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Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, the Representatives-Elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to Order by MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND of Augusta, Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Legislature.

Prayer by Reverend David Macy, North Haven Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Kelly Caufield, Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, David McDermott, M.D., Dover-Foxcroft.

COMMUNICATION

The Following Communication: (H.C. 1)

STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

December 3, 2008

To Millicent M. MacFarland, Clerk of the House in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature:

I, MATTHEW DUNLAP, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Representatives-elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 24, 2008:

District 1 JOHN L. MARTIN, Eagle Lake
District 2 CHARLES KENNETH THERIAULT, Madawaska
District 3 BERNARD L.A. AYOTTE, Caswell
District 4 PETER E. EDGECOMB, Caribou
District 5 MICHAEL J. WILLETTE, Presque Isle
District 6 TYLER CLARK, Easton
District 7 PATRICIA B. SUTHERLAND, Chapman
District 8 RICHARD C. CLEARY, Houlton
District 9 HENRY L. JOY, Crystal
District 10 HERBERT E. CLARK, Millinocket
District 11 EVERETT W. MCLEOD SR., Lee
District 12 JEFFERY ALLEN GIFFORD, Lincoln
District 13 ROBERT S. DUCHESNE, Hudson
District 14 RICHARD D. BLANCHARD, Old Town
District 15 ADAM GOODE, Bangor
District 16 STEVEN J. BUTTERFIELD II, Bangor
District 17 SARA R. STEVENS, Bangor
District 18 JAMES R. MARTIN, Orono
District 19 EMILY ANN CAIN, Orono
District 20 BENJAMIN MARRINER PRATT, Eddington
District 21 MICHAEL CELLI, Brewer
District 22 CHRISTIAN D. GREELEY, Levant
District 23 DAVID E. RICHARDSON, Carmel
District 24 DOUGLAS A. THOMAS, Ripley
District 25 JOSHUA ABRAHAM TARDY, Newport
District 26 PAUL T. DAVIS SR., Sangerville
District 27 PETER B. JOHNSON, Greenville
District 28 DEAN A. CRAY, Palmyra
District 29 STACEY ALLEN FITTS, Pittsfield
District 30 HOWARD E. MCFADDEN, Dennysville
District 31 ANNE C. PERRY, Calais
District 32 DAVID C. BURNS, Whiting
District 33 DIANNE TILTON, Harrington
District 34 ROBERT N. EATON, Sullivan

District 35 ELSPETH FLEMINGS, Bar Harbor
District 36 HANNAH M. PINGREE, North Haven
District 37 JAMES M. SCHATZ, Blue Hill
District 38 BRIAN D. LANGLEY, Ellsworth
District 39 ANDRE E. CUSHING III, Hampden
District 40 KIMBERLEY C. ROSEN, Bucksport
District 41 VERONICA MAGNAN, Stockton Springs
District 42 MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU, Winterport
District 43 JAYNE CROSBY GILES, Belfast
District 44 ANDREW ROESING O'BRIEN, Lincolnville
District 45 JOHN F. PIOTTI, Unity
District 46 JOAN W. WELSH, Rockport
District 47 EDWARD J. MAZUREK, Rockland
District 48 CHARLES B. KRUGER, Thomaston
District 49 WESLEY E. RICHARDSON, Warren
District 50 WENDY PIEH, Bremen
District 51 JONATHAN B. MCKANE, Newcastle
District 52 ELIZABETH S. MILLER, Somerville
District 53 LESLIE T. FOSSEL, Alna
District 54 KENNETH C. FLETCHER, Winslow
District 55 H. DAVID COTTA, China
District 56 ANNA D. BLODGETT, Augusta
District 57 PATSY CROCKETT, Augusta
District 58 WILLIAM P. BROWNE, Vassalboro
District 59 STEPHEN P. HANLEY, Gardiner
District 60 KERRI L. PRESCOTT, Topsham
District 61 W. BRUCE MACDONALD, Boothbay
District 62 THOMAS R. WATSON, Bath
District 63 CHARLES R. PRIEST, Brunswick
District 64 LEILA J. PERCY, Phippsburg
District 65 PETER S. KENT, Woolwich
District 66 ALEXANDER CORNELL DU HOUX, Brunswick
District 67 SETH A. BERRY, Bowdoinham
District 68 MICHAEL G. BEAULIEU, Auburn
District 69 BRIAN D. BOLDUC, Auburn
District 70 BRUCE A. BICKFORD, Auburn
District 71 MICHEL A. LAJOIE, Lewiston
District 72 MICHAEL E. CAREY, Lewiston
District 73 RICHARD V. WAGNER, Lewiston
District 74 MARGARET R. ROTUNDO, Lewiston
District 75 STACY T. DOSTIE, Sabattus
District 76 HENRY E.M. BECK, Waterville
District 77 PAMELA JABAR TRINWARD, Waterville
District 78 ROBERT W. NUTTING, Oakland
District 79 SHARON A. TREAT, Hallowell
District 80 NANCY E. SMITH, Monmouth
District 81 L. GARY KNIGHT, Livermore Falls
District 82 PATRICK S. FLOOD, Winthrop
District 83 PATRICIA JONES, Mount Vernon
District 84 EDWARD D. FINCH, Fairfield
District 85 JEFFREY M. MCCABE, Skowhegan
District 86 PHILIP A. CURTIS, Madison
District 87 PAUL E. GILBERT, Jay
District 88 WRIGHT H. PINKHAM SR., Lexington Twp.
District 89 JANET T. MILLS, Farmington
District 90 THOMAS B. SAVIELLO, Wilton
District 91 JARROD S. CROCKETT, Bethel
District 92 MATTHEW J. PETERSON, Rumford
District 93 SHERYL J. BRIGGS, Mexico
District 94 TERESEA HAYES, Buckfield
District 95 H. SAWIN MILLETT JR., Waterford
District 96 LAWRENCE SIROIS, Turner
District 97 HELEN RANKIN, Hiram
District 98 RICHARD M. SYKES, Harrison
District 99 RALPH W. SARTY JR., Denmark

- District 100 JAMES MICHAEL HAMPER, Oxford
- District 101 RICHARD M. CEBRA, Naples
- District 102 MICHAEL A. SHAW, Standish
- District 103 JOHN C. ROBINSON, Raymond
- District 104 DALE J. CRAFTS, Lisbon
- District 105 DAVID A. VAN WIE, New Gloucester
- District 106 DAVID WEBSTER, Freeport
- District 107 MELISSA WALSH INNES, Yarmouth
- District 108 MEREDITH N. STRANG BURGESS, Cumberland
- District 109 SUSAN M. AUSTIN, Gray
- District 110 MARK E. BRYANT, Windham
- District 111 GARY E. PLUMMER, Windham
- District 112 MARY P. NELSON, Falmouth
- District 113 JOAN F. COHEN, Portland
- District 114 PETER C. STUCKEY, Portland
- District 115 STEPHEN D. LOVEJOY, Portland
- District 116 CHARLES W. HARLOW, Portland
- District 117 ANNE M. HASKELL, Portland
- District 118 JON HINCK, Portland
- District 119 HERBERT C. ADAMS, Portland
- District 120 DIANE MARIE RUSSELL-NATERA, Portland
- District 121 CYNTHIA A. DILL, Cape Elizabeth
- District 122 TERRY K. MORRISON, South Portland
- District 123 JANE E. EBERLE, South Portland
- District 124 BRYAN T. KAENRATH, South Portland
- District 125 ANN E. PEOPLES, Westbrook
- District 126 TIMOTHY E. DRISCOLL, Westbrook
- District 127 SEAN PETER FLAHERTY, Scarborough
- District 128 PEGGY A. PENDLETON, Scarborough
- District 129 JANE S. KNAPP, Gorham
- District 130 LINDA F. SANBORN, Gorham
- District 131 ROBERT B. HUNT, Buxton
- District 132 GEORGE HOGAN, Old Orchard Beach
- District 133 DONALD E. PILON, Saco
- District 134 LINDA M. VALENTINO, Saco
- District 135 PAULETTE G. BEAUDOIN, Biddeford
- District 136 STEPHEN R. BEAUDETTE, Biddeford
- District 137 ALAN M. CASAVANT, Biddeford
- District 138 JAMES J. CAMPBELL SR., Newfield
- District 139 JOSEPH ANDREW WAGNER, Lyman
- District 140 GARY A. CONNOR, Kennebunk
- District 141 EDWARD P. LEGG, Kennebunk
- District 142 ANDREA M. BOLAND, Sanford
- District 143 JOHN L. TUTTLE JR., Sanford
- District 144 JOAN M. NASS, Acton
- District 145 THOMAS J. WRIGHT, Berwick
- District 146 MARK EVES, North Berwick
- District 147 KATHLEEN D. CHASE, Wells
- District 148 SARAH O. LEWIN, Eliot
- District 149 DAWN HILL, York
- District 150 WINDOL C. WEAVER, York
- District 151 WALTER A. WHEELER SR., Kittery

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this third day of December in the year Two Thousand and Eight.

S/MATTHEW DUNLAP

Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

For the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum, a certified roll of the Representatives-elect was called by the Clerk of the House of the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Legislature.

The elected membership of the House being 151 and 147 members-elect having answered to their names, a quorum was

found to be present.

Those absent were:

- Representative-Elect BOLDUC of Auburn
- Representative-Elect GIFFORD of Lincoln
- Representative-Elect GREELEY of Levant
- Representative-Elect MILLS of Farmington

On motion of Representative-Elect PIOTTI of Unity, Representative-Elect ADAMS of Portland, Representative-Elect BLODGETT of Augusta, Representative-Elect COHEN of Portland, Representative-Elect SHAW of Standish, Representative-Elect WELSH of Rockport, Representative-Elect CAMPBELL of Newfield, Representative-Elect JOY of Crystal and Representative-Elect KNAPP of Gorham were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives-Elect had assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives and requested his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

At this point, the Clerk recognized the Representative from Levant, Representative-Elect GREELEY, and he was added to the quorum call of the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

Subsequently, Representative-Elect ADAMS of Portland reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

The Governor, the Honorable JOHN E. BALDACCI, entered and administered to the members-elect and they subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

Governor **BALDACCI**: Welcome, all of you, to the State House and to the House of Representatives, honored by your Speaker-elect, Madam Speaker Pingree and her leadership team, and Minority Leader Tardy and his leadership team, and all the newly elected legislators and all the returning legislators and their families.

I remember when I was first elected to the Legislature, back in 1982, it was a family experience, and my family was with me and it was the only time they had come to Augusta. My mother and father, my brothers and sisters, because my mother always said once was enough. But it was a time where the family got to celebrate with you, because you didn't do it by yourself, you did it with your family's support. And it is going to be your families that are back there listening to it as they are in grocery stores and on Maine's streets and talking to friends and neighbors, that are going to be listening to how you are doing, what you are doing and the issues that the state is addressing, and they will be sharing that with your family members, who will then be sharing it with you. As my mother always used to tell me, she said, "Don't complain about it John. You ran for it." So we will be getting the same kind of commiseration at homes throughout the State of Maine. But this is a family day and a celebration.

We face many challenges. I was with the President-elect and his team, with the nation's governors, yesterday, and we recognized that we have to work together, that we have leadership that recognizes it beyond the party lines, beyond regions and geographies, we have to work together, the seriousness of the situation demands that, people demand that,

and people are doing that on a day in and day out basis in our state. We need to be able to conduct ourselves in that fashion, because change is coming, and it is not just happening in Washington, but it is going to be happening in the State House here in Maine and throughout the country. And we are going to work together to help bring that about, because we know that we have children and grandchildren out there today that are going to have better lives because of the work that you are doing in this Chamber. And I want to thank you for the work that you are doing.

I also want to suggest to you that issues are important and what you do is important, but relationships are important. As I look back over my career, it is those friendships that I have had over the years and memories of those friendships that are endearing in their qualities, and reminiscing as often as you do when you are getting done in your career, those are the things that you will always miss. I suggest to you, as you are doing your work, you may have open and honest disagreements which is natural, at the same time, be able to do it in a way that still establishes an agreeable relationship for the future, because you will find your time and you will be doing some of those things where you will need each other on a different issue, on a different day.

Today is a family day, and it is a family day of celebration. The First Lady and I are opening up the Blaine House this afternoon to your families. I invite you and your families to participate, those who have not been there. There is a lot of history and tradition there, and it is an exciting day for the Blaine House and the staff there, who are taking care of the people's business.

Today, the first order of business is to give you the Oath of Office, so I would ask the members of the Legislature who have been elected to please rise, raise your right hand and repeat after me. There are two oaths, and I will ask you to state your name. Repeat after me:

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof. So help me God.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I faithfully discharge to the best of my abilities, the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative of the 124th Legislature of the State of Maine, according to the Constitution and the laws of this state. So help me God.

Congratulations!

The Governor retired.

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, that Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Representative WHEELER of Kittery, Representative MILLER of Somerville, Representative FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, Representative EATON of Sullivan, Representative ROSEN of Bucksport and Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Speaker.

The CLERK: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Unity, Representative Piotti.

Representative **PIOTTI**: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Men and Women of the House, it is a real thrill to be before you today and make this nomination. I am thrilled, in part, for personal reasons. Hannah is a friend and colleague. I both worked with her and watched her over the last six years, so I know how capable she is and how deserving she is of this office. But I am also thrilled for another reason. I firmly believe that the election of this talented woman is one of the most important things that we can do, at this point in time, to move Maine forward. We face, as a state, some

extraordinary challenges. The optimists among us also think we face some extraordinary opportunities. But to make such opportunities real, in times such as these, takes extraordinary leadership. In our society and perhaps within this building even more so, we tend to throw around high accolades lightly, uninspired ideas are brilliant, and everyone is a great leader. The truth, of course, is that some have it and some don't. Hannah Pingree definitely has it.

There is something special about her that you cannot ignore or, for that matter, easily label. In many ways, she is a study in contrasts: Hardworking but always easygoing; incredibly smart, but never one to make anyone else feel or look anything but intelligent; passionate about progressive policy, but at the same time very practical and always willing to work with anyone of any political stripe; and is comfortable with a head of state as with a Maine farmer or fisherman.

We are all products of our own experiences. Hannah has been profoundly shaped by her close family, no doubt, also by those childhood farm chores that we have heard about—it is one of those clichés that it does indeed build character—and shaped, most certainly, by her upbringing on a small island.

I, myself, had the good fortune of spending my formative years living on an island, one a little larger than North Haven. My high school graduating class had 49 students, not five like Hannah's. I submit to you that island communities are a great place to learn about yourself, about others, and about the broader world. Islands are places where you simply cannot hide, and where little is hidden from you. You know everyone and you have to live with everyone. You rely on each other for economic survival and, at times, for your very lives. Then, for a few months each year, summer residents expose you to an eye-opening world of other possibilities and perspectives.

Beyond this, on a small island it is much harder to ignore certain economic realities. The food that you don't grow or catch or shoot has to come over on the ferry at a higher price, and not always predictably. The cost of disposing your rubbish is much higher, so the idea of reduce, reuse, and recycle takes on new meaning. I could go on and on, but the summary is this: Island people are often both more self-reliant and at the same time, more cognizant of how truly dependent we all are on each other. There are powerful lessons here about economics, sustainability, and people. I am not saying you have to live on an island to learn this stuff, but I will say that it is in part because of Hannah's background that she gets it.

We all know that Maine faces a huge budget crisis, but when Hannah was nominated by the Democratic Caucus in this room three weeks ago, she made a point that I think was spot on and worth repeating. She described how our challenge is not just about balancing the budget, but to put Maine on track towards a more sustainable economy. She then spoke about how Maine could do far more to grow our own food, to provide our own energy, and how we need to invest smartly in our future, now more than ever. Now here is a woman that is not only talented but wise.

Men and Women of the House, the Representative from North Haven, Representative Hannah Pingree, is clearly gifted. She has chosen to use her talents to benefit this state that we all love, the state that she so clearly loves. I am in awe of her talents, but mostly I am sincerely appreciative of her commitment to lead us through turbulent waters to a better future. Hannah, we thank you.

Representative PIOTTI of Unity moved that the name of HANNAH M. PINGREE of North Haven be placed in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

The CLERK: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Tardy.

Representative **TARDY**: Thank you, Madam Clerk, and Men and Women of the House. It is a great pleasure to rise to second the nomination of Hannah to be our Speaker as we enter into this 124th Legislature. Several years ago in a media interview about Hannah, I was asked if I considered Representative Pingree to be an effective and powerful young leader. I said, no, that I considered her an effective and powerful leader who happened to be young.

Before I came into legislative service, I had heard a lot about Hannah Pingree. I was told that she was a rising star. When we began serving together in the 121st, it was very quickly apparent that Hannah's intelligence and passion and people skills would not only serve her well, but more important serve as an asset to the people of the State of Maine.

Hannah has always been a pleasure to work with. She is tenacious, she is unflappable, she is honest and to the point, and I am happy to say that in my experiences on any issue, we were able to get to yes or no and move on in a productive manner. She has the leadership skills package that Representative Piotti talked about, that positive energy that serves us all well.

You know, in the trenches of leadership, it is not always fun and games. Sometimes it can be a bit tense. I recall one negotiation in the 123rd that where it was in fact tense. I think it was a bond negotiation. It was so tense that all the members of Democratic leadership showed up in my office, which is a fairly rare occasion. I would say that they stormed into my office, and a rather tense, terse and sometimes angry exchange took place, and one might have thought all discussions were at zero, that we were done. But during that exchange, Hannah had sat back; she continued with her positive energy, she never engaged in the unproductive part of the dialogue. The meeting ended, members of both parties of leadership stormed out of my office, and about 30 seconds later there was a knock on the back door of my office and it was Representative Pingree. She said, I would like to talk to you about a few issues. She said, I don't think we are that far apart. Why don't we reconvene, give me a call in about 30 minutes or an hour. Let's let cooler heads prevail. We are close, let's move forward, let's just stay positive. I said, absolutely. I said, Hannah, what's the second issue? She said I left my cell phone on your desk; can you go in and get it?

The fact of the matter is that it is that positive energy; it is that leadership package that allowed us to move forward putting what is really in all of our hearts first, the interests of the people of Maine. It is her ability to stay positive, to have the vision to know how to move from one disagreement to the next issue that makes Hannah Pingree so well suited for this job. The challenges that we face are significant and, in these tough economic times, I encourage this Legislature to seize this opportunity to redefine and restructure government so that it best serves the people of Maine. I see this as an amazing opportunity. I think for sure we will have our differences, but we all have a common goal for prosperity and opportunity in this state. The people of Maine deserve a Legislature that works productively, and productively doesn't always mean agreement. Disagreement can be productive and can move us forward toward a common vision. My pledge is that we do look forward to engaging with the majority party, advancing the core principles of the Republican Party, and putting the interests of the people of Maine first. I do so with great confidence in Representative Pingree as our next Speaker. I know that she shares my reverence and our reverence for continuing the finest traditions of this institution, and I thank you.

Representative TARDY of Newport seconded the motion. Representative TUTTLE of Sanford moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Representative WHEELER of Kittery, the Committee cast one vote for the House for HANNAH M. PINGREE.

The Honorable MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk of the House of the 123rd Maine Legislature, administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Speaker of the House to enter upon the discharge of her official duties.

The House was called to order by Speaker Hannah M. Pingree, of North Haven.

At this point, pursuant to House Rule 201, the Speaker addressed the House.

Speaker **PINGREE**: Pursuant to House Rule 201, it is my honor to address the House.

Good morning and welcome, members of the 124th Maine Legislature, families and guests. It is a great honor, and one that is only beginning to sink in, to stand before you as the 99th Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives. I am humbled by your support and confidence.

I want to especially thank Majority Leader John Piotti and Minority Leader Josh Tardy for their nominations and kind words.

John is a good friend and someone I have admired greatly during our six years in the House together. John has done important work here for causes as diverse as Maine's dairy industry, the expansion of Baxter State Park, and tax reform. His integrity and consistent leadership have been an excellent example to us all, and I look forward to the work we will do together in this session.

Josh Tardy has been the Republican Leader of this House for the past two years, and has earned great respect from all of its members for his sincere commitment to this body, his district, and this state. I appreciate Josh's friendship, and I look forward to working with him again in the coming session. Even when we disagree, Josh and I have found ways to work together, and I hope that each of you will do the same with your colleagues across the aisle.

Unfortunately, Josh Tardy also has a deep, dark secret: He's a notepad thief. New members, if you remember nothing else from my speech, remember this: guard your notepad closely; we have yet to pass a law protecting legislators from temporary identity theft.

This state and this country have just been through a historic election year – in terms of race, gender, and the issues that confront our state and nation. And each of you has been through a campaign of your own. Whether it was your first or just your latest, you had to work hard, you had to sacrifice, and your family had to sacrifice with you to make this day possible.

Today, fellow House members – especially for the 52 new members of this body—we are no longer candidates, but representatives. We are no longer campaigning for the support of our constituents; we are here to make a difference for the State of Maine on their behalf.

This is your new challenge. And if you thought campaigning was hard – and I know it was – this job is much tougher: Together, we face the task of governing our state through some of the most trying times it has faced in a generation.

In order to face these challenges, we're going to need to do more than just speak our minds. We're going to have to listen to each other, to weigh opinions and ideas other than our own, and even consider supporting ideas we would never have considered otherwise. We're going to have to put the competition of campaign season aside and commit ourselves to working together.

In my six years here, I've found that the best way to do this is to learn more about the members I've served with. It's a lot easier to find common ground with someone if you know a little bit about where they come from. So before I talk about the problems and potential solutions we will consider this session, let me tell you a little bit about some of your colleagues, and a little bit about me.

We have representatives from city districts, coastal areas, the mountains, potato country, and lots of us from the rural areas of our state. We have members of all ages and professions with important and diverse life experiences. And as I learned last night, we have three former Texans who have apparently seen the light – or enjoy the cold – in this body.

The youngest of you, Representative Henry Beck of Waterville, is 22 years old. The senior member is Representative Walter Wheeler of Kittery, and he recently celebrated his 83rd birthday.

Two of your colleagues, Representative Nancy Smith of Monmouth, and Representative Dean Cray of Palmyra, have spent much of their lives working on their family farms.

Nancy and her husband Ivan run a diversified dairy farm and just spent two days processing nearly 300 Thanksgiving turkeys over one weekend at their farm, Snafu Acres. And as my family can attest, their turkeys are excellent.

Dean Cray and his wife Darlene are running their third generation farm in Palmyra. This year they sold about one and a half tons of squash and 1900 pumpkins from their farm stand. Even though the rainy summer wasn't ideal for the potatoes in the ground and the tomatoes were slow to ripen, having more than one crop made it an okay year, from what I hear.

We have a number of former members of the other body serving in this House. Personally, I think this reflects well on how much fun the House is, but I think it also shows the long commitment members have for our state. Representative Paul Davis, Representative Sharon Treat, and Representative John Martin have each served the Senate as leaders in their caucuses over the past six years.

Two members of this body of whom I am especially fond are returning members Representative Paulette Beaudoin, of Biddeford and Representative Jim Campbell, of Newfield. Both have spent their legislative careers, and much time before coming to the House, as prominent advocates for Maine's senior citizens. It is a pleasure to have them both back in this House.

We also have two veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq who are newly elected to this body. Representative Jared Crockett of Bethel served as a captain in the Maine Army National Guard. In late 2005, he commanded a company in Afghanistan. During his 18-month tour, he was awarded a Bronze Star for his meritorious service to our country.

Representative Alex Cornell du Houx of Brunswick is a United States Marine who, before graduating from Bowdoin College, served a 12-month tour of duty in Fallujah.

These two Representatives are the latest in a proud history of military veterans elected to this House, and in welcoming them both as freshmen members; I applaud their service to our country.

I believe we have a wonderful group in the 124th legislature. Get to know each other – it will help you enjoy this experience

and it will enhance what we can do together.

Many of you know me well – but for those of you who don't know me, I am 32 years old, and I'm from the island of North Haven. I have been married for a year and half to Jason Mann, who works as a film-editor. We have a 3-year-old black lab named Willie. Jason is an incredibly supportive spouse and exactly the kind of person I need to support me over these next two years.

Like many of you, I also have the support of a wonderful family. Most of my family is here with me today, including my dad, Charlie and my step-mother Susan Minot, my sisters Cecily and Ava, and my mom, Chellie – who some of you might recognize as the newest Congresswoman from Maine. My brother Asa and my four-year old nephew Smith couldn't be here today, as they are in Brooklyn, New York, but they are great supporters.

Growing up, my parents started out running a small farm, and then both went on to run other successful small businesses. My dad builds amazing boats and my mom spent many years running a mail-order knitting company, before starting her life in public service. I have watched both of my parents work hard to employ their neighbors, meet a payroll, and contribute to their community on the local school board and as volunteer firefighters and EMT's and countless other roles. Their commitment to serving our community has had a tremendous influence on me.

I know that like me, many of you have spouses, parents, siblings and children here today from whom you have learned a great deal. As I ask my family to stand and be recognized, I'd also like to recognize all the families who are here to support each of us today – and I'd ask you to stand or wave and be recognized.

In the legislature I represent a district of ten island and coastal towns. It is an amazing group of towns that includes some of Maine's most isolated and unique communities. I greatly appreciate the support of my constituents, and I especially want to thank the people here today who have supported me over the course of my legislative career – and for some of them, like my principal Barney Hallowell, for most of my life.

The position I am assuming today, Speaker of the Maine House, has been held by 98 people in the 188 years since Maine became a state. At the age of 32, believe it or not, I am the 12th youngest Speaker in Maine history. Our youngest Speaker, Hannibal Hamlin, was chosen for this prestigious post in 1837 at 27 years of age. He then went on to be a Congressman, a US Senator, Governor of Maine, and Vice President of the United States under Abraham Lincoln. The honorable Mr. Hamlin set the bar a little high, if you ask me.

I am the second woman to serve as Speaker of this House. As many of you know, in 1994, Libby Mitchell was the first woman elected as a Maine Speaker. Today she'll be sworn in as the first woman in Maine and American history to serve as both the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. It is an honor to follow her footsteps and I greatly look forward to working with her.

I believe each of us has an important role to play as a member of this House as leaders of our state during a very uncertain time. Maine and the nation face one of the largest financial crises we have ever confronted, and a recession that is already being felt throughout our state. It has significantly impacted our state budget and our constituents, and it will most likely get worse over the coming months.

Our paper mill employees, our fishermen and boat builders, our store clerks and teachers, and our small and large businesses all face an uncertain future. For seniors in our state who are watching their retirements vanish, families facing

foreclosure, or Mainers who are losing their jobs – this will be one of the most difficult times they will face in their lives. And many of these Mainers will turn to you for help.

Our primary job is to find ways to invest in our state's future while helping our citizens weather the economic storm we face today.

Despite the huge economic challenges, I believe we have tremendous opportunities before us. My apologies to the House Democrats, who have heard this before, but I can't help but repeat something I recently heard in a speech by Russell Libby, the head of the Maine Organic Farmers and Growers Association.

Russell said, "Think of the Maine economy like a bucket that we fill up with the income we all earn and the spending we do for things we need. Then consider the fact that Maine sends \$6 billion a year out of state for the energy we consume, and \$5 billion a year out of state for the food we consume." These \$11 billion dollars a year mean, "Maine's economic bucket has huge holes in it."

Imagine if we focus this session on diverting just 10% of our food and energy spending to Maine sources. That is more than a billion dollars that would be spent on our Maine farmers and fishermen, on alternative energy jobs and income, or your local woodsman. It is money that would stay in our community and multiply, strengthening not only our local businesses, but also the communities that depend on those businesses.

Whether we focus on processing our lobsters and blueberries in state; creating a regulatory environment and new incentives to encourage massive new production of renewable energy; or on feeding our families with the products of Maine farmers – we can bring these billions of dollars back to Maine. With the right roadmap, by the time our freshmen members are finishing their final term, Maine could be generating more power and energy than we need. Our farmers could be feeding Maine and New England.

And there couldn't be a more important time to focus on these issues. Just last month, the US Department of Agriculture released a disturbing piece of data: the percentage of people struggling with hunger increased more in Maine than in any other state between 2002 and 2007. We rank 5th worst overall for food insecurity, with 13% of Mainers struggling regularly to feed their families.

This is simply unacceptable. Worse yet, during a time of economic crisis, levels of food "insecurity" could rise, as parents lose their jobs and elderly residents choose between heat and food. This is an issue I look forward to working on with this House, Maine farmers and others to address in a serious and urgent way.

While fuel prices have dropped, we still face a long-term energy crisis. Dependence on fossil fuels is a long-term threat to the stability of Maine's businesses and the wellbeing of its people. But Maine is well positioned to capitalize on dramatic changes in our nation's energy policy, and to bring new energy jobs to our state.

In coordination with Senate President Mitchell and working with all of you, I will work to form a Joint Select Committee on Energy early in the 124th session. The new committee's agenda will be exactly these issues – creating and attracting jobs in the clean energy sector, generating and saving energy in our homes, businesses and communities, reducing carbon emissions, and creating policies that will benefit Maine people long after we are gone.

Balancing our state budget isn't easy in any session, but it poses an even greater challenge now, in the face of a recession. That said, if we are willing to work hard, to be creative, and to tell

each other and Maine people the truth, we can pass a balanced budget that represents a sensible investment in the future of our state – one that respects the economic hardship we face, but looks forward with optimism and common sense.

And I know we can, as we did in the House last session, pass a meaningful tax reform package to help Maine families in this difficult economic climate.

In this session, we can help Mainers gain access to affordable health insurance, especially if we see meaningful change from our new President and Congress. We can find innovative solutions that provide education and training for Maine's young people, an investment in our future that we absolutely must make.

We can expand and improve the infrastructure that makes Maine's economy possible – from roads and rail lines to broadband access. Investing in our infrastructure will provide needed jobs in the short term. In the long term, it will provide our state's economy with avenues for growth.

All of these needs will require us to think differently, to be smarter; but we have no other choice. Can we make progress on all these issues during a recession? I think the answer has to be: Yes.

All of us – Democrats and Republicans, and Tom Saviello – must seek common ground on these important issues, even as we disagree on others. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to embrace the chances you will all have to work together – especially when it seems the most difficult.

As your Speaker, I can promise you three things: I will work my hardest every day to bring this House together. I will do my best to put each of you in positions where you can contribute meaningfully. And, I will work as hard as I can to lead and support you with a spirit of fairness.

Thank you again for the tremendous honor of serving as your Speaker, and congratulations to each of you on this important day. Enjoy it! Thank you.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Representative PERCY of Phippsburg, Representative CROCKETT of Augusta, Representative BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, Representative WAGNER of Lyman, Representative ROSEN of Bucksport and Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Crockett.

Representative **CROCKETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am honored to place in nomination the name of a constituent of mine, Millicent M. MacFarland of Augusta, for Clerk of the House.

I have known Millie for many, many years as a lobbyist and now as a legislator. I have witnessed her balance and dedicated management to the affairs of the House. As we all know, this is like herding cats. Millie is one of those dedicated people who provide support to this Legislature with her tireless service. Those of us who have had the honor to serve in this House have learned first hand how valuable Millie is to this chamber. She is always ready, willing and able to answer any questions that we have on parliamentary procedure. She has instructed us, line by line, on the procedures to use under our rules in order to accomplish our policy goals. She is always very professional in the way she handles her duties, quietly going about her work without calling attention to herself, but with confidence and competence.

Since my service in the Maine House of Representatives, I

have observed Millie as she carries out her responsibilities for all the members of this House. She does so in a nonpartisan manner, recognizing that her services are for the greater good. She provides each member of this body with the services to enable that Representative to be the best Representative for his or her constituents and for the people of Maine.

Millie brings us 30 years of experience with the legislative branch of government. Millie began her service to the House in 1978 as a Calendar Clerk for the House, preparing the daily agenda each night before session. In 1992, she ran unopposed for Assistant Clerk of the House and served in that capacity for eight years. For the past eight years, Millie has served this chamber as Clerk of the House. On the national level, Millie is a member of the Mason's Manual Commission; she is President of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, which is one of the staff sections of the National Conference of State Legislators. I ask you now to join me in voting to re-elect Millicent M. MacFarland as the Maine House of Representatives Clerk. Thank you.

Representative CROCKETT of Augusta moved that the name of MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND of Augusta be placed in nomination for the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Unity, Representative Piotti.

Representative PIOTTI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to second the nomination of Millicent M. MacFarland of Augusta to serve as Clerk of the Maine House of Representatives.

It is a true honor to have the opportunity to speak on behalf of our beloved Clerk. It may well prove the easiest task that I have over the next two years, easy because there is no question of controversy here. Millie is highly respected and loved by all. Easy because there is no shortage of superlatives to describe her: knowledgeable, kind, smart, dedicated, and patient—very patient, extremely patient, extraordinarily patient with the gaps and missteps that some of us who should know better repeatedly make. Millie MacFarland knows her stuff. She keeps us on task and often on target, and she does it all with tact, grace, and a little bit of fun.

Those of you who are new to the Legislature have not yet seen this amazing woman in action, but I assure you that, before too long, you will be in awe. She is the consummate professional, but at the same time she is one of the nicest people you will ever know. Her wisdom and her love fill this chamber. She is one of those rarest of people, whose presence makes those around her better. Millie, we thank you for what you do for the State of Maine and for what you do for us.

Representative PIOTTI of Unity seconded the motion.

Representative CURTIS of Madison moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Representative FLOOD of Winthrop, the Committee cast one vote for the House for MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND.

The Speaker of the House administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Clerk of the House to enter upon the discharge of her official duties.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative WATSON of Bath, Representative WRIGHT of Berwick, Representative WHEELER of Kittery and Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orono, Representative Cain.

Representative CAIN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise to nominate Michael J. Cote of Windsor for Assistant Clerk of the House. We all know that our friend Millie is a force of nature, the queen of parliamentary procedure and protocol and tradition. While her staff is the well-oiled machine that makes us all look very good every day, I believe that Michael Cote is her secret weapon. Mike is the guy who sees everything, listens carefully, and in his own humble way takes action to ensure success for every member of this House. If he doesn't know the answer to your question, he will find it.

I have seen Mike work hard and grow over the past four years. He started as Assistant Clerk of the House the same year that I was elected to this body as the Representative from Orono. We both began these positions with optimism and determination to rise to the occasion and improve every single day. Mike has done that and then some. In the past two years when Millie needed him most, Mike rose to the occasion to support her on the floor of the House and in the office. And to House members, their work was so seamless that we never missed a beat.

When you get to know Mike, you will learn that he is much more than just a very soft-spoken guy with a very caring smile. Mike has a heart of gold, and we are lucky that he shares it with us because there are many people inside and outside of the State House that he shares it with every day. His wife Lisa lights up the room and more than anything else in the world, Mike loves his family, especially his children. Do yourself a favor one day when you stop by his office, which has a bountiful supply of candy for all of us at any given day, but don't bring it into the chamber, do yourself a favor and ask Mike about his family. I promise that it will warm your heart.

There is no hesitation in my nomination today. Mike has proven that he has the ability and the capacity to support Millie and, by extension, all of us. He has studied hard, and he has the technical skills to be the Assistant Clerk of the House. Most of all, he has the right balance of the technical and the personal skills to continue to be the secret weapon of the Clerk's Office. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Representative CAIN of Orono moved that the name of MICHAEL J. COTE of Windsor be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House.

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

Representative HASKELL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I have known Mike Cote for a number of years. He served in this body in a number of functions, most notably as Sergeant-at-Arms during a very difficult time when State Government was shut down and things were very tense here. Mike was so competent and so important to all of us then that these are the few words that I will speak about him today: Mike is sturdy; Mike is steady; Mike is competent, caring, experienced, loyal and deserving of your support today.

Representative HASKELL of Portland seconded the motion.

Representative JOY of Crystal moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, the Committee cast one vote for the House for MICHAEL J. COTE.

The Speaker of the House administered the necessary oaths of office to qualify the Assistant Clerk of the House to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 14)

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

December 3, 2008
Mr. Ron S. Wheelock
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Ron:
Pursuant to House Rule 201.11 (b), I am pleased to appoint you as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the 124th Legislature. On behalf of the entire House membership, I would like to express our gratitude to you for the professional manner in which you carry out your duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely,
S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, the following House Order: (H.O. 2)

ORDERED, that Representative Hannah M. Pingree of North Haven was declared Speaker of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 1, 2010; and be it further

ORDERED, that Millicent M. MacFarland of Augusta was declared Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 1, 2010; and be it further

ORDERED, that Michael J. Cote of Windsor was declared Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 1, 2010.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker of the House administered the necessary oaths of office to qualify the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, Representative INNES of Yarmouth, Representative JONES of Mount Vernon, Representative CHASE of Wells, Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls and Representative FLOOD of Winthrop were appointed a Committee to notify the Governor of the organization of the House.

ORDER

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, the following House Order: (H.O. 1)

ORDERED, that the House Rules of the 123rd Maine House of Representatives shall be the House Rules of the 124th Maine House of Representatives.

READ and PASSED.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 2)

STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

December 3, 2008

To the Speaker of the House in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Legislature:

I, MATTHEW DUNLAP, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election held on the fourth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Eight;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that the following named persons having received a plurality of the votes cast, appear to have been elected:

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE

District 1	MARTIN, JOHN L., Eagle Lake	3,700
District 2	THERIAULT, CHARLES KENNETH, Madawaska	4,133
District 3	AYOTTE, BERNARD L.A., Caswell	2,211
	MCLAUGHLIN, WADE E., Limestone	1,542
District 4	EDGEComb, PETER E., Caribou	3,496
District 5	MICHAUD, ELIZABETH M., Presque Isle	1,784
	WILLETTE, MICHAEL J., Presque Isle	2,245
District 6	CLARK, TYLER, Easton	2,757
	GREEN, KYLE, Westfield	1,349
District 7	SMITH, ZACHARY EARL, Presque Isle	1,869
	SUTHERLAND, PATRICIA B., Chapman	2,150
District 8	CLEARY, RICHARD C., Houlton	2,076
	GINISH, STANLEY L., Houlton	362
	ROGAN, MARY DEANNE, Houlton	1,229
District 9	JOY, HENRY L., Crystal	3,011
	ZABIEREK, ROBERT A., Sherman	1,312
District 10	CLARK, HERBERT E., Millinocket	3,315
	WHITAKER, TROY C., Millinocket	1,123
District 11	MCLEOD, EVERETT W. SR., Lee	3,486

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District 12		District 28	
GIFFORD, JEFFERY ALLEN, Lincoln	2,730	CRAY, DEAN A., Palmyra	3,006
MILLER, JEFFREY F., Lincoln	1,351	HITCHCOCK, PAMELA C., Canaan	1,613
District 13		District 29	
DUCHESNE, ROBERT S., Hudson	2,789	FITTS, STACEY ALLEN, Pittsfield	2,174
RANDALL, GERALDINE MAY, Hudson	1,441	SLYMON, VALORY S., Pittsfield	1,745
District 14		District 30	
BLANCHARD, RICHARD D., Old Town	2,379	MAHAR, DENNIS L., Pembroke	1,948
DESANCTIS, JULIO VINCENT, Old Town	872	MCFADDEN, HOWARD E., Dennysville	2,527
SPENCER, EDWARD S., Old Town	1,016	District 31	
District 15		ALEXANDER, JUDITH A., Calais	1,657
BEARCE, CHARLES R., Bangor	1,148	PERRY, ANNE C., Calais	2,233
GOODE, ADAM, Bangor	2,889	District 32	
District 16		BURNS, DAVID C., Whiting	2,093
BUTTERFIELD, STEVEN J. II, Bangor	1,917	CASSIDY, KATHERINE W., Machias	1,914
DAMON, DOUGLAS K., Bangor	1,484	District 33	
District 17		EMERSON, MARIE C., Addison	1,992
CASHWELL, JOHN H. III, Bangor	1,696	TILTON, DIANNE, Harrington	2,270
STEVENS, SARA R., Bangor	2,884	District 34	
District 18		EATON, ROBERT N., Sullivan	2,620
JOYCE, PATRICK J., Veazie	1,131	MALABY, RICHARD S., Hancock	2,049
MARTIN, JAMES R., Orono	1,847	District 35	
MOONEY, THOMAS, Bangor	1,728	FLEMINGS, ELSPETH, Bar Harbor	3,330
District 19		SAVAGE, RICHARD M. II, Mount Desert	1,892
CAIN, EMILY ANN, Orono	4,442	District 36	
District 20		PINGREE, HANNAH M., North Haven	4,447
JUSKEWITCH, STEVEN A., Dedham	2,333	District 37	
PRATT, BENJAMIN MARRINER, Eddington	3,066	SCHATZ, JAMES M., Blue Hill	3,393
District 21		WALDEN, JONATHAN W., Surry	2,209
CELLI, MICHAEL, Brewer	2,457	District 38	
SPELLMAN, RUTH-MARIE, Brewer	2,388	JONES, CARRIE E., Ellsworth	2,339
District 22		LANGLEY, BRIAN D., Ellsworth	2,861
GREELEY, CHRISTIAN D., Levant	3,726	District 39	
LAMBORN, BEN, Levant	1,374	CUSHING, ANDRE E. III, Hampden	2,974
District 23		HIGGINS, DAVID ANDERSON, Hampden	2,805
HOOPER, JIM B., Hermon	2,143	District 40	
RICHARDSON, DAVID E., Carmel	3,347	LEBLANC, MARK J., Orrington	2,088
District 24		ROSEN, KIMBERLEY C., Bucksport	2,687
LOCKHART, TAMMY L., Dexter	1,900	District 41	
THOMAS, DOUGLAS A., Ripley	2,275	LINDELL, R. KENNETH, Frankfort	2,381
District 25		MAGNAN, VERONICA, Stockton Springs	2,604
AUSTIN, FREDERICK H., Newport	1,308	District 42	
TARDY, JOSHUA ABRAHAM, Newport	3,401	THIBODEAU, MICHAEL D., Winterport	2,445
District 26		YENTES, SETH, Monroe	2,242
ALLAIN, JAYSON E., Dover-Foxcroft	1,617	District 43	
DAVIS, PAUL T. SR., Sangerville	2,831	GILES, JAYNE CROSBY, Belfast	2,883
District 27		HALLIDAY, HAROLD E., Belfast	2,127
GLAVINE, JAMES C., Beaver Cove	1,633		
JOHNSON, PETER B., Greenville	3,227		

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District 44		District 60	
O'BRIEN, ANDREW ROESING, Lincolnville	2,862	PRESCOTT, KERRI L., Topsham	2,693
WALKER, ROBERT P., Lincolnville	2,423	TEPLER, DENISE ANNE, Topsham	2,347
District 45		District 61	
EVANS, MATTHEW W., Palermo	1,518	MACDONALD, W. BRUCE, Boothbay	3,266
PIOTTI, JOHN F., Unity	3,220	MESERVE, HAMILTON W., Southport	2,374
District 46		District 62	
SHAW, HELEN A., Rockport	1,942	ROGERS, DONALD C., Bath	1,390
WELSH, JOAN W., Rockport	3,277	WATSON, THOMAS R., Bath	2,797
District 47		District 63	
DYER, STEVEN M., Rockland	1,262	PRIEST, CHARLES R., Brunswick	3,890
MAZUREK, EDWARD J., Rockland	2,762		
District 48		District 64	
CARLSON, ROBERT L. JR., Owls Head	1,807	GARRISON, CHESTER L., West Bath	2,078
KRUGER, CHARLES B., Thomaston	2,701	PERCY, LEILA J., Phippsburg	3,513
District 49		District 65	
BAKER, ROBERT, Cushing	2,138	KENT, PETER S., Woolwich	2,659
RICHARDSON, WESLEY E., Warren	2,596	WASSEROTT, SUSAN H., Woolwich	2,244
District 50		District 66	
PIEH, WENDY, Bremen	2,742	CORNELL DU HOUX, ALEXANDER, Brunswick	2,209
SIMMONS, HENRY B., Nobleboro	2,084	CRIMMINS, JONATHAN M., Brunswick	1,698
		FRANS, DAVID, Brunswick	591
District 51		District 67	
DRUM, PETER W., Damariscotta	2,670	BERRY, SETH A., Bowdoinham	3,589
MCKANE, JONATHAN B., Newcastle	3,183	DICKEY, ERIC H., Richmond	1,756
District 52		District 68	
MILLER, ELIZABETH S., Somerville	2,707	BEAULIEU, MICHAEL G., Auburn	3,089
STEWART, JOHN PAUL, Washington	1,987	KNOWLES, BRADFORD ALAN, Auburn	1,769
District 53		District 69	
FOSEL, LESLIE T., Alna	2,702	BOLDUC, BRIAN D., Auburn	1,472
NASON, TIMOTHY B., Dresden	2,452	COFFIN, DANA, Auburn	717
District 54		GERRY, BELINDA A., Auburn	495
FLETCHER, KENNETH C., Winslow	2,522	NESS, RICHARD, Auburn	406
HUBER, STEVEN J., Winslow	2,035	District 70	
District 55		BICKFORD, BRUCE A., Auburn	2,522
COTTA, H. DAVID, China	3,084	BURNS, PENTHEA J., Lewiston	2,154
DOYON, CHRISTOPHER M., China	1,365	District 71	
Others	1	LAJOIE, MICHEL A., Lewiston	3,905
District 56		District 72	
BLODGETT, ANNA D., Augusta	2,314	CAREY, MICHAEL E., Lewiston	2,031
O'BRIEN, JULIE ANN, Augusta	1,974	SIGLOW, JAMES H. JR., Lewiston	631
District 57		District 73	
CROCKETT, PATSY, Augusta	3,337	WAGNER, RICHARD V., Lewiston	3,242
Others	29	District 74	
District 58		DUMAS, MICHAEL B., Lewiston	1,030
BROWNE, WILLIAM P., Vassalboro	2,850	ROTUNDO, MARGARET R., Lewiston	3,047
KARUSH, PATRICIA L., Vassalboro	1,724	District 75	
District 59		CLARKE, WILLIAM P., Greene	2,209
HANLEY, STEPHEN P., Gardiner	3,599	DOSTIE, STACY T., Sabattus	2,772

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District 76		District 93	
BECK, HENRY E.M., Waterville	3,401	BRIGGS, SHERYL J., Mexico	2,588
		HINE, WILLIAM C. II, Peru	494
District 77		KNAPP, TREVIS, Dixfield	1,393
LORRAIN, RYAN E., Waterville	1,145		
TRINWARD, PAMELA JABAR, Waterville	2,709	District 94	
		HAYES, TERESEA, Buckfield	3,041
District 78		ROBINSON, JOSEPH II, Paris	1,842
BROMBERG, SAMUEL, Oakland	2,023		
NUTTING, ROBERT W., Oakland	2,885	District 95	
		MILLETT, H. SAWIN JR., Waterford	2,594
District 79		NEWCOMB, RUSSELL A., Norway	2,279
JACQUES, CHARLES WALTER, West Gardiner	1,814		
TREAT, SHARON A., Hallowell	3,412	District 96	
		BRYANT-DESCHENES, JOAN, Turner	1,907
District 80		SIROIS, LAWRENCE, Turner	3,263
SMITH, NANCY E., Monmouth	3,986		
		District 97	
District 81		KNAPP, DAVID G., Fryeburg	1,905
DWYER, PEGGY, Livermore	2,194	RANKIN, HELEN, Hiram	3,072
KNIGHT, L. GARY, Livermore Falls	2,502		
		District 98	
District 82		CRAWFORD, MEGAN ANN, Harrison	2,049
FLOOD, PATRICK S., Winthrop	3,489	SYKES, RICHARD M., Harrison	3,216
JENKINS, PRISCILLA J., Winthrop	1,713		
		District 99	
District 83		GOLDSBERRY, LEE, Cornish	2,324
DYAR, CLYDE E., Mount Vernon	2,553	SARTY, RALPH W. JR., Denmark	2,659
JONES, PATRICIA, Mount Vernon	2,999		
		District 100	
District 84		BRADLEY, JAMES F., Mechanic Falls	2,116
FINCH, EDWARD D., Fairfield	2,623	HAMPER, JAMES MICHAEL, Oxford	2,567
RANGER, MILES, Fairfield	1,869		
		District 101	
District 85		CEBRA, RICHARD M., Naples	2,961
FINLEY, DONNA WALLACE, Skowhegan	1,904	KRAININ, JAMES, Naples	2,161
MCCABE, JEFFREY M., Skowhegan	2,220		
		District 102	
District 86		MOORE, GARY WAYNE, Standish	1,611
CURTIS, PHILIP A., Madison	2,497	SHAW, MICHAEL A., Standish	3,109
OUILLETTE, KATHLEEN V., Madison	1,895		
		District 103	
District 87		MORRISSETTE, BUFFY MARIE, Poland	2,158
COURCHESNEY, ANGELA M., Jay	1,654	ROBINSON, JOHN C., Raymond	3,055
GILBERT, PAUL E., Jay	3,141		
		District 104	
District 88		CRAFTS, DALE J., Lisbon	2,874
CUPPLES, GARRISON E., New Portland	1,871	DANUSKI, DEBORAH L., Lisbon	1,712
PINKHAM, WRIGHT H. SR., Lexington Twp.	2,747		
		District 105	
District 89		VAN WIE, DAVID A., New Gloucester	2,797
MAHONEY, KEITH EDWARD, Farmington	1,592	VAUGHAN, MICHAEL A., Durham	2,712
MILLS, JANET T., Farmington	3,127		
		District 106	
District 90		DAVIS, EMILY M., Freeport	1,691
COLLINS, MAXINE B., Wilton	1,055	WEBSTER, DAVID, Freeport	3,510
SAVIELLO, THOMAS B., Wilton	3,611		
		District 107	
District 91		BICKNELL, BRIAN PAUL, Yarmouth	2,495
CARTER, TIMOTHY A., Bethel	2,539	INNES, MELISSA WALSH, Yarmouth	2,841
CROCKETT, JARROD S., Bethel	2,868		
		District 108	
District 92		BONECHI, BRITA H., Cumberland	2,422
CAMERON, ROBERT A., Rumford	1,869	STRANG BURGESS, MEREDITH N.,	3,489
PETERSON, MATTHEW J., Rumford	2,586	Cumberland	

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District 109		GLYNN, KEVIN J., South Portland	1,781
AUSTIN, SUSAN M., Gray	2,913	KAENRATH, BRYAN T., South Portland	2,252
GRAHAM, ANNE P., North Yarmouth	2,716		
District 110		District 125	
BRYANT, MARK E., Windham	2,737	MORRILL, ROBERT S., Westbrook	1,950
HASKELL, CLAYTON W., Windham	1,772	PEOPLES, ANN E., Westbrook	2,569
WAKEFIELD, MICHAEL, Windham	557		
District 111		District 126	
PLUMMER, GARY E., Windham	2,829	CROCKER, KEVIN A., Westbrook	1,315
SHAUGHNESSY, MICHAEL JOSEPH, Windham	2,148	DRISCOLL, TIMOTHY E., Westbrook	2,628
District 112		District 127	
DOW, WILLIAM C., Falmouth	2,441	FLAHERTY, SEAN PETER, Scarborough	3,089
NELSON, MARY P., Falmouth	3,010	MCDONOUGH, JOHN F., Scarborough	2,432
District 113		District 128	
COHEN, JOAN F., Portland	3,369	PENDLETON, PEGGY A., Scarborough	3,773
MARTIN, JEFFREY, Portland	1,926	PICKARD, ARTEMAS M., Scarborough	2,026
District 114		District 129	
FERNALD, DAVID R., Portland	1,404	KNAPP, JANE S., Gorham	2,858
STUCKEY, PETER C., Portland	3,580	LEVASSEUR, DANIEL J. II, Gorham	2,523
District 115		District 130	
BENDIKSEN, DONNA M., Portland	775	JUSTICE, NORMAN E. JR., Gorham	2,310
HILTZ, MICHAEL, Portland	1,382	SANBORN, LINDA F., Gorham	2,405
LOVEJOY, STEPHEN D., Portland	2,436	District 131	
District 116		HUNT, ROBERT B., Buxton	2,706
CAPRON, KENNETH A., Portland	1,225	MAREAN, DONALD G., Hollis	2,416
HARLOW, CHARLES W., Portland	2,807	District 132	
District 117		GIROUX, GRACE GLORIA, Old Orchard Beach	1,590
HASKELL, ANNE M., Portland	3,766	HOGAN, GEORGE, Old Orchard Beach	3,537
HASKELL, PHILIP J., Portland	1,256	District 133	
District 118		KEWISH, CHARITY A., Saco	1,173
HINCK, JON, Portland	3,247	PILON, DONALD E., Saco	3,230
MILLER, JOSHUA, Portland	1,129	District 134	
District 119		SCOTT, ALLENE J., Saco	1,526
ADAMS, HERBERT C., Portland	2,245	VALENTINO, LINDA M., Saco	3,639
HENDRICKSON, RYAN, Portland	350	District 135	
JENKINS, DANIEL F., Portland	887	BEAUDOIN, PAULETTE G., Biddeford	2,532
District 120		MATHERNE, CLAIRMA, Biddeford	1,504
AMBORN, SANDY L., Portland	1,231	District 136	
DOYLE, PETER I., Portland	741	BEAUDETTE, STEPHEN R., Biddeford	2,598
RUSSELL-NATERA, DIANE MARIE, Portland	2,104	District 137	
District 121		CASAVANT, ALAN M., Biddeford	4,104
DILL, CYNTHIA A., Cape Elizabeth	3,258	District 138	
SULLIVAN, JESSICA L., Cape Elizabeth	2,108	CAMPBELL, JAMES J. SR., Newfield	2,732
District 122		SLOAN, LACEY M., Limerick	2,611
DURHAM, BRIAN, South Portland	1,681	District 139	
MORRISON, TERRY K., South Portland	3,435	GROVER, EVAN TIMOTHY, Waterboro	2,189
District 123		WAGNER, JOSEPH ANDREW, Lyman	2,800
EBERLE, JANE E., South Portland	3,692	District 140	
REYNOLDS, PETER A., South Portland	1,523	CONNOR, GARY A., Kennebunk	2,590
District 124		PARRY, WAYNE R., Arundel	2,491

District 141 LEGG, EDWARD P., Kennebunk	4,391
District 142 BOLAND, ANDREA M., Sanford CARR, ROBERT B., Sanford	2,758 1,483
District 143 TUTTLE, JOHN L. JR., Sanford	2,843
District 144 LANDRY, JORDAN, Sanford NASS, JOAN M., Acton	2,394 2,468
District 145 STONE, OSCAR C., Berwick WRIGHT, THOMAS J., Berwick	2,267 2,467
District 146 EVES, MARK, North Berwick GOULD, BONNIE S., North Berwick	2,791 2,284
District 147 CHASE, KATHLEEN D., Wells HOULE, FRED R., Wells	2,966 1,961
District 148 BEAVERS, ROBERTA B., South Berwick LEWIN, SARAH O., Eliot	2,578 2,628
District 149 HILL, DAWN, York MOULTON, BRADLEY S., York	3,459 2,172
District 150 MCALLISTER, RONALD J., York WEAVER, WINDOL C., York	2,458 2,586
District 151 WHEELER, WALTER A. SR., Kittery	3,772

This is to certify that Wayne T. Mitchell was elected Representative to the State Legislature for the term of October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2010.

The Tribal Biennial Election was held on September 13, 2008 under the provision of Chapter Four of the Penobscot Nation Laws and Ordinances.

Sincerely,
S/Linda Socoby
Tribal Clerk

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 4)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

December 1, 2008
Honorable Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Cummings:

The following is a summary of the results of the June 10, 2008 Referendum Election, as derived from the accompanying copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Secretary of State's Official Tabulation of the election results.

Question 1: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 101,171
Number of Votes Opposed 71,822

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 5)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

December 1, 2008
Honorable Glenn Cummings
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Cummings:

The following is a summary of the results of the November 4, 2008 Referendum Election, as derived from the accompanying copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Secretary of State's Official Tabulation of the election results.

Question 1: People's Veto
Number of Votes in Favor 462,818
Number of Votes Opposed 253,026

Question 2: Citizen Initiative
Number of Votes in Favor 333,685
Number of Votes Opposed 389,251

Question 3: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 353,497
Number of Votes Opposed 349,662

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

I, MATTHEW DUNLAP, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns and plantations of the State.

S/MATTHEW DUNLAP
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 3)
**PENOBSCOT NATION
OFFICE OF THE TRIBAL CLERK
COMMUNITY BUILDING
12 WABANAKI WAY
INDIAN ISLAND
OLD TOWN, MAINE 04468**

November 6, 2008
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
Room 300, State House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002
Dear Clerk MacFarland:

The Following Communication: (H.C. 6)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
6 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0006**

June 23, 2008

The Honorable Beth Edmonds

Senate President

123rd Maine Legislature

3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

The Honorable Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

123rd Maine Legislature

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Petroleum Market Share Act/Annual Report to the Legislature

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

Enclosed, in accordance with the provisions of 10 M.R.S.A. §1677, is the Attorney General's Annual Report to the Legislature concerning levels of concentration in Maine's retail petroleum markets.

Thank you for your consideration of these materials; please do not hesitate to call if you should have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

S/G. Steven Rowe

Attorney General

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 7)

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

Letter of Transmittal

Senator Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate

Representative Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable John E. Baldacci

Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The audit was conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. This report complies with the State's audit responsibilities, required for the receipt of over \$2.4 billion in federal financial assistance during the fiscal year.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, and Notes to Financial Statements
- Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

- Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Financial Statement Findings
- Indexes to Federal Program Findings
- Federal Findings, Questioned Costs and Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Maine Department of Audit, I thank employees throughout Maine government who have assisted us during our audit. I know that we all work to improve financial reporting and accountability for our citizens and our State.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the 2007 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Neria R. Douglass, JD, CIA

State Auditor

July 22, 2008

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 8)

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

Date: September 30, 2008

To: Honorable John Elias Baldacci, Governor

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate

Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House

Honorable Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair

Honorable Jeremy R. Fischer, House Chair

Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: S/Ellen Schreiber, State Budget Officer

Subject: Report on the forecast of revenues and expenditures for the General Fund and the Highway Fund for the 2008-2009 biennium and the 2010-2011 biennium in accordance with Title 5 §1665.

The Bureau of the Budget is pleased to present its budget forecast for the General Fund and the Highway Fund for the 2008-2009 biennium and the 2010-2011 biennium in accordance with Title 5 §1665. This effort was initiated and passed into law by the 117th Legislature as fulfillment of one of the recommendations of the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring to provide a platform for long term financial planning.

This budget forecast is based on the current structure of state revenues and expenditures for both the General Fund and the Highway Fund as required by Title 5 §1665, subsection 7. This budget forecast should provide the most consistent view of revenue and expenditure trends over the long term as a basis for financial planning and decision making.

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 9)

**STATE OF MAINE
MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
24 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0024**

October 1, 2008

Senate President Edmonds

Speaker of the House Cummings

Members of the 123rd Maine Legislature:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA Section 13070-J, the State Tax Assessor is required to submit a report to the legislature identifying the amount of revenues foregone as the result of the Jobs and Investment Tax Credit (JITC), the Research Expense Tax Credit (R&D), the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit, the Shipbuilding Facility Credit, the Credit for Pollution-Reducing Boilers, and public funds spent on the Business Property Tax Reimbursement Program (BETR). Attached are four reports providing you with this information.

The first table lists corporations that reduced their Maine income tax liability with the JITC, the R&D credit, and/or the Seed Capital credit in tax year 2006, as well as the value of the credits. Table II provides information on individual filers that reduced their Maine income tax liability with the JITC, the R&D credit, and/or the Seed Capital credit by Maine adjusted gross income in tax year 2006. Tax year 2006 is the last year for which we have full information on both corporate and individual filers. Statutes governing the release of confidential taxpayer information prevent us from reporting the names of the corporations or individuals that benefited from these tax credits. No taxpayer took advantage of the Credit for Pollution-Reducing Boilers in tax year 2006.

The third attachment explains the Shipbuilding Facility credit. As required by statute the report provides information on the level of employment, yearly investment and the cumulative amount of investment. Since the inception of the credit, the level of employment has been such that the annual cost to the state treasury has exceeded the base credit amount of \$3 million per year.

The fourth attachment is a list of BETR recipients. For purposes of this report, businesses that filed for reimbursement during fiscal year 2008 are listed. BETR recipients filed between August 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007 for eligible property taxes paid during calendar year 2006. For that period the state reimbursed \$68.3 million to over 1,700 companies.

If you have any questions on this report please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Jerome D. Gerard

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 10)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION**

October 20, 2008

The Honorable Beth Edmonds, President
Maine Senate

The Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker

Maine House of Representatives

Maine State Legislature

State House

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

Pursuant to Public Law 2003, chapter 699, the Citizen Trade Policy Commission is pleased to submit its annual report. Copies of the report have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair

S/Representative John Patrick, House Chair

Citizen Trade Policy Commission

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 11)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

**BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FUTURE OF
LONG-TERM HOME-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE**

October 29, 2008

The Honorable Beth Edmonds, President

Maine State Senate

The Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker

Maine House of Representatives

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

This letter is to inform you that the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Future of Long-term Home-based and Community-based Care has completed its work and submitted its final report, including recommended legislation pursuant to Resolve 2007, chapter 209. Copies of the report have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Philip L. Bartlett II, Senate Chair

S/Representative Margaret M. Craven, House Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 12)

**STATE OF MAINE
JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP
111 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

November 17, 2008

The Honorable Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Cummings:

The statutorily created Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) of Maine presents to you the 2007 Annual Report. We think you will find the information quite enlightening with regard to the activities of the JJAG and its work in the criminal justice arena as it impacts Maine's most precious commodity, our youth.

Over the years, the JJAG has gone through many changes and made many improvements. You can see from our membership that we are quite diverse and look at the criminal justice system from a variety of perspectives, always seeking better solutions and methods of dealing with juveniles who become involved with the criminal justice system.

It is truly a great honor for each and every one of us to serve the state and its youth in our appointed capacities. We hope you find the information valuable and useful to you in your coming deliberations.

Please don't hesitate to contact us.
Sincerely,
S/Paul K. Vestal, Jr.
Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 13)
STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL
REGULATION
35 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0035

November 25, 2008

Honorable Glenn Cummings
Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Cummings:

Pursuant to Maine's Charitable Solicitations Act (9 MRSA §5010), the Annual Report of the 2007 fundraising activity of charitable organizations licensed in the State of Maine is enclosed for your review. The Act requires charitable organizations, professional solicitors, professional fundraising counsel and commercial co-venturers to file Annual Fundraising Activity Reports (AFARs) by September 30th each year. The enclosed report covers the reporting period which began January 1, 2007 and concluded December 31, 2007.

Currently, there are 2,461 charitable organizations, 57 professional solicitors, 167 professional fundraising counsel and 122 commercial co-venturers licensed in Maine, as well as 241 exempt organizations. The number of licensees overall has increased by approximately 38 percent during the past five years (from 2,203 in 2004 to 3,048 at present).

Maine's reporting requirement is intended to facilitate the regulatory oversight process and to provide information for use by the public in making decisions about their charitable giving. If you have any questions about this report, or if additional information is needed, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Anne L. Head
Commissioner

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 15)
MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
51 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0051

December 1, 2008

Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Cummings:

I am pleased to transmit the 2008 Annual Report of the Maine Human Rights Commission. The Commission looks forward to continuing our work with both the Legislative and Executive branches to assure individuals the basic protections afforded under the Maine Human Rights Act. In that regard we pledge our continued commitment to effective and diligent enforcement and education.

Sincerely,

S/Patricia E. Ryan
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 16)

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE STUDY
OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAWS

December 2, 2008

The Honorable Beth Edmonds, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 933, the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee Study of Sex Offender Registration Laws is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the report have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Bill Diamond, Senate Chair

S/Representative Stan Gerzofsky, House Chair

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative WATSON of Bath, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1)

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

READ and **PASSED.**

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, 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.

READ and **PASSED.**

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 3)

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.

READ and PASSED.
Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the following House Order: (H.O. 3)
ORDERED, that each adjournment of the House be until 10 o'clock of the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, the following House Order: (H.O. 4)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal and Calendar of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member or electronically distributed at the opening of each daily session.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative CLEARY of Houlton, the following House Order: (H.O. 5)

ORDERED, that the remaining subordinate officers of the House be appointed to serve for the present biennium as follows: by the Clerk, a Chief Calendar Clerk, two Advance Journal and Calendar Clerks, an Administrative Assistant, a Journal Copy Clerk, a House Reporter, a Senior Systems Support Coordinator, a Telephone Receptionist, and a Chamber Activities Coordinator; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized to accept resignations and fill any vacancies of said subordinate officers during the biennium.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative CLARK of Millinocket, the following House Order: (H.O. 6)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized to invite the clergy of Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the House, or to invite clergy from other areas of the State as requested by any member of the House; and be it further

ORDERED, that all clergy acting as Chaplains of the House shall receive \$30 for each officiation, to be paid on payrolls to be approved by the Clerk of the House.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative PERCY of Phippsburg, the following House Order: (H.O. 7)

ORDERED, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at her discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives while the House is in session.

READ and PASSED.

At this point the Speaker appointed Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham to inform the Senate that the House was duly organized for business.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 17)
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
148 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Dunlap:

Having received the highest number of votes for House District 89 in the General Election held on November 4, 2008, I now decline to receive the oath of office to become a member of the 124th Maine Legislature.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

S/Janet T. Mills, Esq.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Subsequently, Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

Subsequently, Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec of that body, that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of the Honorable ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL of Kennebec as President, JOY J. O'BRIEN as Secretary and JUDI DELFRANCO as Assistant Secretary, and the Senate was ready to transact such business as might come before it.

At this point, a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland of that body, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held at 2:00 o'clock in the Hall of the House for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, a Secretary of State, a State Treasurer and a State Auditor.

Thereupon the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held at 2:00 o'clock and the Speaker appointed Representative PIOTTI of Unity to convey this message to the Senate.

Subsequently, Representative PIOTTI of Unity reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The House recessed until 1:45 p.m.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 1)

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 123rd Maine Legislature shall be the Joint Rules of the 124th Maine Legislature. Joint Rules may be amended by a majority vote, in each chamber, on or before the third Friday in January, 2009.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 2)

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at 10:00 the morning.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 4)

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to prepare weekly, from expense accounts to be submitted to him by the members of the Senate and House, expense rosters showing the entitlement of each member for meals allowance and lodging reimbursement and to obtain approval thereof by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, and deliver the same to the State Controller for processing and payment, in the manner and form recommended by the Joint Interim Committee of the 101st Legislature created to study and report on a method of implementing the administration of the provision of law relating to the mileage and expenses for members of the Legislature; and be it further

Ordered, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to provide the forms necessary for such purpose and provide suitable space in his office for the filing and safekeeping of all such expense accounts and other papers and records pertaining thereto.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 5)

Ordered, the House concurring, that telephone service may be provided for each member of the Senate and House, and each Representative from the Indian Tribes at the Legislature, for a reasonable number of calls, of reasonable duration, as determined by the President of the Senate as to members of the Senate and the Speaker of the House as to members of the House of Representatives and Representatives from the Indian Tribes, to points within the limits of the State of Maine. The privilege granted to be a personal privilege not to be exercised by other than the members or representatives, that each member of the Senate and House, and each Representative from the Indian Tribes at the Legislature, may be provided with a prepaid phone

card under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively; and be it further

Ordered, that the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House, may upon a finding of abuse of the privilege of telephone service by a member of the Senate or a member of the House, respectively, temporarily suspend or terminate the privilege of said telephone service to that member.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 3)

Ordered, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation established by statute, 11 payments on a biweekly basis commencing January 7, 2009, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, respectively.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 6)

Ordered, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 7)

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House respectively, purchase such services, supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate and House, respectively.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 8)

Ordered, the House concurring, that a sufficient number of the Legislative Record for the 124th Legislature be printed, one copy for each of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who so desires, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. The remainder to be deposited with the State Law Librarian for exchange and library use; and be it further

Ordered, that suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 9)

JOINT RESOLUTION DENOUNCING RACISM AND VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, We, the Members of the 124th Legislature, representing the people of the State of Maine, unite to say as strongly and clearly as possible that we do not condone and, in fact, we denounce any statement promoting the assassination of any public officials, including the President or the President-elect of the United States; and

WHEREAS, We, the Members of the 124th Legislature, representing the people of the State of Maine, totally reject any and all efforts that suggest, whether by a tasteless joke or with a

violent purpose, the promotion of violence to any person, including the President or the President-elect of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the attitudes and images associated with the public display of signs encouraging violent acts to human beings are not reflective of the character and moral fiber of the people of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine reject and wholeheartedly oppose the intent, the purpose and the existence of messages and signs of hate and violence; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine appreciate, support and honor First Amendment constitutional protections barring governmental regulation or abridgment of speech based on its message, its ideas, its subject matter or its content; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine understand that government suppression of free speech can threaten the healthy exchange of ideas indispensable to an open and vibrant society, and we also know that the most powerful way to counteract hateful, offensive speech is through more speech and discussion; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine do not and will not stand by quietly in light of such deplorable acts, and we take this opportunity to say unequivocally that words of hate, support of violence and jokes about assassination are unacceptable in this State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity with a unified and determined effort to reject all acts and suggested acts of hate and violence against any person of any race, whether that person be in a public or private position.

Came from the Senate, **READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Standish, Representative Shaw.

Representative **SHAW**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I urge you to support this Resolution. As many of you know, there has been an unfortunate spotlight put on the State of Maine in the past couple of weeks because of a few people's expression of their personal political views. While some, many argue about free speech, a right we all cherish and many have fought and died to defend and protect, joking, betting or hoping that the President of the United States of America is harmed is wrong, period. I believe this holds true no matter who the President is. Whether it is George Bush, Barack Obama, or had been John McCain, this holds true whether you are a Democrat, a Republican, a member of another party, or a member of no party at all. Americans do not wish their President harm or ill will.

While having no binding effect on this situation, I feel it important that we, as a larger community, speak out against any threats of violence against the freely elected leader of our nation. It is important that we demonstrate that these acts do not represent us as Mainers.

Maine has much to be proud of. We live in a beautiful state with much to offer. People from all over the world visit our state for the beauty, tranquility and to experience the way life should be. These recent incidents are not reflective of who we are as a people and we should all be outraged, regardless of our political affiliation.

The simple fact is we recently had an election. Barack Obama won the popular vote, including the State of Maine. He will soon be sworn in as the 44th President of the United States of America. It is now time for all of us to be supportive of President-elect Obama. The greatness of this country allows us to be supportive, and yet still disagree over laws and policies that

affect us. But we debate those issues with civil discourse, not acts of violence. When we ultimately disagree with our elected officials, our path to removing them from office is the ballot box, not violence.

Please join me in standing up against violence, bigotry, bad taste or whatever other that was behind these incidents. It smeared all of us in Maine and it is not representative of who we are. It has no place in America. We, as Mainers, are better than that. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot Nation, Representative Mitchell.

Representative **MITCHELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to preface my remarks today, first, by acknowledging all of my ancestors, in particular, three who had the same honor, trust and privilege that I enjoy today in this position. And it is my desire that my actions, contributions, and communications to this body, I will strive to be as positive as was theirs.

I rise today in support of Senator Diamond's Resolution denouncing acts of hate and violence. I commend Senator Diamond for his Resolution and taking the initiative to put this Legislature on record as opposing actions of violence and hate directed against any person. We must unite as a single voice to proclaim to all of our fellow Mainers, all of our American citizens, and all people of the world that we will not tolerate violence or hate directed against any person in any form.

Regardless of who we supported in the November 4th election, all Americans much recognize the significance in the election of the first person of African American heritage to have ever been elected to serve as the next President of the United States of America. Barack Obama's election signifies one more step we, all of us as a people and as a nation, are taking to eradicate the scourge of racism from our country and from the world. We must recognize, however, that the despicable acts of violence and hate with which this Resolution condemns, originates from the evil concept of racism. The false idea that the amount of melanin, or the lack thereof, in a person's skin somehow indicates their worth as a human being. We are not born racists, any of us. Our soul, our minds, and our hearts enter this world pure, unscathed from the twisted constructs of a human social convention such as racism. Sadly, and we must all recognize that racism, prejudice and hate are all learned, these unfortunate attitudes get passed from generation to generation.

My hope, Madam Speaker, here today, is that one day soon it will vanish from our society and vanish, indeed, from the world, and that the awful word of racism will become a matter of the past, that in the future our children will have to consult a historical document or for that matter be shocked to learn that such human behavior ever existed. While we properly denounce individual acts of violence and hate that stem from racism, we must also acknowledge in the process institutional racism that can be far more insidious and challenging to irradiate than individual racism.

We the Wabanaki people, my people, understand both individual and institutional racism. When my people of the Penobscot Nation refused to join the British war against the French, the Massachusetts Bay Colony Lieutenant Governor Spencer Phipps, with the blessing of King George, the British monarch of the time, placed the bounty from 20 to 40 pounds British sterling on the scalps of Penobscot Indian men, women and children. Though I realize this proclamation was made 252 years ago, we live with the remnants of that governmental expression of racism today. The Maine Tribal-State Implementing Act of 1980 defined the jurisdictional boundaries and governmental authority of the Maliseet, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot Nation people. These have eased the State of

Maine. The tribes ended the agreement in good faith, believing that the State of Maine recognized our inherent sovereignty given to us by the creator, in my language, "Ghechenewais". However, court decisions, State of Maine actions, private corporate maneuvers have grossly distorted what we negotiated and agreed to in 1980. The cumulative effect of these judicial, governmental and private actions now threaten the continued existence of the Penobscot Nation people as a distinct culture. The settlement was meant to prevent the acculturation of my people, not abet it.

Last Friday, November 28, 2008, was the first federally proclaimed National American Indian Heritage Day in our country. Its purpose is to acknowledge the numeral contributions and sacrifice that Native American Indian people have made in service to this country and in other ways to our great country. It was also an acknowledgment and to begin the healing process from the only racial genocide to ever have taken place in our country. Indeed, in the words of our President-elect, change has come. As such, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Madam Speaker, I look forward to working with you all in the spirit of justice embodied in this Resolution to fix the broken Maine Tribal-State Implementing Act of 1980, and to restore it to its original intent. I truly believe in the goodness of Maine and the people, and I believe in its institutions. So in that spirit, I look forward to seeing the goodness displayed toward the Wabanaki people during this, the 124th, Maine State Legislature. Thank you very much.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

At this point, the Senate came and a Joint Convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, the Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell in the Chair.

The Convention was called to order by the Chair.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Raye.

Senator **RAYE**: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I rise just to say a few words preceding our votes.

Some new Legislatures begin with acrimony and discord, while others being in a positive spirit. It is the desire of the Republican Caucus, that this 124th Maine Legislature be characterized by the latter. I believe that we have the makings of a session characterized by mutual respect and the hard work of maximizing our efforts to seek consensus wherever it is possible to do so. That does not mean that any of us must abandon the core principles that define us, but it does mean that we must make every effort to do what the people of Maine sent us here to do: to put Maine first and to work together within those principles, and to find the places where they can coincide.

Now of course I would be disingenuous if I did not acknowledge the fact that we Republicans sought a different outcome, and we had hoped to be in the position to elect our own slate of constitutional officers. But we have the greatest respect for the electoral process that brings us all here today, and when the votes were counted on November 4th, it was not our party who won the majority of the seats in our chambers. Rather, the Democrats prevailed in the majority of legislative races, and as a result, they have clearly won enough seats to elect their nominees today.

As the minority, there are a few specific ways in which we can make a gesture to help set a positive tone to kick off a new Legislature. One of them is to put aside the exercise of nominating our own candidates for these offices, and to move forward to do the people's business together. The Senate and House Republican Caucus, in that spirit, will not be nominating our own slate of officers today. Thank you.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2009 & 2010.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Damon.

Senator **DAMON**: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Ladies and of the Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. It has been almost four years now since Matthew Dunlap was first sworn in as our Secretary of State. During that time, Secretary Dunlap has shown a keen understanding of his office and its duties. He has not only demonstrated that he has the capability to deal with the myriad issues that come before him, issues as diverse as supervising and certifying elections, to dealing with the complexities and the vagaries of Real ID and immigration law. He has also demonstrated a remarkable leadership. The Office of Secretary of State and the various bureaus and divisions in it are efficient, well run, servants of the public. Employee morale is high and the pride of exceptional caring that is given to the public is exhibited throughout. This commitment to service and esprit de corp comes from working in an environment that is created by excellent leadership. Matt Dunlap is that leader. We are very fortunate to have him as our Secretary of State, and I hope you will join with me in keeping him in that position. Thank you, Madam Chair.

On motion of Senator Damon of Hancock, Matthew Dunlap of Old Town was placed in nomination for the Secretary of State of the State of Maine for the political years 2009 & 2010.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Phippsburg, Representative Percy.

Representative **PERCY**: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Ladies and of the Gentlemen of the Joint Convention.

*Secretary of State should be Matt Dunlap
He's my nominee;*

*The most nonpartisan guy in town,
don't get an issue he'll gun it down
So anyone can understand and see.*

*Secretary of State should be Matt Dunlap
He's my nominee;*

*Always passionate for a cause, he is an expert on our laws
And loves Maine's history.*

*He works with Archives, Elections, he gives good directions
He gets things done quickly and more;
Gets car registrations and helps corporations
And gives any school kid a tour;
And with his clipboard in the hall he is always near our door.*

*Secretary of State should be Matt Dunlap
He's my nominee;*

*Need a guy who has done it all, from Pat's Pizza to this great hall
He loves this job as anyone can see.*

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sangerville, Representative Davis.

Representative **DAVIS**: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Ladies and of the Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. I, too, would like to second the nomination of my friend Matt Dunlap and I want to tell you a couple of stories about Matt.

I go back about 10 years with him. I came down here to the State House, a newly elected legislator full of idealism and enthusiasm, and I put a bill in to change what was then called, and I believe still is, Maine's Any-Deer permit. If you live in a rural area, you will know what I am talking about. The Department, quite often as departments do, didn't care much for it. But the Chairman of the IF & W Committee, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, did. He reached across party lines and we worked and we passed the bill, and it worked, and it is still the law today. The party lines didn't make any difference to Matt Dunlap, and it was a good lesson for a new legislator coming to Augusta.

He taught me another lesson, too. Those of you, again, who live in rural areas, know that ice fishing is quite popular. Now Matt is a sportsman, an outdoor sportsman, and sometimes they think ice fishermen have their way a little too much. Matt decided that the ice fishermen having five traps shouldn't have it that way, that is should go to two. Well, all across the state, a number of ice fishermen decided differently. The day of the hearing, the question was not was the bill going to succeed to or fail; the question was, was Matt Dunlap going to escape the State House alive. To this day, Matt Dunlap has a letter that says "I wish I lived in your district, and I am considering moving there so that I can vote against you." He told me that story just a few moments ago, so I know it is true.

When he became Secretary of State four years ago, he immediately was one of the most accessible people that we have. You new folks will probably learn this within just a few days that you are going to need his services, and he will be there for you. In fact, being of the loyal opposition and wanting to help the fellow across the aisle, I have his telephone numbers right here, and if you want to write them down it is a good time to do it: 626-8400 is his office number; his cell phone: 215-6634. It is with great pride, Madam President, that I second the nomination of my friend Matthew Dunlap. Thank you.

Representative **PERCY** of Phippsburg and Representative **DAVIS** of Sangerville seconded the motion.

Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, one vote was cast, on part of the Convention, for Matthew Dunlap of Old Town for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2009 & 2010.

The Chair declared Matthew Dunlap of Old Town the Secretary for the State of Maine for political years 2009 & 2010.

Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap was escorted to the rostrum to briefly address the Joint Convention.

Secretary of State **DUNLAP**: Thank you very much, Madam President and distinguished members of the Joint Convention.

During the speeches, and I am getting a call as a matter of fact, the House Clerk, in violation of House Rules, tried to call me on my cell phone; however, in deference to the rules, I did not answer. I want to thank Senator Damon and, of course,

Representative Percy—I am probably the first Secretary of State to be nominated in song; hopefully I won't be remembered in song—and of course my good friend Representative Davis. I have had the opportunity to work with many of you in my time as a legislator and, again, as Secretary of State. We do have a great deal to do. This is going to be a very difficult time, but I am very optimistic. I do have the great pleasure and honor of working with some of the finest state employees in state government. You should be very, very proud of them. They work extraordinarily hard every day, and they deliver a level of service which truly is amazing. Some of you may remember, in the summer of 2005, when we had some difficulties in our motor vehicle offices: wait time, 7, 8, 9 hours long. You should know that during that entire period of time, I learned a lot of sailor language from the public, but I never received a single complaint about one of our employees, which is extraordinary. I owe an awful lot to them; I owe an awful lot to you.

Like I say, we have a very full agenda. We have much to deal with, with new election laws coming from the Federal Government. We are working with our federal partners on some of their new ideas about how corporations should be accounted for. Obviously, we have the motor vehicle issues and issues we have all talked about in the past with identity security, the new regulations coming down in driver's licenses which are very much in flux, and this Legislature has taken a national role in terms of that discussion about where we should be going, not only in the discourse of security but in the discourse of liberty, which is extraordinarily important, and I am very proud to support your work in that venue. The other work that we do with our State Archives is, again, showing leadership across the country. So the work that you have done is something that I want to continue to support, I am very proud of what we have done and very proud to work with you. I certainly want to thank, again, my staff, but I especially want to thank my wife Michelle who is up in the Gallery today. I could not have done any of this without her, anymore than I could have done any of it without you. Thank you very much.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2009 & 2010.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Madam Chair, and Men and Women of the Joint Convention. I am very pleased and honored to place David Lemoine's name in nomination for State Treasurer. As the Senate Chair of the Appropriations Committee in the last legislative session, I had the opportunity to work closely with Treasurer Lemoine and observe firsthand the quality of his work. I also observed the respect that other members of the Appropriations Committee, Republicans and Democrats alike, held for him. David Lemoine is an excellent manager, who is always looking at his department and asking "How can we do this better?" His questioning has led to greater efficiency and effectiveness within his office, resulting in significant savings for the people of Maine. Let me give you a few examples.

Treasurer Lemoine oversaw a complete overhaul of the unclaimed property system, which resulted in more money being returned to climates in significant less time and with fewer employees needed to administer the program. He instituted a more effective short-term borrowing policy that has saved millions of dollars in debt service costs each year. State residents have benefited from his promotion of the sale of Maine bonds to Maine investors, and his efforts to create greater predictability in the bond process have resulted in savings to the state as well. It is in

times of adversity that you get to take a true measure of someone's character, and for Dave Lemoine, that adversity came when we received news that the value of Mainsail II, a commercial paper investment purchased by the state, had dropped precipitously. While the national economic events of the fall have made it crystal clear that Treasurer Lemoine did not act irresponsibly when the state purchased Mainsail II, many in the public were not clear about his judgment and actions when the news about the investment initially broke. What impressed me deeply was how Dave Lemoine responded to the crisis and the onslaught of unjustified criticism that was leveled at him. Instead of ducking or hiding or becoming overly defensive or spinning the facts to make things more comfortable for himself, he remained calm, respectful, and was totally forthright about what had happened. He made himself available to anyone who had questions and insisted on total transparency of all of the facts. He also testified before the Appropriations Committee about the situation, displaying professionalism and a mastery of the facts that earned him the respect and admiration of the committee for his conduct.

Dave was also not afraid to scrutinize the state's investment policy during this period of time, and to ask, how can we do this better going forward? He put together a distinguished advisory panel, which reviewed and updated the investment policy of the Treasurer's cash pool. His office assisted as well in the overhaul and upgrade of the state's 20 year old accounting system. All of this work ensures, today, that state funds will continue to be safe, productive and actively accounted for. I should note as well that, through Treasurer Lemoine's tenacity, Mainsail II was purchased at full price by Merrill Lynch in September of this year, and that no state cash pool funds have been lost while he has served as Treasurer, despite the unprecedented recent turmoil in the financial markets.

I have great respect for Dave Lemoine's integrity, managerial skill and keen intelligence. We are exceedingly fortunate to have someone of his character, ability and temperament serving as our treasurer as we navigate our way through these turbulent financial times. I hope you will join me in supporting him so that we can all continue to benefit from the work of this wonderful public servant. Thank you.

On motion of Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, David G. Lemoine of Old Orchard Beach was placed in nomination for the office of State Treasurer for Maine for the political years 2009 & 2010.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hobbins.

Senator **HOBBS**: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Ladies and of the Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. It is an honor and privilege for me, for the third time, to second the nomination of David Lemoine for this very important position. The good, gentle lady from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo, eloquently articulated the reasons why David Lemoine deserves to be continued in his position as the Treasurer of the State of Maine. I concur completely with her remarks, and I wish to make a few comments besides the remarks to demonstrate why I think he is deserving of re-election.

David is conscientious, hardworking, organized, and a stickler for detail. He has brought the Office of State Treasurer, he has brought them to a higher level and, in the process, has developed a very professional management style. David's management approach is to ask the following questions: What are we doing, what can we do, and how can we do it better? His actions and results evidence the accomplishments of his management approach to operating his office. I could go on and on in detail about the efficiencies of his office, but I think it was very well

handled by the good, gentle lady from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

On a personal note, I have known David almost 30 years, and I consider him not only a professional colleague but a good friend. Before I close, I just want to share with you, and I think some of you know his good judgment has been his hallmark through his life. Back about 19 years, he made a very good judgment by taking my wife Donna's offer and to be fixed up with his wife Karen on a date, their first date, so I have to tell you that we double dated on our first date and, fortunately, he has kept the good judgment he showed 19 years ago in his office today. I urge you all to support David Lemoine in this very important position. Thank you.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Perry.

Senator **PERRY**: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. We have heard a lot already about David Lemoine and his ability running the Office of State Treasurer. I want to tell you just a bit about my friend David Lemoine, who I served with here in the House, as many of you who did not have the opportunity to serve with Dave as a colleague here in the House. I had the privilege of sitting next to Dave as he chaired the Taxation Committee. I can't tell you the way that process went and what I learned from him in the smooth nature that he ran the committee, and how at every turn an issue would come up and how he could see the result of that issue so far down the road, so far beyond me and much of the committee, his vision is really remarkable.

This is my third time either nominating or speaking to second David Lemoine for this. I tell you, I am more proud today to stand here and nominate him than ever. I am proud that he is my Treasurer, and for anyone who doesn't know him, the new members, you will be proud as well.

Over the past year, Treasurer Lemoine was criticized over the Mainsail issue. I think you heard about it in the earlier speech, and I think that was with little regard to the facts of the case. I was criticized as well for Mainsail for being such a strong supporter of Dave Lemoine. I can tell you, as the financial market has collapsed around us and in front of us, our Treasurer stands rock solid with not only his credibility and integrity in tact, but I think probably proven to all that may have doubted him. I can just tell you, I know I will never go wrong supporting Dave Lemoine, you will never going wrong supporting Dave Lemoine. His honor and integrity will always be there for you. Thank you.

Senator HOBBS of York and Senator PERRY of Penobscot seconded the motion.

Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, one vote was cast, on part of the Convention, for David G. Lemoine of Old Orchard Beach for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2009 & 2010.

The Chair declared David G. Lemoine of Old Orchard Beach the Treasurer for the State of Maine for political years 2009 & 2010.

State Treasurer David G. Lemoine was escorted to the rostrum to briefly address the Joint Convention.

State Treasurer **LEMOINE**: Once again, it is my great honor to be in this hall filled with the people's representatives. There is no greater calling than to do the work of the public, and I am deeply appreciative of the honor and support that you all have given me.

I want to say thank you to a number of folks before I make my very brief remarks. I want to say thank you to Representative Rotundo. Your leadership in this body has been phenomenal and to have you back; I look forward to working with you. To Barry Hobbins, an old friend and continuing friend, thank you. And Joe Perry, they don't make them any better than Joe Perry, so thank you, each of you. Yesterday, I had the honor of having Representative Cain and newly elected Representative Matt Peterson speak as well.

It is always an honor to be here, especially when the tone being set by Senator Raye is so bipartisan, and it is so important in these difficult times. It is going to be a challenge in front of us, but with the support of family, such as I have with my family in the balcony: Karen, Mary, Jack and Joe. You have to have family behind you as you go about these difficult tasks, and you have to have friends. As you work together over the coming two years, you will find friendships that grow very deep, even though they may not be always based on complete agreement. It is the integrity, the honesty, the friendship that makes this body work. I look forward to working with each of you as we go into this biennium. I say, for now, it is time to do what the rest of Maine does: roll up our sleeves and get to work. Thank you.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2009 & 2010.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bath, Representative Watson.

Representative **WATSON**: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. Janet Mills' qualifications are known to all of us. I will summarize them briefly: Over 32 years of practicing law in the State of Maine, she has done cases in virtually every court in this state. Her name appears as Attorney of Record on over 150 cases that have been argued before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. For 16 years of her career, she spent as a district attorney.

Yesterday, with your patience, I was able to relate a story of watching a young district attorney, Janet Mills, handle a very dangerous and potentially violent strike in Rumford; actually there were two in Rumford, one in Jay later in '87, even worse. Janet did that, not in the interest of advancing any sort of political ideology or with any political agenda, but Janet did that because that was her job, keeping the peace, making her place and her surroundings safe for the people who live there. That is the attitude she brought to that job; that is the attitude she has brought to the practice of law for her entire career. Frankly, that is the attitude that she has brought here. Those of you with experience of a few years in this House know that when Janet Mills rises from her seat to address an issue, it is very rarely with any political agenda, it is very rarely to advance an ideological opinion or ideal, it is rather to provide information and explanation and help us arrive at the appropriate decisions.

Janet was the first district attorney and first woman district attorney named in the New England states, actually in the Northeastern United States. She was the first woman attorney to work in the criminal division of the Attorney General's Office, where she handled homicide cases and tax fraud cases. With this nomination and this election, she will be Maine's first woman Attorney General.

Just another small aside, we have heard a lot of discussion in the papers and on the air about Maine's method of selecting an Attorney General, how it is the only state that places that responsibility on us, on the Legislature, to do that. There is some criticism for that and there are some suggestions that that ought to change. But frankly, in the 55 Attorney Generals that have been elected that way in the State of Maine, very few have not risen to the job. According to my colleague, the good Representative from Portland, our "in house" historian, Representative Adams, the very first Attorney General in Maine was a Jeffersonian. Our last and present Attorney General in Maine is a Democrat, and a better and finer person has never filled that role. In the 55 choices we have made, we have not got it wrong. I leave you this thought, with this choice of the 55th, the choice of Janet Mills as Attorney General: We are not getting it wrong, we are getting it right. It is my pleasure and my honor to ask for your support for Attorney General Janet Mills. Thank you.

On motion of Representative WATSON of Bath, Janet T. Mills of Farmington was placed in nomination for the office of Attorney General for Maine for the political years 2009 & 2010.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Simpson.

Senator **SIMPSON**: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Men and Women of this Joint Convention. I am so pleased and proud to be able to second the nomination of Janet Mills for Attorney General. I first met Janet Mills when I turned 18 and went to vote for the first time, because her name appeared on my ballot, and I had the opportunity to vote for her to be the district attorney for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties. She was elected, and she never let us down. We re-elected her three times. She went on to become the President of the Maine Prosecutors' Association and to have a very distinguished career as a district attorney, as you heard from Representative Watson, the first woman district attorney in New England.

I got to know Janet better here in this House, when she joined the House of Representatives. I served with her for six years here, two terms on Judiciary Committee. Just this last session is when I really got to know Janet Mills, when she was serving on Judiciary and Appropriations. If you went to Appropriations and Judiciary was meeting, you could see her sitting there in committee room with a little ear bud in her computer listening to Judiciary while she was working in Appropriations, and when we needed her, she would come running right up, always prepared, always ready. Some mornings I would call her up if I was running a little late, "Are you going to be at the Chair's meeting this morning?" And she would say, "No, I have to be in court." Or sometimes she would call me on her way to court and she would say, "You know, Deb, I am going to be a little late because I have to be in court this morning. Could you mention this in Chair's meeting?" Always prepared.

I know for a lot of you who haven't served with her, but those who have know that Janet is not only prepared for Appropriations and Judiciary, she is prepared for every single bill that appeared on the floor of this House. You could not find a more dedicated public servant to the people of the State of Maine. She takes her job seriously. A lot of us, we are very busy, we have lives, we have families. Janet has all of those things, yet she reads every bill, every amendment, and she runs around frantically, "I think we can make this better, I think we could do this a little bit differently and it will work better for the people of the State of Maine." So for that reason, I am really pleased to support her, but more importantly, her 30 years of dedication to the law and the people of the State of Maine. She has been a fierce advocate for justice, she has found this energy. Her temperament and experience and her intellect will make her

an outstanding Attorney General for the people of this state, and I urge you all to join me in supporting her today. Thank you.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Mills.

Senator **MILLS**: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. This is my eighth Joint Convention in 14 years, and this is the first time I have not stood to nominate or co-nominate a Republican in opposition to a slate of candidates from the Democratic Party. I want to commend you on having selected four very fine nominees and choices in this occasion, and I wish, in particular, Neria Douglass well in her health challenges. We, on my side of the aisle, debated this profusely and decided that you folks had done well, and when you do well, we should recognize that and we are doing so.

I go back 61 years with the present candidate. I remember when I was in my bunk bed at age four and a half, when my aunt came into the room on a December day and said, "Congratulations, you have a little baby sister in the family." I can remember vividly how disappointed I was, because I had one brother and I was hankering for another. We grew up in a family where my mother was an English teacher. There is only one person in this building, by the way, who goes back any further than I do with my sister and that is my 91 year old mother, who is in the Gallery, Kay Mills. My mother was an English teacher and my father was a trial lawyer, so we children, all five of us, grew up in a verbally suffocating environment. It was not until we had long left the house that any of us was able to come into our own in any sense. Janet, in particular, grew up—you will find this hard to believe—as a reclusive, shy and very retiring little girl. That is how I remember her; I will always remember her that way.

It was not until she was 19 that she bailed out of the college, her parent's Alma mater, went off to Haight-Ashbury in the heyday of the hippie years, the 1960's, and came back not a Margaret Chase Smith Republican anymore, but a fairly converted liberal Democrat who worked on the Kennedy campaign, and frankly, bolted completely from the family traditions of Republican politics. She fell in with the likes of Joe Brennan, when he was first county attorney and then Attorney General.

I remember well when she was only 30 years old and prosecuting homicide cases on her own all over the state—this is 30 years ago—and the press thought it was just fascinating that there was this woman trial lawyer going around prosecuting these murderers. They wrote this article about her on one occasion saying the prosecutor wore a pale powder blue sheath and high heeled strapless shoes, and her flaxen blond hair was cut in a boyish crop. The strong masculine Superior Court never looked better than the day the state prosecutor wore pale powder blue. We have come a long way, baby.

The job of Attorney General, it is an impossible one to have an adequate set of qualifications for. You know, you all have witnessed, and you freshmen will be witness to, the variety of ways in which the Attorney General is involved in all of our lives. I won't even begin to describe the requirements and the breadth of the office. We have been very fortunate for the past eight years to have someone with the breadth of experience and the competence, the administrative ability of Steven Rowe. He has been a fabulous Attorney General; I will say it on the record.

In this day and age, there is a tendency among my fellow lawyers to specialize. To a great extent, Janet and I certainly have resisted those tendencies as much as anybody could, Janet, more successfully than I.

I was just over at the Governor's mansion for the reception and I ran into General Billy Libby dressed in those fatigues with

his insignia on it. I said, wow. Dora Anne, my baby sister, is the, in a sense, the Surgeon General of the State of Maine, Janet is now becoming the Attorney General. So I asked Bill Libby if he could find some of those cute fatigues for them to wear in their new positions. I don't know if that is forthcoming or not, perhaps on Halloween. But in any case, I worship this chamber. As everybody knows, I loved my two years in the House. I wish I were back here with all of you. The finest memories of my life will be serving in the House of Representatives with my sister in the back. Thank you very much for this honor.

Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Senator MILLS of Somerset seconded the motion.

Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland, one vote was cast, on part of the Convention, for Janet T. Mills of Farmington for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2009 & 2010.

The Chair declared Janet T. Mills of Farmington the Attorney General for the State of Maine for political years 2009 & 2010.

Attorney General Janet T. Mills was escorted to the rostrum to briefly address the Joint Convention.

Attorney General **MILLS**: Thank you, members of the Joint Convention and distinguished guests and Madam President and Madam Speaker and leaders, all on both sides of this aisle of this wonderful, esteemed chamber, which I am going to miss so much. I love my seat on the corner; it is the best seat in the House. It is the concierge seat, you know. You get to come and go, make notes about who else is coming and going and talking to whom and saying what. It is like being the chief page. I can't wait to get those pale powder blue fatigues and camo outfits.

I am so privileged to join the ranks of distinguished Attorneys General in Maine history, the likes of William R. Pattangall, Hannibal Hamlin, Nathan Clifford; these are people who served with distinction in the office I am about to assume in a short time. I am proud to follow in that distinct public lineage. I am also proud to follow in the footsteps of other people in more recent years. There have been six Attorneys General under who I have served or with whom I have worked in my legal career in 32 years, the most recent being, of course, Attorney General Steve Rowe, who has done a remarkable service to the State of Maine, who served with distinction, selflessly and tirelessly, and made incredible good changes in the Maine legal system. I hope to carry on his good management practices to inspire the people in the Attorney General's Office to do the best job they can for the people of Maine. You will find me here, often, listening to you and carrying out your concerns. As I said yesterday, it will not be my job to tell you what policies to enact or pursue, or what agendas to adopt. You will adopt policies, you will adopt the agenda for the State of Maine, I will defend it, and everyone in my office will do that as well.

I thank my brother Peter for being a mentor to me and so gracious in seconding the nomination. It has been a pleasure to work with him in private practice, both of us juggling legislative duties and burdening our associates in a terrible way, they must be so relieved I am going on to something else. There isn't a week that goes by that I don't call Ken, Bob or Paul and say, can you pick up a case for me tomorrow? Can you appear for me in

court tomorrow? Take charge of this and that. They have been so wonderful at the office, and the paralegals have been. It is a unique law firm to have two people, two lawyers serving in the Legislature, believe me. It puts a lot of pressure on a lot of people, and I am so grateful to the office and grateful to my family. It is a privilege to serve in the practice of law, generally, and to now look around the courtroom and not find myself to be the only woman in the courtroom, time after time, as used to happen. And thanks, partly, to women like Nancy Mills, Justice of the Superior Court, and women at so many levels of court, and women in the practice of law doing trial work. Women you don't see too often, but they are out there. We are making progress. I am so privileged to serve in public office with Commissioner Anne Jordan, a woman top cop of the State of Maine. I am so privileged to serve with Chief Justice Leigh Saufley, a brilliant woman in charge of our court system. And Auditor Neria Douglass, who actually worked for me as an assistant DA back a long, long time ago, and a woman Speaker of the House. And the magnificent new President of the Senate, first in the nation to serve as a presiding officer in both Houses, first woman in the country to do that, and so many women in public office, and to have three quarters of our congressional delegation be women. What a great crew to be following and to be working with in this tremendous time of change. But also, women who come into play in more than public office and political office, women who will be taking over in other occupations and achieving equality in many other areas. I look forward to being part of that.

I had the privilege of talking to the first Attorney General for whom I worked, 32 years ago, just a few minutes ago. Governor Brennan called me to congratulate me. He took a chance, he took a chance on me 32 years ago, and said, here kid, here are some files, go try some cases. There were no other women doing that in the AG's Office in the Criminal Division, and he put faith in me, and I thank him to this day for doing that. Without him, I wouldn't be here today. I have a chance to thank Governor Brennan in person.

I am very happy to be working with you in the coming session; it is going to be a challenging session. I was pleased to listen to the brilliant speeches this morning by the new Senate President and the new Speaker of the House, who laid out the challenges of the next few months, in particular: energy, tax reform, using our farm resources. In any way possible, I can help in setting those agendas and implementing those agendas, I will be there for you, I will not let you down. Thank you.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2009 to 2012.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Pendleton.

Representative **PENDLETON**: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. My father once told me always be yourself, and so that is what I have to do today. I can't tell you any jokes, because usually when you tell me a joke it takes me five minutes to figure out what you were telling me in the first place. I am not related, Neria and I are not siblings so I can't tell you about that, and I know for sure you do not want to hear me sing, so I am going to give you the very best I can for a nomination of a person that I just think can do the job of Auditor very, very well.

I have known Neria Douglass since 1998, when we both served in the 119th Legislature together. She is an honest person; she has good judgment, the kind of judgment we need to audit and watch over our state accounts. You can count on her to look for the money that should be returned to the General

Fund, where there is a need for that in this coming year. I know that Neria will keep the Legislature informed whenever she finds potential savings as well. She reorganized the Maine Department of Audit so that their work was completed on time, and the state won a certificate of excellence in finance recording as a result of her efforts.

When Neria was in the Legislature, she sponsored several bills to improve the state accounting, and she also focused on health care and education, in particular. You can be sure that the issues that matter to us are important to her, so she will continue to be a fierce advocate for accountability of taxpayers' funds and compliance with the legislation that we enact.

Neria believes that the Legislature should make the final decision on spending with accurate information. She helped us balance a budget last year, when she reported that \$3.6 million had been in an account since 2005 without being used, so that we were able to use that money to close up some of the gap in our budget.

Neria served in the Maine Senate for six years and on the Auburn Council, and also on the Auburn School Committee before that. She became a certified, internal auditor in 2005, after being elected State Auditor. She is an attorney who was admitted to the Maine Bar Association in 1978, and she was admitted to the US Supreme Court in 1988. I know she will do a fantastic job as State Auditor, so I hope you will join with me in voting for Neria Douglass and supporting her as our State Auditor. Thank you, Madam Chair.

On motion of Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough, Neria Douglass of Auburn was placed in nomination for the office of State Auditor for Maine for the political years 2009 to 2012.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Hill.

Representative **HILL**: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Joint Convention. I am so glad to be able to speak to everyone that is part of the Legislature today; yesterday I only got to speak to the caucus for the Dems. I want to share with you that I am really honored that I get to speak about Neria Douglass. I only know her from my first term, but it said all to me that I need to know about her. I found her very approachable; I found her to be very open with me, very willing to help me, and that meant an awful lot as a new person coming into the Legislature. What I want to say to you is she brings a lot to the job, that is obvious to me. She is an attorney, she is a certified internal auditor, she also has four years experience as the Auditor for this state, and she was a Senator for six years so she knows what we need to know, she knows the type of information we want.

But more important than my opinion about Neria is the opinion of others, so given my short-term relationship with her, I decided to make a few phone calls around the State House and ask people who had been here longer than me; can you tell me a little something about Neria? Well, they all welcomed the question and started saying things to me. I just wanted to share with you, so that it does not become lengthy, a couple of the phrases that were often repeated: smart, this is the way they described her; trustworthy; hardworking; they said that she was very willing to listen to both sides and try to make things work for all people. Then, there was a word which I thought was very entertaining, in the sense, I am a businesswoman and we usually don't think of auditors in this framework, but they referred to her as gracious. I thought that was a really nice remark to come from many, many people.

Basically, here is how it is: In 2004, when Neria first ran, she made a promise. She said she was going to look at the books and try to find places where perhaps spending had not

occurred and there would be more funds, and she would inspire her staff to do that. The fact is she has delivered on her promise, as you could hear from Representative Pendleton. As I mentioned yesterday to my caucus, I find it a lot easier to sleep at night knowing that she is watching the accounts of the State of Maine. I hope you will vote for her so that you can have better sleep too. Thank you very much.

Representative HILL of York seconded the motion.

Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, one vote was cast, on part of the Convention, for Neria Douglass of Auburn for the office of State Auditor for the political years 2009 to 2012.

The Chair declared Neria Douglass of Auburn the State Auditor for the State of Maine for political years 2009 to 2012.

State Auditor Neria Douglass was escorted to the rostrum to briefly address the Joint Convention.

State Auditor **DOUGLASS**: Thank you so very much. I am deeply honored and grateful to be able to serve the public again as the State Auditor. I want to thank my Republican colleagues for their magnanimous approach to this first day of the Legislature. I truly appreciate it.

It is an awesome responsibility to be here to do the work of the people in these difficult times, and I realize that a lot of you think that what I am so excited and eager to do is rather dull and boring. But in truth, it is one of those essential functions that, if it weren't for the very qualified and professional staff that I have who are looking over all of these accounts, if anything went wrong you would certainly care, so this is why it is so important that we are functioning in the background.

I want to tell you that I have a long list of employees that I won't read today as I did in the caucus, but they are individuals who should be thanked for finding money, from \$40,000 to what now has become \$11 million that was the amount that was in the account that was fallow for a certain period of time. The latest amount, \$7.5 million, has been used, but I think you should know

that we found that. I am not very good about crowing about their work, I am trying to do better. So maybe you can help me. I will give you those 30 names; I would be just delighted to have you personally thank them, because they are doing the work for all of us, for your constituents and for me.

I also think it is important for me to just acknowledge that I too have family, and they are rarely here. I have family as far away as Amman, where one of my brothers is working. I thought he might be here for my swearing in next month, and my mother, who I put on a plane back to Arizona yesterday. They sustain me, as I know your families do, so it is wonderful to be here on a day that we celebrate your election, my election, the important work that we do here. I don't want to make my speech take any more time, but I do intend to make more out of less, success out of difficulty, and to forge ahead to a better future. Thank you.

On a motion by Senator Bartlett from Cumberland, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the Governor of the election of Constitutional Officers.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chair declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to its chamber.

(After the Joint Convention)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

On motion of Representative SHAW of Standish, the House adjourned at 3:47 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2009 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 2).