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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 14, 2006

Senate called to order by President Beth Edmonds of
Cumberland County.

Prayer by Reverend Sally Colegrove, Windham Hill United
Church of Christ.

REVEREND COLEGROVE: Good morning, Madame President
and all gathered. It is an honor for me to be here as Chaplain this
morning and I thank you for asking me. As we enter a time of
prayer this morning let's think of our state as one village with
many families. Let us turn our hearts and minds toward God in
prayer.

Holy One, God of all people and all faiths, today we give
thanks for the state of Maine and we hold in prayer all those who
share the state with us. We have a unity and an identity which
distinguishes us from many of the other states and
commonwealths, a unity much like that of a village or small town.
While we are diverse in our settings and in our needs we are
united in care for one another, as a group of neighbors should be.
As we walk down our main street we give You thanks for all that
You have given us; for museums and libraries, churches and
synagogues, markets and companies. We thank You for all of
our friends who work in these places. May our economy grow
and continue to support our workers and investors. We are
grateful for fire and police stations, hospitals and rehab centers.
Bless those who give their time and even their lives in the care of
the rest of us. Strengthen them and encourage them. We walk
past many homes in our statewide village. We are aware of
families who are dealing with illness or accident, those who are
struggling with chemical dependency and domestic abuse. You
see within their doors and their shut blinds. You alone can heal
the hurts of our neighbors. We notice houses which are rundown
and in need of repair, as well as houses which are new and bright
or just restored to pristine beauty. We pass and greet the citizens
of the village; teachers and storekeepers, lawyers and farmers,
bankers and nurses. Support each of them with Your love and
strong presence. Hold all of our children in the palm of Your
hand. We look to the mountains and then we walk on down to the
harbor. We give You thanks for the natural beauty which
surrounds us. We think back on our history and give thanks for
the first residents of the Native tribes who dwell here. We
remember the heritage of the seacoast and we ask that You
watch over all who earn their livelihood from the sea. Bless the
Senators now as they begin their appointed tasks and bless all of
the people of Maine as they go about their lives both now and in
the days to come. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Elizabeth H. Mitchell of
Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 805

**STATE OF MAINE
122ND MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 9, 2006

Sen. Lynn Bromley
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research
and Economic Development
Rep. Nancy E. Smith
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research
and Economic Development
122nd Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Bromley and Representative Smith:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated
the following for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development
Authority Board of Trustees:

Edward A. Cormier of Minot
Alain M. Ouellette of Fort Kent

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §13120-D, this nomination will
require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business,
Research and Economic Development and confirmation by the
Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate

S/John Richardson
Speaker of the House

**READ and REFERRED to the Committee on BUSINESS,
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 806

**STATE OF MAINE
122ND MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 7, 2006

Sen. John M. Nutting
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry
Rep. John F. Piotti
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry
122nd Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Nutting and Representative Piotti:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Seth Bradstreet, III of Newport for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Pursuant to Title 7 M.R.S.A. §1, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate

S/John Richardson
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 521

**STATE OF MAINE
122ND MAINE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 9, 2006

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

Please be advised that I have appointed to the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action between the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Motorized Scooters, Motor-driven Cycles and Mopeds" (H.P. 1027) (L.D. 1464) the following conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senator Damon of Hancock County
Senator Bryant of Oxford County
Senator Savage of Knox County

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 524

**STATE OF MAINE
122ND MAINE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

February 28, 2006

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 Title 3, §227, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Maine Canadian Legislative Advisory Committee:

Senator John Martin of Aroostook, for reappointment
Senator Bruce Bryant of Oxford for appointment
Senator Nancy Sullivan of York for appointment

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 517

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

March 1, 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. 1781 An Act To Require Mandatory Training for Law Enforcement Officers and Prosecutors Regarding Interaction with People with Developmental Disabilities, Including Autism Spectrum Disorders

L.D. 1810 An Act Regarding Criminal History Record Checks

L.D. 1859 An Act To Inform and Protect the Public Regarding State Employees with Certain Criminal Records

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. 522

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 1, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1704 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Archery Hunting Season

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bruce Bryant
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Thomas R. Watson
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 518

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

March 1, 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. 1794 An Act To Improve the Maine Enterprise Option Program

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors 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. 520

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
148 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

March 7, 2006

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

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of my official certification to the 122nd Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act to Create the Taxpayer Bill of Rights".

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 523

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

March 9, 2006

The Honorable John G. Richardson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Beth G. Edmonds
President of the Senate

122nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

Pursuant to Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation from the review and evaluation of the Maine Turnpike Authority under the State Government Evaluation Act. In its review, the committee found that the Maine Turnpike Authority is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Dennis S. Damon
Chair

S/Representative Boyd P. Marley
Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of Dedicated Funds for the Preservation of Deeds Records"

S.P. 804 L.D. 2063

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

On motion by Penobscot, Senator Schneider, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Jobs for Maine's Graduates, Inc. (JMG), a statewide, private, nonprofit educational organization established by the Maine Legislature in 1993 as a pilot school-to-work high school program. JMG, which has gradually expanded to help middle school students, homeless students and those in youth development centers, has been recognized for 11 consecutive years as the best statewide program of its kind in the nation. JMG has matured into a statewide organization serving more than 2,500 students per year. More than 97 percent of JMG students successfully graduate, and more than 86 percent of JMG graduates enroll in continued education and successfully engage in the work force following graduation. JMG provides all students with the opportunity to succeed and reach their fullest potential. We extend our appreciation to the staff at JMG for their commitment to the youth of this State;

SLS 989

Sponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: MITCHELL of Kennebec, WESTON of Waldo, COWGER of Kennebec, Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, PARADIS of Frenchville, TARDY of Newport.

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 just rise ever so briefly to call your attention to item 4-10 and Maine's Jobs for Maine's Graduates program. There are actually members of the program in the Hall of Flags today. Those of you who may have a program in your school, I hope that you will check them out downstairs. Also, having eleven consecutive years as the best statewide program of this kind in the nation is no small thing. I hope you will join me in congratulating them. They are one of our best kept secrets and our best bang for the buck. Thank you.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Craig Larrabee, new President of Maine's Jobs for Maine's Graduates. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Make Revisions to the Maine Revised Statutes Relating to Agriculture"

H.P. 1227 L.D. 1720

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-805).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-805).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-805) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Permit Supplemental Environmental Projects for Forest Practices Violations"

H.P. 1303 L.D. 1863

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-804).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-804).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-804) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the Issuance of a Bench Warrant upon Failure To Appear for a Hearing on Nonpayment of a County Jail Reimbursement Fee"

H.P. 1216 L.D. 1709

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-792).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-792).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-792) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate Administrative Preliminary Hearings for Probationers"

H.P. 1308 L.D. 1868

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-796).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-796).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-796) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Prisoner Telephone System" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1324 L.D. 1884

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-793).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-793).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-793) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Concerning Energy Conservation in Schools"
H.P. 1343 L.D. 1902

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-791).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-791).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-791) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require That the Costs Associated with Enacting a Direct Initiative Appear on the Ballot"
H.P. 1357 L.D. 1916

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-797).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-797).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-797) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Promote Recycling of Cellular Telephones"
H.P. 1280 L.D. 1840

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-800).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-800).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-800) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection"
H.P. 1328 L.D. 1888

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-801).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-801).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-801) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Forest Certification Cost-share Incentives to Forest Landowners and Licensed Foresters"
H.P. 1312 L.D. 1872

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-798).**

Signed:

Senators:

NUTTING of Androscoggin
BRYANT of Oxford
RAYE of Washington

Representatives:
PIOTTI of Unity
CARR of Lincoln
JODREY of Bethel
JENNINGS of Leeds
MAREAN of Hollis
LUNDEEN of Mars Hill
FLOOD of Winthrop
SHERMAN of Hodgdon
EDGECOMB of Caribou

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-799)**.

Signed:

Representative:
TWOMEY of Biddeford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-798)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-798)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-798)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-798) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Create a Tiered Wholesale Seafood Dealer's License" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1373 L.D. 1961

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-802)**.

Signed:

Senator:
DAMON of Hancock

Representatives:
PERCY of Phippsburg
FLETCHER of Winslow
EMERY of Cutler
DUGAY of Cherryfield

CRESSEY of Cornish
ASH of Belfast
EDER of Portland
KAELIN of Winterport
ADAMS of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:
SULLIVAN of York
ANDREWS of York

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-802)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-802) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator MAYO for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Providing Procedures To Protect Members upon Redesign of the MaineCare Program"
S.P. 142 L.D. 444

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-486)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-486) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator GAGNON for the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Gambling Laws"

S.P. 665 L.D. 1748

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-488).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-488) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Improve Dirigo Health"
S.P. 625 L.D. 1680

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:

SULLIVAN of York
MAYO of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth
PILON of Saco
MARRACHÉ of Waterville
HARLOW of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-491).**

Signed:

Senator:

MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:

McKANE of Newcastle
LINDELL of Frankfort
VAUGHAN of Durham
GLYNN of South Portland
RICHARDSON of Warren

Reports **READ**.

Senator **SULLIVAN** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act To Allow the Buckfield Village Corporation To Be Dissolved and Combined with the Town of Buckfield"
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1215 L.D. 1708

Bill "An Act To Raise the Debt Limit of the City of Brewer High School District"

H.P. 1393 L.D. 1988

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Protect Military Families" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1207 L.D. 1700
(C "A" H-775)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Business Equity in Commercial Vehicle Registration"

H.P. 1238 L.D. 1730
(C "A" H-782)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Penobscot Language Preservation Fund in the Department of Education" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1247 L.D. 1807
(C "A" H-780)

Bill "An Act To Protect Volunteer-earned Funds of the Maine Wildlife Park"

H.P. 1259 L.D. 1819
(C "A" H-778)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Regarding Promotions"

H.P. 1270 L.D. 1830
(C "A" H-776)

Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in Liquor Licensing Fees"

H.P. 1278 L.D. 1838
(C "A" H-789)

Bill "An Act To Streamline Criteria for Municipal General Assistance for Heating and Utility Assistance"

H.P. 1286 L.D. 1846
(C "A" H-790)

Bill "An Act To Protect Small Payroll Processors"

H.P. 1318 L.D. 1878
(C "A" H-787)

Bill "An Act To Make License Requirements and Rules Consistent for Young Anglers"

H.P. 1337 L.D. 1896
(C "A" H-781)

Bill "An Act To Assist Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Obtaining Information Regarding Current Events"

H.P. 1376 L.D. 1964
(C "A" H-788)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Lisbon Water Department" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1380 L.D. 1970
(C "A" H-779)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Licensure of Workers in the Field of Radiologic Technology" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 687 L.D. 1770

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Regulate the Use of Batteries Containing Mercury"

S.P. 375 L.D. 1058
(C "A" S-483)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Water Quality and Safety of Phillips Lake"

S.P. 691 L.D. 1774
(C "A" S-484)

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Ability of Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Their Citizens" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 755 L.D. 1965
(C "A" S-481)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007

H.P. 1226 L.D. 1719
(C "A" H-762)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Increase Accessibility to Health Insurance

H.P. 1242 L.D. 1734
(C "A" H-758)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Acts

An Act Regarding the Appointment of Harbor Masters

S.P. 651 L.D. 1697
(C "A" S-447)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Employees of the Workers' Compensation Board

H.P. 1222 L.D. 1715
(C "A" H-761)

An Act To Accommodate Victims of Identity Theft

H.P. 1274 L.D. 1834
(C "A" H-759)

An Act To Expand Notification Requirements for Internal Control Inquiries Made by Nonstate Organizations

H.P. 1302 L.D. 1862
(C "A" H-760)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Resolve

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study Prescription Drug Labeling Requirements
H.P. 1267 L.D. 1827
(C "A" H-763)

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland,
RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Allow an Insured To Terminate Life Insurance Coverage under a Policy Owned by Another"
H.P. 1455 L.D. 2059

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **SULLIVAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association"
H.P. 1463 L.D. 2068

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **STRIMLING** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Allow Heavy Equipment To Be Moved during Nighttime"
H.P. 1454 L.D. 2058

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Pursuant to Resolve Secretary of State

The **Secretary of State**, pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 103 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Issue Certificates of Title for Single-unit Mobile Homes"
H.P. 1457 L.D. 2061

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HOBBS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Education**

The **Department of Education**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of the Final Repeal of Portions of Chapter 130: Rules for Equivalent Instruction Programs, a Major Substantive Rule That Has Been Provisionally Repealed by the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1464 L.D. 2069

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Health and Human Services**

The **Department of Health and Human Services**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter III, Section 50: Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1458 L.D. 2062

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MAYO** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Health and Human Services**

The **Department of Health and Human Services**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Home Day Care Provider Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1459 L.D. 2064

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MAYO** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

The **Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1.03: Waters of Special Significance, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1461 L.D. 2066

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BRYANT** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of
Corporations, Elections and Commissions**

The **Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 520: Rules Regarding Publication of Public Comments on Statewide Referenda, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1462 L.D. 2067

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **GAGNON** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Statute
Public Utilities Commission**

The **Public Utilities Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1456 L.D. 2060

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Regarding Pesticide Registration"

H.P. 1460 L.D. 2065

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act Relating to the Flanders Bay Community School District
H.P. 1291 L.D. 1851

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Restore the Cost-sharing Agreement Established by the Voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 40
H.P. 1344 L.D. 1903
(C "A" H-771)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Support Fishing Derbies
S.P. 757 L.D. 1967
(C "A" S-463)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with 2 Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Acts

An Act To Clarify the Charitable Solicitations Act
S.P. 684 L.D. 1767
(C "A" S-469)

An Act To Prevent Motor Fuel Spills from Aboveground Storage Tanks That Have Underground Piping
S.P. 685 L.D. 1768
(C "A" S-462)

An Act Concerning Members of School Administrative Districts' Finance Committees
S.P. 697 L.D. 1780

An Act To Clarify the Time Period in Which Municipalities Must File Notices of Intent with the State for Purposes of Issuing Building Permits
H.P. 1305 L.D. 1865
(C "A" H-767)

An Act To Make Allocations from the Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2007
S.P. 756 L.D. 1966

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act To Increase Funding for the Intergovernmental Advisory Commission
H.P. 1221 L.D. 1714
(C "A" H-769)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Increase Certain Fees Paid for Service of Writs and Complaints
S.P. 696 L.D. 1779
(C "A" S-461)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Promote Youth Involvement in County and Local Government
H.P. 1320 L.D. 1880
(C "A" H-768)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Resolves

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Regulation of Fire Alarm Contractors

S.P. 524 L.D. 1508
(C "A" S-468)

Resolve, Regarding Source Water Protection Recommendations
S.P. 785 L.D. 2037

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **PERRY** of Penobscot, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 808

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation shall report out, to the Senate, a bill to clarify the sales tax exemption as it relates to ambulance services.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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 (1/04/06) Assigned matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, To Require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Suspend Recently Enacted Rules Pertaining to the Office of Licensing and Registration, Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 611 L.D. 1653

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-427)** (3 members)

Tabled - January 4, 2006, by Senator **BROMLEY** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

(In Senate, January 4, 2006, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/02/06) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act To Allow Qualified Health Centers To Obtain Telecommunications Education Access Funding"
H.P. 470 L.D. 637

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-740)** (5 members)

Tabled - March 2, 2006, by Senator **COWGER** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence

(In House, February 28, 2006, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-740)**.)

(In Senate, March 2, 2006, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **COWGER** of Kennebec, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-740) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/07/06) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act Amending the Animal Welfare Laws"

H.P. 1321 L.D. 1881

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-774)** (12 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (1 member)

Tabled - March 7, 2006, by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence

(In House, March 2, 2006, 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-774).**)

(In Senate, March 7, 2006, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-774) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/09/06) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Dangerous Commercial Drivers on Maine's Highways"

H.P. 1367 L.D. 1950

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-770)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

Tabled - March 9, 2006, by Senator **WESTON** of Waldo

Pending - motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence

(In House, February 28, 2006, 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-770).**)

(In Senate, March 9, 2006, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **DAMON** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-770) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Senator **PERRY** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **HOBBS** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **RAYE** of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

The President appointed the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator **DAVIS**, to serve as President Pro Tem for the session on Thursday, March 16, 2006.

On motion by Senator **BRENNAN** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, to Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 10:00 in the morning.