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In Senate Chamber Thursday February 9, 2006

Senate called to order by President Beth Edmonds of Cumberland County.				
Prayer by Reverend Thomas Chittick of Trinity Lutheran Church in Westbrook.				
REVEREND CHITTICK: Good morning. Let us be in the spirit of prayer. Imagine if you will a glass prism and the light that it sparkles on a room, rainbow colors. Let us in that image think and pray for the many faces of people that make up Maine. For those who go down to the sea in ships and those who fell trees in the far north woods. For those who sell cars or run little stores. For others who fill potholes or manage large factories. For those who teach and those who nurse and those who drive cabs and those who guide tourists. For builders, for doctors, for artists, for welders, for musicians, for farmers, and for computer technicians. For all of these faces which make up the people that we who govern would cherish their work and protect their hard labor. Help us, great God, to discern what is best for the good of all people and the grand State of Maine. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Let the people say, Amen.				
Doctor of the day, Dr. Samuel Cady of Yarmouth.				
Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, February 8, 2006.				
Off Record Remarks				
Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland, the following Joint Order: S.P. 775				
ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 10:00 in the morning.				
READ and PASSED.				
Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.				

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.C. 492

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

February 3, 2006

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House 122nd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1716 An Act To Require Presentence Investigations of All Persons Convicted of a Sex Offense

L.D. 1722 An Act To Expand the List of Prior Crimes That May Be Considered When Determining Whether a Person Is a Repeat Sexual Assault Offender

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond Senate Chair S/Rep. Patricia A. Blanchette

House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 499

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

February 3, 2006

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House 122nd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1839 An Act To Clarify the Accountability of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Arthur F. Mayo, III

S/Rep. Hannah Pingree

Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 493

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

February 3, 2006

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House 122nd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 162	An Act To Protect the Rights of Leaseholders and Ensure Their Continued Access to Land	
L.D. 1288	An Act To Reduce Costs and Improve Efficiency of the Maine Criminal Justice System	
L.D. 1372	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Victims' Bill of Rights	
L.D. 1455	An Act To Codify Public Records Exceptions	
L.D. 1569	An Act To Abolish the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission	
L.D. 1726	An Act To Allocate Child Support Appropriately	

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Barry J. Hobbins

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Deborah Simpson

House Chair

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

FILE

The Following Communication:

S.C. 494

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

February 3, 2006

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House 122nd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1921 An Act To Enable Local Adult Education Programs To Play a Greater Role in Helping

Dislocated Workers

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ethan Strimling Senate Chair S/Rep. William J. Smith

House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 495

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

February 3, 2006

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House 122nd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1929 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Craft Brewing Industry

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kenneth T. Gagnon Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Patrick

House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 500

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

February 3, 2006

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House 122nd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1669

Resolve, To Authorize Certain Host Community Benefits Relative to a Landfill in the City of Old Town Owned by the State

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Scott W. Cowger

S/Rep. Theodore Koffman

Senate Chair

House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 496

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

February 3, 2006

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House 122nd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1836 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the
Assessment of Property Taxes in the Event of a
Change of Ownership of the Property

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph C. Perry Senate Chair S/Rep. Richard G. Woodbury

House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 497

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 3, 2006

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House 122nd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1731 An Act To Require That New Road Construction or Repair Include Sidewalks or Bikeways or Both

L.D. 1732 An Act To Protect Real Estate Values Impaired by Railroad Operations

L.D. 1773 An Act To Improve the Process for Issuing Duplicate Motor Vehicle Certificates of Title

L.D. 1816 An Act To Clarify the Intent of the Law That Allows Retired Firefighters To Retain Their

Firefighter License Plates

L.D. 1869 An Act To Allow Businesses To Place a Sign at the Topsham Mall Exit on Interstate 295

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dennis S. Damon Senate Chair S/Rep. Boyd P. Marley

House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 498

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY

February 3, 2006

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable John Richardson, Speaker of the House 122nd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Richardson:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1829 An Act To Allow for Access to Digital Phone Service for Customers in Rural Areas

L.D. 1913 An Act To Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Sole Entity Entitled

To Use the 2-1-1 Telephone Number

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Philip L. Bartlett II Senate Chair S/Rep. Lawrence Bliss

House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, Regarding a Monument for Women Veterans of Maine (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 776 L.D. 2013

Sponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville and Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, MARTIN of Aroostook, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner, MOORE of Standish, NASS of Acton, OTT of York, PATRICK of Rumford.

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Officer Kevin Battle, of the South Portland Police Department, on his being named 2005 Officer of the Year. Officer Battle was honored for thoroughly following up on complaints and tenaciously investigating criminal activity. His efforts have resulted in a number of successfully solved cases this past year. A member of the department's Crisis Intervention Team, Officer Battle has been a member of the force since 1985. We extend our congratulations to Officer Battle on his receiving this honor; SLS 931

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, EBERLE of South Portland, GLYNN of South Portland.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Bromley.

Senator **BROMLEY**: Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. I'm very honored today to be able to rise and give you a little bit of information about Officer Kevin Battle. I first met him in 1998 when I was knocking on doors in his neighborhood. We had a little conversation about the community that we loved and after we talked for just a few minutes he asked me for a favor, which I thought was interesting. He told me about a call he'd had just a couple of days before where a constituent, a veteran actually, had had a flag that he flew in his yard stolen from him. Officer Battle had responded to that call and we all knew that the culprits probably would not be caught and certainly the flag wouldn't be returned. He asked me if I knew about how you might get a flag like that. Well, I did and I got the flag and I called Officer Battle and said I'd got a flag for our constituent, our

friend, and would he like to give it to him. He said, 'No, you can give it to him, I just wanted to make sure that he gets it.' Officer Battle is a great cop. The department and the community know that. He responds to calls as a law enforcement officer, but I know he also responds to calls as a human being, one who cares deeply about the people in our community. He's a public servant of the best sort, and not just on the clock. He's a community volunteer and does a myriad of things in addition to doing all the things to protect us and serve us during his time on the clock. When I spoke to the Chief about Officer Battle he said there was one thing that he could be a little better at. One learning curve that he has. He said he's not very good at standing up to gratitude and praise. It is my honor to be able to offer these few words on the record and Kevin Battle is one of South Portland's finest. I know that he stands as proxy for many of the men and women like him in your communities. Thank you, Madame President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes in the rear of the chamber Officer Kevin Battle of the South Portland Police Department. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Require That Automobile Extended Service Warranties Purchased by Maine Citizens Provide for Arbitration in the State"

H.P. 1212 L.D. 1705

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Off Record Remarks	
Ought to Pass As Amended	

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Use of Tribal Sustenance Hunting Permits on State Lands"

H.P. 352 L.D. 477

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-743).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-743).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-743) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1244 L.D. 1736

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-745).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-745).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-745) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill *An Act To Change the Charter of the Saint Francis Water District*

H.P. 1273 L.D. 1833

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-746)**.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-746).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-746) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage"

H.P. 174 L.D. 235

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-725).

Signed:

Senators:

STRIMLING of Cumberland BARTLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

CLARK of Millinocket TUTTLE of Sanford SMITH of Van Buren DRISCOLL of Westbrook HUTTON of Bowdoinham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CRESSEY of Cornish HAMPER of Oxford HALL of Holden DUPREY of Hampden

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-725).

Reports READ.

Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Convey the Department of Labor Building at 19 Union Street in Augusta

H.P. 1311 L.D. 1871

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-744).

Signed:

Senators:

SCHNEIDER of Penobscot ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOULTON of York
HARLOW of Portland
BISHOP of Boothbay
CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth
BARSTOW of Gorham
BLANCHARD of Old Town
SCHATZ of Blue Hill

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

ANDREWS of York

Representatives:

McFADDEN of Dennysville BROWNE of Vassalboro MUSE of Fryeburg

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-744).

Reports **READ**.

Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Notify the Secretary of State when a Motor Vehicle Has Been Insured"

S.P. 682 L.D. 1765

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

DAMON of Hancock DIAMOND of Cumberland SAVAGE of Knox

Representatives:

MARLEY of Portland FISHER of Brewer McKENNEY of Cumberland THOMAS of Ripley BROWNE of Vassalboro

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach COLLINS of Wells SAMPSON of Auburn MAZUREK of Rockland PARADIS of Frenchville

Reports READ.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

Senate

Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Little Island to Chickering Island"

S.P. 741 L.D. 1942

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Establish the Athens Standard Water District" S.P. 657 L.D. 1740 (C "A" S-444)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/02/06) Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing New Beginnings, Inc. of Lewiston SLS 921

Tabled - February 2, 2006, by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to PASS

(In Senate, February 2, 2006, on motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **READ**.)

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Rotundo.

Senator **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. (Due to technical difficulties, some of Senator Rotundo's remarks were regrettably not recorded.) For 25 years they have taken in youth from all over the state and it's been there to provide safe and supportive emergency shelter and services. It's also been there to serve as a very strong and effective advocate for this very precious population that often is voiceless. While we celebrate New Beginnings' 25 years of excellence, I know we will all continue to work for a day when all teens have loving and secure homes and the need for New Beginnings will no long exist. Thank you.

PASSED.		Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.
Sent down for concu	rrence.	
THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber from New Beginnings Mary Anne Carne, staff; Bob Rowe, Executive Director; Jody Pierce-Glover, staff; and members Christopher Noel, Mike Prior, and also Mary Rezinchus. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.		consent to address the Senate off the Record.
		Senator SULLIVAN of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.
The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/08/06) Assigned matter:		Off Record Remarks
An Act To Allow the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman To Deposit All Tax Revenues, Grant Revenues and Other Income and Revenues into One Depository Account S.P. 648 L.D. 1694		
Tabled - February 8,	2006, by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook	
Pending - ENACTMENT, in concurrence		On motion by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland, ADJOURNED,
(In Senate, February 1, 2006, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.)		pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 10:00 in the morning.
(In House, February	7, 2006, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)	
On motion by Senate SUSPENDED THE I	or MARTIN of Aroostook, the Senate RULES.	
	y same Senator, the Senate whereby the Bill was PASSED TO BE	
On further motion by 445) READ and AD	y same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S- OPTED.	
	IGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE (S-445), in NON-CONCURRENCE.	
Ordered sent down	forthwith for concurrence.	
	Off Record Remarks	
	Senate at Ease.	
Senate	e called to order by the President.	
	Off Record Remarks	