

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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of the  
**One Hundred and Eighteenth Legislature**  
of the  
**State of Maine**

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
6th Legislative Day  
Wednesday, January 21, 1998

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

Prayer by Reverend Garnett L. Chute, Hermon Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Deer Isle-Stonington Junior/Senior High School Band.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Peter C. Goth, M.D., Bremen.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Improve Public Health Protection Against Rabies Infection"

(S.P. 768) (L.D. 2069)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Continue Work-based Learning for Maine's Youth"

(S.P. 774) (L.D. 2101)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Indoor Environmental Quality Assessment Assistance for Public Schools"

(S.P. 777) (L.D. 2104)

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,000,000 to Enable Maine Public Broadcasting to Implement the Federally Mandated Conversion to Digital Broadcasting"

(S.P. 780) (L.D. 2107)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Consensus Revenue Forecasting Process"

(S.P. 783) (L.D. 2110)

Bill "An Act to Assist People with Housing Needs"

(S.P. 790) (L.D. 2117)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination against Osteopathic Physicians and Provide Patient Choice"

(S.P. 772) (L.D. 2099)

Committee on **Banking and Insurance** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Provide Degree-granting Authority to the SALT Center for Documentary Field Studies"

(S.P. 779) (L.D. 2106)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.  
**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Contract Procedures"

(S.P. 770) (L.D. 2071)

Bill "An Act to Update the Guide Dog Access Law"

(S.P. 775) (L.D. 2102)

Bill "An Act to Improve the Efficiency of the Maine Public Drinking Water Control Program" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 776) (L.D. 2103)

Bill "An Act to Increase Economic Security for the State's Low-income Children and Families and Prevent Additional Costs to Municipalities"

(S.P. 791) (L.D. 2118)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Limit Mandatory Overtime"

(S.P. 789) (L.D. 2116)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish Ethical Standards for the Office of Governor"

(S.P. 786) (L.D. 2113)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Reduce Groundwater Contamination from Leaking Oil Storage Tanks" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 778) (L.D. 2105)

Bill "An Act to Reauthorize the Toxics and Hazardous Waste Reduction Laws"

(S.P. 784) (L.D. 2111)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Responsibilities of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste during the Decommissioning of Maine Yankee" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 792) (L.D. 2119)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Improve the Integrity of Notaries Public"

(S.P. 771) (L.D. 2098)

Bill "An Act to Have a Referendum on Whether or Not an Independent Public Commission Should be Established to Set Legislative Pay"

(S.P. 781) (L.D. 2108)

Bill "An Act Creating the InforME Public Information Act to Ensure Access to Electronic Public Records"

(S.P. 785) (L.D. 2112)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.  
**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Allow a Tax Refund for Used Business Equipment Purchased and Used in Maine"  
(S.P. 769) (L.D. 2070)

Bill "An Act to Permit a Local Development Commission to Assess a User Fee"  
(S.P. 773) (L.D. 2100)

Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws" (EMERGENCY)  
(S.P. 793) (L.D. 2120)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.  
**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Reduce Motor Vehicle Fatalities and Injuries among Young Drivers"  
(S.P. 782) (L.D. 2109)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Transportation to Provide Privately Contracted Ferry Services" (EMERGENCY)  
(S.P. 788) (L.D. 2115)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.  
**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Reduce Technical Violations of Maine's Laws Regarding the Protection of Underground Utilities"  
(S.P. 747) (L.D. 2025)

Committee on **Transportation** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in concurrence.

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The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Kontos who wishes to speak on the record.

Representative KONTOS: Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I have the great opportunity again this year to introduce to you the 1998 Maine Kids Count Data Book produced by the Maine Children's Alliance. It is being distributed to you quite soon. As policy makers, we are asked to focus on this problem or that and to create new programs or to fix existing ones. What we do not always get, however, is reliable factual data to help us shape priorities and make our decisions. That is why the Kids Count Book is so special and why the data is such useful tools for you and for all of us who care so much about protecting our most precious resource, Maine's children.

Last year you heard me tell you that it was probably one of the most valuable resources to me, of all of those that I received during my legislative sessions. I think you will find that to be true again this year. This will be the fourth addition of the Maine Kids Count Data Book. It will provide to you extensive information regarding the manner in which many children in Maine access health care services. The focus brings attention to child care

health issues during what could be a major turning point in health care policy and in the provision of providing health services to children in Maine. It also provides the most up-to-date facts and information regarding how Maine children are fairing in other areas such as social and economic opportunity, education, community and family environment, physical and mental health. You will find, as I do, that the information is presented in a way that is easy for you to use. You will find data that is both statewide and also broken down by county. Some of the facts clearly show us areas that we have worked on and have improved. Others, regrettably, indicate a greater need for us to work together to protect all of Maine's children.

The facts show us that many families of children in Maine have all that they need to live healthy, happy lives during this period of economic prosperity in Maine. As the economy improves in Maine, however, the percentage of jobs, which you will see in one of the charts, that pay a livable wage, continues to decrease. There are too many children living in families who go without two meals a day, go without appropriate shelter, go without necessary health care and other basic needs. Many parents in these families work hard, but at jobs that do not provide enough to meet the day to day needs of their children. These parents need our support to ensure that their children remain healthy, safe and worry free. No child should ever have to worry about where their next meal is coming from or being too cold to sleep at night. No parent should have to worry about the pain a child is experiencing because they don't know if they should go to the doctor since they can't pay the bill.

While these worries may seem unreal to many of us, they exist as too many Maine kids fall into a widening gap. As this gap widens, more families find themselves living on the edge, walking on eggshells, waiting for some mishap that could plunge them into devastation. Each of you may look at this book as individual indicators or look at county data and arrive at your own conclusions about how best to address the concerns expressed by those numbers. What matters to the Maine Children's Alliance and to those of us who have supported their efforts over the years, is that you use this information to determine how best to serve the needs of Maine's children. Most importantly, that all of us recognize that behind every number in this book are the real faces of Maine's children and their families. As you look through the books, which I see now you have before you, something that I hope you have the occasion to do frequently throughout the session and once we go home. You will notice that no where does this book attempt to tell us what we should do or what we must do. Rather, each and every page, each and every statistic, gives us information which I found I can't locate anywhere else, that all of us can use to make important decisions that we are entrusted to make.

I know I speak for all those folks who have worked on this publication and for members of the Maine Children's Alliance in giving you what I believe will be a most valuable resource. We thank the young people who helped distribute it to you today. Thank you Madam Speaker.

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#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 335)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 21, 1998

Hon. Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House

Room 300 State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Pursuant to my authority, I have appointed the following members to serve on study commissions and tasks forces:

Maine Commission on Children's Health Care, Chapter 560, P.L. 1997, Part B

Patricia Riley of Portland

Chris Hastedt of Augusta

Task Force on Improving Access to Prescription Drugs for the Elderly, Chapter 560, P.L. 1997, Part E

Representative Joseph M. Jabar, Sr., of Waterville

Representative Joseph E. Brooks of Winterport

Representative Robert A. Cameron of Rumford

Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts, Chapter 518, P.L. 1997

Marion Kane of Ellsworth

Sue Monty of Sebago Lake

Jane Crosby-Giles of Belfast

Keith Small of Milbridge

Kit Whitehead of Unity

Commission to Study the Restructuring of the State's Fiscal Policies to Promote the Development of High-Technology Industry in Maine, Chapter 557, P.L. 1997, Part C

Dr. Durward R. Huffman of Presque Isle representing Maine Technical Colleges

David Wihry of Orono representing Economists

Mark B. LeDuc, Esq. of Augusta representing a Nonprofit Organization with International Trade Interest

Michael Aube of Bangor representing Large Manufacturers

John Reuthe of Vassalboro, person with Computer Hardware Experience

Commission to Study Insurance Fraud, Chapter 77, Resolves of 1997

Representative Christopher P. O'Neil of Saco

Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund, Chapter 73, Resolves of 1997

Representative Walter R. Gooley of Farmington, House Member

Representative Charles D. Fisher of Brewer, House Member

Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Long-Term Care Facilities, Chapter 81, Resolves of 1997

Representative Elaine Fuller of Manchester, House Member

Representative Jean Ginn Marvin of Cape Elizabeth, House Member

Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses in Maine, Chapter 85, Resolves of 1997

Representative Jane W. Saxl of Bangor, House Member

Representative Arthur F. Mayo III, Chair, of Bath, House Member

Timothy Agnew of Augusta representing the Public Sector

Task Force on State and Federal Tax Filing, Chapter 66, Resolves of 1997

Representative Scott W. Cowger, Chair, of Hallowell, House Member

Representative Peter E. Cianchette of South Portland, House Member

Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council, Chapter 560, P.L. 1997

Ed Miller of Augusta representing a Non-Profit Organization Seeking to Reduce the use of Tobacco Products in Maine

Lani Graham of Portland representing a Person Involved in Designing and Implementing Community Based Education or Cessation Programs for the Prevention of Tobacco Products, focused on Youth

Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriter and Other Telecommunications Equipment For People With Disabilities, Chapter 72, Resolves of 1997

Representative Sharon Libby Jones of Greenville, House Member

Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits, Chapter 63, Resolves of 1997

Representative Joseph C. Perry of Bangor, House Member

Representative Tarren R. Bragdon of Bangor, House Member

Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee, Chapter 411, P.L. 1997

Representative Kenneth T. Gagnon of Waterville, House Member

Representative Robert W. Spear of Nobleboro, House Member

Work Group to Study the Legal Rights of Children who Testify in Cases in Which They Have Been the Alleged Victims of Sexual Abuse, Chapter 548, P.L. 1997

Representative Michael J. McAleve of Waterboro

Task Force on Information Technology in the Public Sector, Chapter 554, P.L. 1997

Representative Joseph G. Carleton, Jr., of Wells

Commission to Study the Unemployment Compensation System, Chapter 65, Resolves of 1997

Representative Edward J. Povich of Ellsworth

Representative Robert E. Pendleton, Jr., of Scarborough

Commission to Study the Development of Maine's Franco-American Resource, Chapter 83, P.L. 1997

Representative Patricia LeMaire of Lewiston

Representative David R. Madore of Augusta

Task Force on Regional Service Center Communities, Chapter 78, Resolves of 1997

Representative Richard R. Farnsworth of Portland

Representative Robert J. Winglass of Auburn

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell

Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 349)

**118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 21, 1998

Hon. Joseph W. Mayo

Clerk of the House

Room 300 State House

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Pursuant to our authority, we have made the following appointments to study commissions and tasks forces:

Maine Commission on Children's Health Care, Chapter 560, P.L. 1997, Part B

Senator Michael H. Michaud of Penobscot

Senator Susan W. Longley of Waldo

Senator S. Peter Mills of Somerset

Representative J. Elizabeth Mitchell of Portland

Representative Randall L. Berry of Livermore

Representative Joseph Bruno of Raymond

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Representative Glenys P. Lovett of Scarborough  
Study Group to Assess the Needs of the Office of the State Fire  
Marshal, Chapter 10, Resolves of 1997

Representative Roger D. Frechette of Biddeford representing  
Maine State Legislature

Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility  
Fund, Chapter 73, Resolves of 1997

Stephen Farnham of Presque Isle representing Area  
Agencies of Aging

John Welch of Gray representing the Bicycle Coalition of  
Maine

James Friedlander of Freeport representing Train Riders  
Northeast

Barbara Donovan of Milbridge representing Maine Transit  
Association

Mark Adams of Auburn representing Maine Municipal  
Association

Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Long-  
Term Care Facilities, Chapter 81, Resolves of 1997

Sally Wagley of Augusta representing Long-term Care  
Ombudsman Program

Judy McGuire of Damariscotta representing Providers of  
Long-term Care Services

Carolyn Kasabian of Lewiston representing Maine Hospital  
Association

Besty Sweet of Hallowell representing Consumers of Long-  
term Care Services

Wayde Rankin of Lewiston representing Maine Health Care  
Association

Hilton Powers of Brunswick representing American  
Association of Retired Persons

Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of  
Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for  
People with Disabilities, Chapter 72, Resolves of 1997

Representative Joseph B. Taylor of Cumberland, House  
Member

Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council, Chapter 560,  
P.L. 1997

Mark Persky of Portland, Public Member

Robert McAfee of Portland, Public Member

Task Force on Registration of In-Home Personal Care and  
Support Workers, Chapter 29, Resolves of 1997

Senator Betty Lou Mitchell of Penobscot representing Health  
and Human Services Committee

Representative Christopher T. Muse of South Portland  
representing Criminal Justice Committee

Kim Wallace of South Portland representing Service  
Providers

Lisa Harvey-McPherson of Augusta representing Facilities

Darlene Mooar-McBean of Farmington representing  
Consumers

Brenda Gallant of Augusta representing Ombudsman  
Program

Leo Delicata of Portland representing Legal Services for  
Elderly

Task Force to Review the Applied Technology Centers and  
Applied Technology Regions, Chapter 74, Resolves of 1997

Senator Mary Small of Sagadahoc representing Education  
and Cultural Affairs Committee

Representative John L. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford representing  
Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee

Task Force to Study the Cost-Effectiveness of the Child  
Development Service System, Chapter 534, P.L. 1997

Senator Peggy A. Pendleton, Chair, of Cumberland, Senate  
Member

Senator James D. Libby of York, Senate Member

Representative Rodney W. McElroy of Unity, House Member

Representative Elizabeth Watson of Farmingdale, House  
Member

Barbara Brown of Vassalboro representing Service  
Providers/Clinical Professional

Karen Doughty of Scarborough representing Parents  
Receiving Services

Leslie Steltzer of Hampden representing Parents Receiving  
Services

Mary Anne Miosan of New Gloucester representing Service  
Providers/Development Therapist

Ellen Courtney of Rockport representing Child Development  
Services System Site Directors

Angela Faherty of Portland representing Child Development  
Services Board Members

Joan Nason of Freeport representing Maine Association of  
Directors of Services for Children with Exceptionalities

Luanne Crinion of Lewiston representing Maine State Nurses  
Association

Commission to Study the Certificate of Need Laws, Chapter 82,  
Resolves of 1997

Daniel Fishbein, M.D. of Portland representing Health  
Insurers

Eleanor Duffy of Westbrook representing Maine Osteopathic  
Association

Senator Betty Lou Mitchell of Penobscot representing Minority  
Party

Representative Michael W. Quint, Chair, of Portland  
representing Majority Party

Lisa Harvey-McPherson of Augusta representing Home  
Health Care of Maine

Jud Knox of York representing Maine Hospital Association

David Finlay, Ph. D., of Manchester, Public Member

Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's  
First Teachers, Chapter 68, Resolves of 1997

Representative Christina L. Baker, Chair, of Bangor, House  
Member

Senator Mary R. Cathcart of Penobscot, Senate Member

Commission to Designate Outstanding Maine Citizens Whose  
Portraits are to be Displayed in the State House, Chapter 64,  
Resolves of 1997

Representative William Lemke of Westbrook, House Member

Dr. H. Draper Hunt of South Portland, Public Member

Donald Cyr of Madawaska, Public Member

Anthony J. Douin of Augusta, Public Member

Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity For All Regions  
of the State, Chapter 51, P.S. 1997

Senator John T. Jenkins of Androscoggin

Senator R. Leo Kieffer of Aroostook

Representative Marc J. Vigue, Chair, of Winslow

Representative Henry L. Joy of Crystal

Representative Martha A. Bagley of Machias

Commission to Study the Development of Maine's Franco-  
American Resources, Chapter 83, Resolves of 1997

Senator Judy Paradis of Aroostook, Senate Member

Senator Richard A. Bennett of Oxford, Senate Member

Representative David R. Madore of Augusta, House Member

Representative Patricia Lemaire of Lewiston, House Member

Senator John T. Jenkins of Androscoggin representing Forum  
Fancophones des Affairs

Hon. John L. Martin of Eagle Lake representing Aroostook  
County

Andre J. Lacasse of Augusta representing Kennebec County  
Peter Daigle of Waterville representing Penobscot County  
Dr. Sue Huseman of Bangor representing University of Maine System  
Joyce Hedlund of Bangor representing Maine Technical Colleges  
Adrian Brochu of Stratton representing Forest Products  
Hon. Severin Beliveau, Esq. of Augusta representing Maine Chamber & Business Alliance  
Connie LaPointe Brennan of Portland representing Business & Civic Leaders  
Dean Busque of Millinocket representing Business & Industry/Agriculture  
Michael P. Cantara, Esq. of Alfred representing Business & Civic Leaders/York County  
Edmond Guay of Auburn representing Business & Industry/High-Tech  
Raymond Giroux of Bangor representing Academic/Private K-12  
Edward Youngblood of Bangor representing Business & Industry/Financial Services  
Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons With Mental Retardation, Chapter 79, Resolves of 1997  
Senator Michael H. Michaud of Penobscot, Senate Member  
Representative Randall L. Berry of Livermore, House Member  
Representative Jeffery G. Joyner of Hollis representing Health & Human Services Committee  
Julie McKown of Lisbon Falls  
Rebecca Smith of Gardiner  
Jean Manning of Augusta  
Robert Lawler of Cumberland  
Joe Curl of Union representing Service Providers  
Charlene Kinnely of Litchfield representing Service Providers  
Darlene MacKinnon of Bath representing Service Providers  
Commission to Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-Term Care Settings, Chapter 71, Resolves of 1997  
Michael J. Fiori, Ph.D., M.B.A. of Readfield representing Long-term Care Pharmacy Providers  
John H. Grotton of Scarborough representing Retail Pharmacy  
Robert E. Carroll, Jr., of Fairfield representing the Department of Human Services  
Senator Peggy A. Pendleton of Cumberland, Senate Member  
Representative Thomas J. Kane of Saco, House Member  
Representative Wendy Pieh of Bremen, House Member  
Kathryn Pears of Kennebunkport representing Recipients of Long-term Care  
Dr. Laura Coleman of Manchester representing Physicians with experience in Long-term Care  
Scott A. Richards of Fort Kent representing Long-term Care Pharmacists  
Ed Latham, R.N. of Portland representing Registered Nurses with Staff Experience in Long-term Care  
Joint Select Committee on Research and Development, Pursuant to Joint Order, S.P.669, as amended  
Senator Richard A. Bennett of Oxford  
Senator Vinton E. Cassidy of Washington  
Senator Mary R. Cathcart of Penobscot  
Senator Beverly C. Daggett of Kennebec  
Senator Jill M. Goldthwait of Hancock  
Senator Mark W. Lawrence of York  
Senator Peggy A. Pendleton of Cumberland  
Representative Irvin G. Belanger of Caribou  
Representative James O. Donnelly of Presque Isle  
Representative Kenneth A. Honey of Boothbay

Representative Linda Rogers McKee of Wayne  
Representative Kathleen A. Stevens of Orono  
Representative Paul L. Tessier of Fairfield  
Representative Thomas J. Wright of Berwick  
Joint Select Committee to Oversee Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, Pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1345, as amended by Committee Conference "A" (H-757)  
Senator Richard J. Carey of Kennebec  
Senator Marjorie L. Kilkelly of Lincoln  
Senator John J. Cleveland of Androscoggin  
Senator Philip E. Harriman of Cumberland  
Representative Kyle W. Jones of Bar Harbor  
Representative Carol A. Kontos of Windham  
Representative Benjamin L. Rines, Jr., of Wiscasset  
Representative Wendy Pieh of Bremen  
Representative Robert W. Spear of Nobleboro  
Representative Charles C. LaVerdiere of Wilton  
Representative Judith B. Peavey of Woolwich  
Representative Kenneth A. Honey of Boothbay  
Representative Joseph B. Taylor of Cumberland  
Task Force on Production and Issuance of Registration Plates, Chapter 311, 29-A MRSA  
Representative Christine R. Savage of Union  
Representative David A. Lindahl of Northport  
Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please contact us.  
Sincerely,  
S/Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 765)  
**118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**  
January 14, 1998

Senator John Jenkins  
Representative Marc Vigue  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development  
118th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Senator Jenkins and Representative Vigue:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated David J. Ott of Cumberland, Jeffrey H. Kaelin of Winterport, Janis B. Cohen of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment and Joy Bishop Blood of Cape Elizabeth for appointment as members of the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, M.R.S.A. §965, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,  
S/Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell  
Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ and REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.  
**READ and REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 766)

**118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**  
January 14, 1998

Senator Susan Longley  
Representative Richard Thompson  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary  
118th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Longley and Representative Thompson:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Michael Hastings of Hampden for appointment and Frederick B. Hurley, Jr. of Wayne for reappointment as members of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

Pursuant to Title 30, M.R.S.A. §6212, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,  
S/Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell  
Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

**READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 767)  
**118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**  
January 15, 1998

Senator John Jenkins  
Representative Marc Vigue  
Chairpersons  
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development  
118th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Jenkins and Representative Vigue:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Willard E. Riley of Bangor for appointment as a member of the Maine Real Estate Commission.

Pursuant to Title 32, M.R.S.A. §13062, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,  
S/Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell  
Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

**READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

The following Bills 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:

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Functioning of End-stage Renal Disease Facilities"

(H.P. 1529) (L.D. 2151)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.  
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Collection of Medicaid Liens"

(H.P. 1530) (L.D. 2152)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.  
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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**TRANSPORTATION**

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group on Motor Vehicle Fines, Enforcement and Reimbursement"

(H.P. 1527) (L.D. 2149)

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, JABAR of Waterville, JONES of Greenville, NASS of Acton, SAVAGE of Union, THOMPSON of Naples, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Create a Maine Children's Trust Fund Registration Plate"

(H.P. 1528) (L.D. 2150)

Presented by Representative KONTOS of Windham.  
Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, MAILHOT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Augusta, PIEH of Bremen, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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By unanimous consent, all reference matters requiring Senate concurrence having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative GAMACHE of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 35)

**ORDERED**, that Representative Dean F. Clukey of Houlton be excused January 12th and January 15th for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative F. Thomas Gieringer, Jr. of Portland be excused January 8th for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Janice E. Labrecque of Gorham be excused January 8th and January 12th for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Glenys P. Lovett of Scarborough be excused January 8th for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Adam Mack of Standish be excused January 15th for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative June C. Meres of Norridgewock be excused January 12th and January 15th for personal reasons.



AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jane W. Saxl of Bangor be excused January 8th, January 12th and January 15th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Elizabeth Townsend of Portland be excused January 12th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Gary J. Wheeler of Eliot be excused January 15th for personal reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

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#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, have preference in the Order of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Rule 502.

Bill "An Act Relating to the State Valuation of the Town of Wiscasset" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 758) (L.D. 2065)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to Committee on **TAXATION**.

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested)

TABLED - January 20, 1998 (Till Later Today) by Representative TRIPP of Topsham.

PENDING - **REFERENCE** in concurrence.

On motion of Representative TRIPP of Topsham, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and specially assigned for Monday, January 26, 1998.

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Bill "An Act to Create an Economic Development and Expansion Zone in Aroostook County"

(H.P. 1478) (L.D. 2077)

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested)

TABLED - January 20, 1998 (Till Later Today) by Representative TRIPP of Topsham.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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#### TABLED AND TODAY ASSIGNED

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was tabled and today assigned:

Bill "An Act to Equalize and Clarify the Tax on Hard Cider"

(H.P. 1517) (L.D. 2139)

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested)

TABLED - January 20, 1998 by Representative TRIPP of Topsham.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all reference matters requiring Senate concurrence having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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On motion of Representative POVICH of Ellsworth, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby Expression of Legislative Sentiment in memory of Jack Smith, of Ellsworth

(HLS 1037)

was **ADOPTED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** and specially assigned for Monday, January 26, 1998.

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

#### PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Resolve, to Authorize the Maine State Museum to Purchase Historic Maine Artifacts

(H.P. 1535) (L.D. 2162)

Presented by Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and

Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, KONTOS of Windham, SAXL of Portland, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, KIEFFER of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **FIRST READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a committee.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent up for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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#### SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 795)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn

they do so until Monday, January 26, 1998, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ and PASSED**.

**READ and PASSED** in concurrence.

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Pursuant to House Rule 201, the Speaker appointed Representative SAXL of Portland to serve as Speaker Pro Tem on Monday, January 26, 1998.

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

#### SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Concerning Rural Hospital Care"

(S.P. 794) (L.D. 2153)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Encourage Hospitality Industry Development in the State"

(S.P. 797) (L.D. 2155)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Improve State House Utilization"

(S.P. 796) (L.D. 2154)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

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On motion of Representative DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, the House adjourned at 4:15 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 26, 1998 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 795).