

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber  
Wednesday  
January 8, 2003

Senate called to order by President Beverly C. Daggett of  
Kennebec County.

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Prayer by Senator Chandler E. Woodcock of Franklin County.

**SENATOR WOODCOCK:** Let us pray. Father, the setting sun signals the near passing of another day, one of the first, in this new year. Yet, this day, as is the case with each, has a uniqueness about it. Our prayer today is for peace. Memories of hatred, spite, pettiness, and revenge pervade too many minds. Minds that could, instead, reveal in the imaginings of beauty, understanding, kindness, courage, sacrifice, and love. Our prayer today is for each member of this body, Senator by title, child of God. As we enter this session, may we always remember to separate our ideologies from our humanness. Liberal, moderate, conservative, child of God. Our prayer this afternoon is for President Daggett. May her leadership reflect an understanding heart, a unique vision, and a compassion for all. Our special prayer today is for Governor-elect John Baldacci. May he seek Your guidance on his journey for the people of Maine. Speaking of journeys, a safe one for Governor Angus King and his family. May he not have to parallel park. Our prayer today is for sights unseen, persons unknown, friends and family. We are eternally grateful, Father, for being free. We realize others wish to be. Thank You for all that is ours, for all that is ours has come from You. Amen.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator John L. Martin of Aroostook County.

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Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, December 4, 2002.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 17

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 6:30 this evening at the Augusta Civic Center for the purpose of administering to the Honorable John Elias Baldacci, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties and to receive such communication as he may be pleased to make.

**READ and PASSED.**

The Chair appointed the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **TREAT** to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **TREAT** reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

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Off Record Remarks

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Orders**

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at his discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives while the House is in session, or during joint conventions of the Legislature.

Comes from the House, **READ and PASSED.**

**READ and PASSED**, in concurrence.

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The following Joint Order:

H.P. 2

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that any Town or City Clerk or Board of County Commissioners may, upon written request to the Clerk of the House, receive without charge, copies of all printed bills, so that there may be available to the public during the legislative session a complete and convenient file of all printed bills; and be it further

ORDERED, that any tax supported public library may upon written request to the Clerk of the House receive without charge copies of all printed bills, so that there may be available to the public during the legislative session a complete and convenient file of all printed bills.

Comes from the House, **READ and PASSED.**

**READ and PASSED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 3

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the rooms in the State House and State Office Building occupied by the Legislature be reserved for hearing rooms for the One Hundred and Twenty-first and succeeding Legislatures and be released for other purposes only upon approval by the Chair of the Legislative Council.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ** and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

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The following Joint Order:

H.P. 4

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be prepared by the Legislative Information Office, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, after adjournment of the present session, a Register of all the Bills and Resolves considered by both branches of the Legislature, showing the history and final disposition of each Bill and Resolve and that there be printed sufficient copies to meet the needs of the Legislature. A copy shall be mailed to each member and officer of the Legislature and the State Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ** and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

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#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 9

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 30, 2002

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to various Joint Standing Committees.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

Bruce S. Bryant, Chair (D-Oxford)  
Richard Kneeland (R-Aroostook)  
Edward M. Youngblood (R-Penobscot)

**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Mary R. Cathcart, Chair (D-Penobscot)  
Peggy Rotundo (D-Androscoggin)  
Karl W. Turner (R-Cumberland)

**BANKING AND INSURANCE**

Lloyd P. LaFountain III, Chair (D-York)  
Neria R. Douglass (D-Androscoggin)  
Arthur F. Mayo, III (R-Sagadahoc)

**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Lynn Bromley, Chair (D-Cumberland)  
Christopher Hall (D-Lincoln)  
Kevin Shorey (R-Washington)

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Ethan Strimling, Chair (D-Cumberland)  
Pamela H. Hatch (D-Somerset)  
David L. Carpenter (R-York)

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Neria R. Douglass, Chair (D-Androscoggin)  
Michael F. Brennan (D-Cumberland)  
Betty Lou Mitchell (R-Penobscot)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Michael F. Brennan, Chair (D-Cumberland)  
John L. Martin (D-Aroostook)  
Carol Weston (R-Waldo)

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

Bruce S. Bryant, Chair (D-Oxford)  
David L. Carpenter (R-York)  
Richard Kneeland (R-Aroostook)

**JUDICIARY**

Peggy A. Pendleton, Chair (D-Cumberland)  
Mary R. Cathcart (D-Penobscot)  
Chandler E. Woodcock (R-Franklin)

**LABOR**

Beth G. Edmonds, Chair (D-Cumberland)  
Stephen S. Stanley (D-Penobscot)  
Kenneth Blais (R-Kennebec)

**LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Kenneth T. Gagnon, Chair (D-Kennebec)  
Kenneth F. Lemont (R-York)  
Arthur F. Mayo, III (R-Sagadahoc)

**MARINE RESOURCES**

Dennis Damon, Chair (D-Hancock)  
Peggy A. Pendleton (D-Cumberland)  
Richard A. Bennett (R-Oxford)

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

John L. Martin, Chair (D-Aroostook)  
Beth G. Edmonds (D-Cumberland)  
W. Tom Sawyer, Jr. (R-Penobscot)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Peggy Rotundo, Chair (D-Androscoggin)  
Lloyd P. LaFountain III (D-York)  
Carolyn Gilman (R-Cumberland)

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

TAXATION

Stephen S. Stanley, Chair (D-Penobscot)  
Ethan Strimling (D-Cumberland)  
Richard A. Nass (R-York)

The Following Communication: S.P. 12

**MAINE SENATE  
121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE**

TRANSPORTATION

Pamela H. Hatch, Chair (D-Somerset)  
Dennis Damon (D-Hancock)  
Christine R. Savage (R-Knox)

December 6, 2002

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Christopher Hall, Chair (D-Lincoln)  
Lynn Bromley (D-Cumberland)  
Edward M. Youngblood (R-Penobscot)

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I have made the following appointments to the Apportionment Commission:

Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr. (R-Piscataquis)  
Senator Richard A. Nass (R-York)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Paul T. Davis, Sr.  
Senate Republican Leader

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 11

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 6, 2002

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A, I have made the following appointments to the Apportionment Commission:

Senator Kenneth Gagnon (D-Kennebec)  
Senator Neria Douglass (D-Androscoggin)

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 4

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 4, 2002

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Order 4, I have made the following appointments to the Senate Standing Committee on Senatorial vote.

Senator Beth G. Edmonds, Chair (D-Cumberland)  
Senator Kenneth G. Gagnon (D-Kennebec)  
Senator Neria R. Douglass (D-Androscoggin)

Senator Bruce S. Bryant (D-Oxford)  
Senator Chandler E. Woodcock (R-Franklin)  
Senator Arthur F. Mayo, III (R-Bath)  
Senator Carol Weston (R-Montville)

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 7

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 12, 2002

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

I had previously appointed Senator Chandler Woodcock to serve on the Senatorial Vote Committee. Senator Woodcock has informed me that he is unable to perform the duties required of him by that committee. I am therefore appointing Senator Paul Davis to serve in his place, pursuant to my authority under Senate Order 4.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 8

**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT  
66 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

December 12, 2002

The Honorable Angus S. King, Governor  
The Honorable John Baldacci, Governor-elect  
The Honorable Beverly C. Daggett, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Patrick Colwell, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Greetings,

I am writing pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §244, which states, in part: If the State Auditor finds in the course of an audit evidences of material weakness, reportable conditions, improper transactions, or of incompetence in keeping accounts or handling funds or of any other improper practice of financial administration, the State Auditor shall report the same to the Governor and the Legislature immediately....If the State Auditor finds evidences of illegal transactions, the State Auditor shall immediately report those transactions both to the Governor and to the Attorney General.

In the course of our audit of the Social Services Block Grant, we discovered that an employee of the Department of Human Services initiated transactions that we consider to be improper. The employee initiated the processing of twenty-seven checks, totaling approximately \$434,000 (\$320,000 of which was from the General Fund), to legitimate service providers who were not owed these particular payments. The checks were written on June 26 and 27, 2001, a few days before the end of the State fiscal year. The stated purpose was to prevent program funds from lapsing to the General Fund and the Block Grant Fund as required. The employee requested that the checks be returned to her rather than sent to the service providers. The employee then held the checks, and deposited them some months later as revenue.

There was no personal gain on the part of the employee. The Office of the Attorney General has determined that no criminal action was taken.

Our concern is not limited to the fact that deliberate, improper transactions were made. It is our understanding that the employee acted with the knowledge or approval of the Director, who is her supervisor. Others knew of the incident after the fact, and did not inform top management. Controls should be designed to prevent such actions, but even the best control can be subverted by someone with the authority to do so.

We are working with the Department of Human Services to resolve this situation and any other issues that we may have. The Department has expressed its willingness to work on this matter, and to correct any insufficiencies in the areas of control, accountability and supervision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

S/Gail M. Chase, CIA  
State Auditor, State of Maine

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 9

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 19, 2002

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under 22 MRSA, Chapter 1058 § 3883, I am appointing myself to the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated for a term of two years.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 10

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 3, 2003

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.5, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Engrossed Bills:

Senator John L. Martin of Aroostook, Chair  
Senator Peggy Pendleton of Cumberland  
Senator Christine Savage of Knox  
Senator Edward M. Youngblood of Penobscot

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 12

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 3, 2003

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.5, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading:

Senator Peggy Rotundo of Androscoggin, Chair  
Senator Beth G. Edmonds of Cumberland  
Senator Richard Kneeland of Aroostook  
Senator Kevin L. Shorey of Washington

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 13

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 3, 2003

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.6, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Conduct and Ethics:

Senator Lloyd P. LaFountain III of York, Chair  
Senator Sharon A. Treat of Kennebec  
Senator Ethan Strimling of Cumberland  
Senator Chandler E. Woodcock of Franklin  
Senator Kenneth F. Lemont of York

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 5

**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL  
SERVICES  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET  
STATE HOUSE STATION 58  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

Date: December 27, 2002

To: Members of the 121st Maine Legislature  
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and  
Program Review

From: S/Keith E. Todd, State Budget Officer

Title 5, MRSA, Section 1670 requires each department and agency to submit to the Bureau of the Budget a list of any new laws, regulations or other requirements of the Federal Government that may require the State of Maine to comply with a new Federal mandate in remainder of the FY02/03 biennium or the FY04/FY05 biennium. (New is defined as being any mandate for which the implementation date is September 30, 2002 or later).

Attached please find the report of Federal mandates as submitted from the various state departments and agencies.

**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 11

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

December 30, 2002

Honorable Beverly Daggett  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear President Daggett:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA § 12009, I am submitting to you the report of Board and Commission vacancies for calendar year 2003.

If you have any questions concerning the vacancy list or need additional information, please contact Deborah Cabana, Director, Division of Elections and Commissions in the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions at 624-7650.

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky  
Secretary of State

**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held at 6:30 this evening at the Augusta Civic Center for the purpose of administering to the Honorable John Elias Baldacci, Governor-elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties and to receive such communication as he may be pleased to make.

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The Following Communication: S.C. 6

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

January 7, 2003

To the President of the Senate in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature:

I, DAN A. GWADOSKY, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for Governor at the General Election held on the fifth day of November in the year two thousand and two;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that John E. Baldacci, having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected Governor of the State of Maine:

General Election – November 5, 2002  
Governor

JOHN E. BALDACC  
DEMOCRAT

ANDROSCOGGIN	17,064	46.5%
AROOSTOOK	15,785	60.5%
CUMBERLAND	49,900	43.7%
FRANKLIN	5,147	45.4%
HANCOCK	12,132	52.0%
KENNEBEC	22,159	47.8%
KNOX	6,636	40.5%
LINCOLN	6,325	38.7%
OXFORD	9,275	45.0%
PENOBSCOT	31,619	56.7%
PISCATAQUIS	3,583	50.4%
SAGadahoc	6,186	42.6%



LEGISLATIVE RECORD - SENATE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2003

SOMERSET	8,475	46.9%
WALDO	7,002	47.5%
WASHINGTON	7,013	60.0%
YORK	29,878	41.6%

TOTAL	238,179	47.1%
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JONATHAN K. CARTER  
GREEN INDEPENDENT

ANDROSCOGGIN	3,110	8.5%
AROOSTOOK	1,279	4.9%
CUMBERLAND	12,803	11.2%
FRANKLIN	1,127	9.9%
HANCOCK	2,238	9.6%
KENNEBEC	4,193	9.0%
KNOX	2,184	13.3%
LINCOLN	2,029	12.4%
OXFORD	1,844	8.9%
PENOBSCOT	2,468	4.4%
PISCATAQUIS	362	5.1%
SAGADAHOC	1,762	12.1%
SOMERSET	1,311	7.3%
WALDO	1,575	10.7%
WASHINGTON	556	4.8%
YORK	8,062	11.2%

TOTAL	46,903	9.3%
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PETER E. CIANCHETTE  
REPUBLICAN

ANDROSCOGGIN	15,069	41.0%
AROOSTOOK	8,401	32.2%
CUMBERLAND	50,095	43.8%
FRANKLIN	4,711	41.6%
HANCOCK	8,600	36.9%
KENNEBEC	19,047	41.1%
KNOX	7,266	44.3%
LINCOLN	7,512	46.0%
OXFORD	8,815	42.8%
PENOBSCOT	20,861	37.4%
PISCATAQUIS	3,045	42.9%
SAGADAHOC	6,253	43.1%
SOMERSET	7,932	43.9%
WALDO	5,944	40.3%
WASHINGTON	3,902	33.4%
YORK	32,043	44.6%

TOTAL	209,496	41.5%
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JOHN M. MICHAEL  
UNENROLLED

ANDROSCOGGIN	1,492	4.1%
AROOSTOOK	624	2.4%
CUMBERLAND	1,470	1.3%
FRANKLIN	350	3.1%
HANCOCK	366	1.6%
KENNEBEC	978	2.1%
KNOX	304	1.9%
LINCOLN	467	2.9%

OXFORD	681	3.3%
PENOBSCOT	810	1.5%
PISCATAQUIS	116	1.6%
SAGADAHOC	309	2.1%
SOMERSET	355	2.0%
WALDO	233	1.6%
WASHINGTON	219	1.9%
YORK	1,838	2.6%

TOTAL	10,612	2.1%
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OTHER

ANDROSCOGGIN	0	0.0%
AROOSTOOK	0	0.0%
CUMBERLAND	1	0.1%
FRANKLIN	0	0.0%
HANCOCK	0	0.0%
KENNEBEC	0	0.0%
KNOX	0	0.0%
LINCOLN	0	0.0%
OXFORD	0	0.0%
PENOBSCOT	0	0.0%
PISCATAQUIS	0	0.0%
SAGADAHOC	0	0.0%
SOMERSET	0	0.0%
WALDO	0	0.0%
WASHINGTON	0	0.0%
YORK	0	0.0%

TOTAL	1	0.1%
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I, DAN A. GWADOSKY, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for Governor at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns and plantations of the State.

S/Dan A. Gwadosky  
Secretary of State

**READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **GUBERNATORIAL VOTE**.

## ORDERS

### Joint Orders

On motion by Senator **TREAT** of Kennebec, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 13

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the returns of votes for the Governor, given in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State for the political years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

**READ** and **PASSED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 14

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Honorable John Elias Baldacci and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

**READ and PASSED.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.P. 15

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 6, 2003

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

In compliance with Joint Order (S.P.13), I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Gubernatorial Vote Committee:

Senator Ethan Strimling of Cumberland, Chair  
Senator Dennis Damon of Hancock  
Senator Pamela Hatch of Somerset  
Senator Christopher Hall of Lincoln  
Senator Carolyn Gilman of Cumberland  
Senator Kenneth Blais of Kennebec  
Senator Carol Weston of Waldo

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.P. 16

**121<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SENATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 6, 2003

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

In compliance with Joint Order (S.P.14), I am pleased to appoint the following members to inform the Honorable John E. Baldacci that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the political years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006:

Senator Mary Cathcart of Penobscot  
Senator Stephen Stanley of Penobscot  
Senator W. Tom Sawyer of Penobscot

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Beverly C. Daggett  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **CATHCART**, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **STANLEY**, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **SAWYER** to deliver their message to Governor-elect Baldacci.

Subsequently, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **CATHCART** reported that the committee had delivered the message with which they were charged.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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The President appointed the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **CATHCART**, to serve as President Pro Tem for this evening's reconvening.

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Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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Off Record Remarks

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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Senator **WOODCOCK** of Franklin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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**RECESSED** until 6:00 this evening at the Augusta Civic Center.

At this point, the Senate retired to the Augusta Civic Center, where a Joint Convention was formed.

After Convention

In Senate Chamber

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem **MARY R. CATHCART** of Penobscot County.

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The Senate **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, January 9, 2003, at 10:00 in the morning.