industry will be shaped by recent changes in state and federal interstate bank branching laws. Governor King established a Task Force to study the issue of interstate banking and branching in Maine and draft legislation in response to changes in federal law. The Task Force completed its assignment at yearend, and its recommendations are summarized in Section III of this report. The Governor plans to propose legislation to implement the Task Forces's recommendations for the Second Regular Session of the 117th Maine Legislature.

Copies of this report have been distributed to the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in order to provide one copy for each member of the House. The report will also be available in electronic format on the Maine Bureau of Banking's World Wide Web Home Page at <http://www.state.me.us/pfr/bkg/status96.htm>.

Very truly yours,  
S/H. Donald DeMatteis  
Superintendent

Was read and with accompanying report ordered placed on file.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

The following Bills and Resolve were received and, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees, Ordered Printed and Sent up for Concurrence:

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Distribution of Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1255) (L.D. 1724) (Presented by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone) (Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, AULT of Wayne, CLUKEY of Houlton, DESMOND of Mapleton, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, GWADOSKY of Fairfield, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SIROIS of Caribou, TRUE of Fryeburg, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.)

**State and Local Government**

Resolve, Authorizing the Sale by the State of a Certain Parcel of Land to Joseph Squeglia (H.P. 1254) (L.D. 1723) (Presented by Representative DEXTER of Kingfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.)

**Reported Pursuant to Public Law**

Representative FITZPATRICK for the Maine Health Care Reform Commission pursuant to Public Law 1993, chapter 707, Part AA, section 5 asks leave to submit its findings and to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Develop the Maine Public Health Improvement Plan" (H.P. 1253) (L.D. 1722) be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources for Public Hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 20.

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill referred to the Committee on Human Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative HICHBORN of Lagrange, the following Order: (H.O. 38)

ORDERED, that Representative Glenys P. Lovett of Scarborough be excused January 9th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Michael J. McAlevey of Waterboro be excused January 3 to 11 for personal reasons.

Was read and passed.

**SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR**

In accordance with House Rule 56 and Joint Rule 34, the following item:

Recognizing:

Coach Michael Hagerty, assistant coach Katie Bliss, goalie coach Christina Reali and JV coach Debbie Ingraham and the following members of the Deering High School Girls Soccer Team, of Portland: co-captain Danielle Hogan, co-captain Heather Elliott, Jennifer Lovejoy, Sal Clark, Katie Radke, Sam Beck, Melissa Aaskov, Jessie Read, Ana Juanso, Elizabeth Coyne, Jenna Pompeo, Tricia Folan, Katie Barton, Meghan Barry, Kristen Wilkins, Sarah Didonato, Carolyn Stead, Rachael Greenberg, Bryn

Carlson, Jodi Theriault, Heather Metivier, Lindsey Stuart, Jen Arich, Ali Kuzmickas, Nicole Belanger and Kris Griffin, winners of the 1995 Class A Girls Soccer Championship; (HLS 805) by Representative ROWE of Portland. (Cosponsors: Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland, Senator RAND of Cumberland, Representative ADAMS of Portland, Representative BRENNAN of Portland, Representative GIERINGER of Portland, Representative MITCHELL of Portland, Representative RICHARDSON of Portland, Representative SAXL of Portland, Representative TOWNSEND of Portland)

On objection of Representative ROWE of Portland, was removed from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Rowe.

Representative ROWE: Mr. Speaker, Colleagues of the House: This morning it is a real privilege and an honor on behalf of all the Portland Legislative Delegation to recognize the Deering Girls Soccer Team, Class A State Champions for 1995. I think the Clerk did an admirable job in his efforts to pronounce the names. This is quite a team. Deering High School has only had a girls soccer program for 10 years. Last year, the team was 4-7-1. They had a tremendous off season training and competing. In fact, they won over 20 games last summer. This year the team was 16-2. They were ranked ninth in New England. The Deering girls defeated the Brunswick team in the state championship game. They were down 0-2 at half time and they were tied at 3-3 at the end of regulation play. They won in four over times. Just for the record, the team does expect to do well next season. They have already asked if we would invite them back next year and I did tell them we would. Again, it is very good to see them here this morning. On behalf of the Portland Legislative Delegation, we thank you for having them this morning and it was a tremendous season. Congratulations girls.

Subsequently, was read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

##### First Day

In accordance with House Rule 49, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1164) (L.D. 1597) Bill "An Act to Reduce the State Tax Valuation for the Town of Hope" (EMERGENCY) Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-682)

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Ordered sent forthwith.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were ordered sent forthwith.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

#### SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 663)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 23, 1996, at 5:30 o'clock in the evening.

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify and Improve the Governor's Authority to Ban Out-of-door Fires and Restrict Human Activity during Periods of High Fire Danger" (S.P. 665) (L.D. 1725)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and Ordered Printed.

Was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in concurrence.

#### Reported Pursuant to Public Law

Report of the Task Force to Study the Operations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, pursuant to Public Law 1995, chapter 455, section 44 asks leave to submit its findings and report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Operations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 666) (L.D. 1726) be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 20.

Came from the Senate, with the report read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Ordered Printed.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in concurrence.

#### Refer to the Committee on Taxation

Report of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act to Establish the Employee Partnership Reward Act" (S.P. 538) (L.D. 1476) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Came from the Senate, with the report read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

#### SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 664)

##### JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING GERMAINE LONGLEY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Germaine Longley has decided to retire after more than 37 years of dedicated service to the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, she has served the Legislature in many capacities over the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, she has truly participated in the transformation of the legislative process from the days when the House Docket was kept by hand on thousands of index cards to the electronic system that maintains the process today; and

WHEREAS, she has contributed her thoroughness and her knowledge of the legislative process to countless legislators, members of the public and colleagues on the legislative staff; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the 117th Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular

Session, formally express our sincere thanks to Germaine Longley for her many years of dedicated service to the Legislature and Maine State Government and extend our best wishes to her for a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be presented to Germaine Longley with our deep appreciation.

Came from the Senate, read and adopted.

Was read and adopted in concurrence.

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**TABLED AND TODAY ASSIGNED**

The Chair laid before the House the following items which were Tabled and Today Assigned:

Resolve,	Regarding	Legislative	Computer
Information	Systems	(EMERGENCY)	(H.P. 1226)
(L.D. 1679)			

(Committee on State and Local Government suggested)

TABLED - January 16, 1996 by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

PENDING - Reference.

On motion of Representative JACQUES of Waterville, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Tuesday, January 23, 1995.

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Bill "An Act to Protect Sources of Drinking Water in the Towns of Searsport, Stockton Springs and Prospect" (H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1668)

(Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested)

TABLED - January 16, 1996 by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

PENDING - Reference.

On motion of Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo, tabled pending reference and specially assigned for Thursday, January 25, 1995.

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The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act to Reduce the State Tax Valuation for the Town of Hope (H.P. 1164) (L.D. 1597) (C. "A" H-682)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 121 voted in favor of the same and 1 against and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. Ordered sent forthwith.

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On motion of Representative NADEAU of Saco, the House adjourned at 12:12 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 23, 1996.