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2nd Legislative Day
Wednesday, January 7, 2009

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

Prayer by Father Ralph Boisvert, St. Michael Parish, Augusta.
National Anthem by Kristen Meadows, Amanda Kelly and Deanna Kelly, Topsham.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Judith Chamberlain, M.D., Brunswick.

The Journal of Wednesday, December 3, 2008 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 19)

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

TO: Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
FROM: S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
DATE: December 19, 2008
RE: Committee Appointments
124th Legislature

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1(l)(a), I have made the following appointments to the various Joint Standing Committees:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Wendy Pieh, Chair (D-Bremen)
Nancy E. Smith (D-Monmouth)
Benjamin Marriner Pratt (D-Edgington)
Leila J. Percy (D-Phippsburg)
Peter S. Kent (D-Woolwich)
Jeff M. McCabe (D-Skowhegan)
Andrew Roesing O'Brien (D-Lincolnville)
Peter E. Edgecomb (R-Caribou)*
Dean A. Cray (R-Palmyra)
Jeffery Allen Gifford (R-Lincoln)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Emily Ann Cain, Chair (D-Orono)
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)
David Webster (D-Freeport)
Margaret R. Rotundo (D-Lewiston)
Elizabeth S. Miller (D-Somerville)
Gary A. Connor (D-Kennebunk)
H. Sawin Millett, Jr. (R-Waterford)*
Robert W. Nutting (R-Oakland)
Patrick S. A. Flood (R-Winthrop)
John C. Robinson (R-Raymond)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Nancy E. Smith, Chair (D-Monmouth)
Richard C. Cleary (D-Houlton)
W. Bruce MacDonald (D-Boothbay)
Thomas J. Wright (D-Berwick)
Joan F. Cohen (D-Portland)
Robert B. Hunt (D-Buxton)
James R. Martin (D-Orono)

Jayne Crosby Giles (R-Belfast)*
Susan M. W. Austin (R-Gray)
Kerri L. Prescott (R-Topsham)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Anne M. Haskell, Chair (D-Portland)
Stephen P. Hanley (D-Gardiner)
Walter A. Wheeler, Sr. (D-Kittery)
James M. Schatz (D-Blue Hill)
Michel A. Lajoie (D-Lewiston)
Veronica Magnan (D-Stockton Springs)
Richard M. Sykes (R-Harrison)*
Christian D. Greeley (R-Levant)
Gary E. Plummer (R-Windham)
David C. Burns (R-Whiting)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Patricia B. Sutherland, Chair (D-Chapman)
Edward D. Finch (D-Fairfield)
Alan M. Casavant (D-Biddeford)
Richard V. Wagner (D-Lewiston)
Stephen D. Lovejoy (D-Portland)
Mary Pennell Nelson (D-Falmouth)
Helen Rankin (D-Hiram)
David E. Richardson (R-Carmel)*
Howard E. McFadden (R-Dennysville)
Peter B. Johnson (R-Greenville)

Health and Human Services

Anne C. Perry, Chair (D-Calais)
Patricia Jones (D-Mount Vernon)
Mark Eves (D-North Berwick)
Matthew J. Peterson (D-Rumford)
Linda F. Sanborn (D-Gorham)
Peter C. Stuckey (D-Portland)
Sarah O. Lewin (R-Eliot)*
James J. Campbell, Sr. (R-Newfield)
Meredith N. Strang Burgess (R-Cumberland)
(1 vacancy)
Donald G. Soctomah (Passamaquoddy Tribe)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Herbert E. Clark, Chair (D-Millinocket)
Walter A. Wheeler, Sr. (D-Kittery)
Jane E. Eberle (D-South Portland)
Sheryl J. Briggs (D-Mexico)
Michael A. Shaw (D-Standish)
Paul T. Davis, Sr. (R-Sangerville)*
Everett W. McLeod, Sr. (R-Lee)
Ralph W. Sarty, Jr. (R-Denmark)
Dale J. Crafts (R-Lisbon)
Thomas B. Saviello (U-Wilton)

Insurance and Financial Services

Sharon Anglin Treat, Chair (D-Hallowell)
Charles R. Priest (D-Brunswick)
Paulette G. Beaudoin (D-Biddeford)
Henry E. M. Beck (D-Waterville)
Adam Goode (D-Bangor)
Edward P. Legg (D-Kennebunk)
Terry K. Morrison (D-South Portland)
Wesley E. Richardson (R-Warren)*
Windol C. Weaver (R-York)
Leslie T. Fossel (R-Alna)

Judiciary

Charles R. Priest, Chair (D-Brunswick)
Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)
Cynthia A. Dill (D-Cape Elizabeth)
Richard C. Cleary (D-Houlton)
Dawn Hill (D-York)
Charles B. Kruger (D-Thomaston)
Sara R. Stevens (D-Bangor)
Joan M. Nass (R-Acton)*
Michael G. Beaulieu (R-Auburn)
Jarrod S. Crockett (R-Bethel)
Wayne T. Mitchell (Penobscot Nation)

Labor

John L. Tuttle, Jr., Chair (D-Sanford)
Herbert E. Clark (D-Millinocket)
Timothy E. Driscoll (D-Westbrook)
Anna D. Blodgett (D-Augusta)
Steven J. Butterfield II (D-Bangor)
Paul E. Gilbert (D-Jay)
Andre E. Cushing III (R-Hampden)*
James Michael Hamper (R-Oxford)
Michael D. Thibodeau (R-Winterport)
Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Pamela Jabar Trinward, Chair (D-Waterville)
John L. Tuttle, Jr. (D-Sanford)
Linda M. Valentino (D-Saco)
Michael E. Carey (D-Lewiston)
Alexander Cornell du Houx (D-Brunswick)
Diane Russell (D-Portland)
Stacey Allen Fitts (R-Pittsfield)*
Wright H. Pinkham, Sr. (R-Lexington Township)
Joan M. Nass (R-Acton)
Michael G. Beaulieu (R-Auburn)

Marine Resources

Leila J. Percy, Chair (D-Phippsburg)
Herbert C. Adams (D-Portland)
Peggy A. Pendleton (D-Scarborough)
Robert N. Eaton (D-Sullivan)
W. Bruce MacDonald (D-Boothbay)
Charles B. Kruger (D-Thomaston)
Windol C. Weaver (R-York)*
Jonathan B. McKane (R-Newcastle)
Kerri L. Prescott (R-Topsham)
Dianne Tilton (R-Harrington)

Natural Resources

Robert S. Duchesne, Chair (D-Hudson)
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)
Jane E. Eberle (D-South Portland)
Brian D. Bolduc (D-Auburn)
Melissa Walsh Innes (D-Yarmouth)
Joan W. Welsh (D-Rockport)
James Michael Hamper (R-Oxford)*
Bernard L. A. Ayotte (R-Caswell)
Peter E. Edgecomb (R-Caribou)
Jane S. Knapp (R-Gorham)

State and Local Government

Stephen R. Beaudette, Chair (D-Biddeford)
James M. Schatz (D-Blue Hill)
Andrea M. Boland (D-Sanford)
Teresea Hayes (D-Buckfield)
Bryan T. Kaenrath (D-South Portland)
Michael J. Willette (D-Presque Isle)
Henry L. Joy (R-Crystal)*
H. David Cotta (R-China)

Michael Celli (R-Brewer)
Tyler Clark (R-Easton)

Taxation

Thomas R. Watson, Chair (D-Bath)
Donald E. Pilon (D-Saco)
Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)
Linda M. Valentino (D-Saco)
Patsy Crockett (D-Augusta)
Lawrence Sirois (D-Turner)
Elspeth Flemings (D-Bar Harbor)
Kathleen D. Chase (R-Wells)*
L. Gary Knight (R-Livermore Falls)
Brian D. Langley (R-Ellsworth)

Transportation

Edward J. Mazurek, Chair (D-Rockland)
George Hogan (D-Old Orchard Beach)
Ann E. Peoples (D-Westbrook)
Charles Kenneth Theriault (D-Madawaska)
Charles W. Harlow (D-Portland)
Michael E. Carey (D-Lewiston)
William P. Browne (R-Vassalboro)*
Douglas A. Thomas (R-Ripley)
Richard M. Cebra (R-Naples)
Kimberley C. Rosen (R-Bucksport)

Utilities and Energy

Jon Hinck, Chair (D-Portland)
Herbert C. Adams (D-Portland)
Richard D. Blanchard (D-Old Town)
Stacy T. Dostie (D-Sabattus)
Sean Flaherty (D-Scarborough)
David A. Van Wie (D-New Gloucester)
Joseph Andrew Wagner (D-Lyman)
Kenneth C. Fletcher (R-Winslow)*
Stacey Allen Fitts (R-Pittsfield)
Michael D. Thibodeau (R-Winterport)

*Ranking Republican Member

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 20)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

December 19, 2008
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I am pleased to appoint the following Legislative House members to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules:

Representative John L. Martin, Chair (D-Eagle Lake)
Representative Herbert C. Adams (D-Portland)
Representative John L. Tuttle, Jr. (D-Sanford)
Representative Philip A. Curtis (R-Madison)
Representative Patrick S. A. Flood (R-Winthrop)

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 21)

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

December 19, 2008

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have appointed the following members to the Government Oversight Committee:

Representative Dawn Hill, Chair (D-York)
Representative Peggy A. Pendleton (D-Scarborough)
Representative Margaret R. Rotundo (D-Lewiston)
Representative Everett W. McLeod, Sr. (R-Lee)*
Representative Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn)
Representative David C. Burns (R-Whiting)

*Ranking Republican Member

Sincerely,

S/Hannah M. Pingree

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 22)

**SENATE OF MAINE
124TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 19, 2008

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

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

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

John M. Nutting, Chair (D-Androscoggin)

Bruce Bryant (D-Oxford)

Roger L. Sherman (R-Aroostook)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill Diamond, Chair (D-Cumberland)

Margaret M. Craven (D-Androscoggin)

Richard W. Rosen (R-Hancock)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Elizabeth M. Schneider, Chair (D-Penobscot)

Nancy B. Sullivan (D-York)

Christopher W. Rector (R-Knox)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Stan Gerzofsky, Chair (D-Cumberland)

John M. Nutting (D-Androscoggin)

Gerald M. Davis (R-Cumberland)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Justin L. Alford, Chair (D-Cumberland)

Elizabeth M. Schneider (D-Penobscot)

Carol Weston (R-Waldo)

Health and Human Services

Joseph C. Brannigan, Chair (D-Cumberland)

Lisa T. Marraché (D-Kennebec)

Peter Mills (R-Somerset)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bruce S. Bryant, Chair (D-Oxford)

Troy Dale Jackson (D-Aroostook)

A. David Trahan (R-Lincoln)

Insurance and Financial Services

Peter B. Bowman, Chair (D-York)

Justin L. Alford (D-Cumberland)

Earle L. McCormick (R-Kennebec)

Judiciary

Lawrence Bliss, Chair (D-Cumberland)

Barry J. Hobbins (D-York)

David R. Hastings III (R-Oxford)

Labor

Troy Dale Jackson, Chair (D-Aroostook)

Stan Gerzofsky (D-Cumberland)

Peter Mills (R-Somerset)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Nancy B. Sullivan, Chair (D-York)

Seth A. Goodall (D-Sagadahoc)

Debra D. Plowman (R-Penobscot)

Marine Resources

Dennis S. Damon, Chair (D-Hancock)

Nancy B. Sullivan (D-York)

Christopher W. Rector (R-Knox)

Natural Resources

Seth A. Goodall, Chair (D-Sagadahoc)

Deborah L. Simpson (D-Androscoggin)

Douglas M. Smith (R-Piscataquis)

State and Local Government

Deborah L. Simpson, Chair (D-Androscoggin)

Troy Dale Jackson (D-Aroostook)

Jonathan T. E. Courtney (R-York)

Taxation

Joseph C. Perry, Chair (D-Penobscot)

Lawrence Bliss (D-Cumberland)

Richard A. Nass (R-York)

Transportation

Dennis S. Damon, Chair (D-Hancock)

Joseph C. Perry (D-Penobscot)

Walter R. Gooley (R-Franklin)

Utilities and Energy

Barry J. Hobbins, Chair (D-York)

Peter B. Bowman (D-York)

Roger L. Sherman (R-Aroostook)

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 23)

**SENATE OF MAINE
124TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 19, 2008

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have made the following appointments to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules:

Senator Philip L. Bartlett II of Cumberland, Chair

Senator Lisa T. Marraché of Kennebec

Senator Bill Diamond of Cumberland

Senator Kevin Raye of Washington

Senator Jonathan T. E. Courtney of York

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,
S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 24)

**SENATE OF MAINE
124TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 19, 2008
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I am pleased to appoint the following people to the Government Oversight Committee, the committee having oversight responsibility for the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability:

Senator Deborah L. Simpson of Androscoggin, Chair
Senator Bill Diamond of Cumberland
Senator Joseph C. Brannigan of Cumberland
Senator Richard A. Nass of York
Senator Earle L. McCormick of Kennebec
Senator A. David Trahan of Lincoln

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please contact my office.

Sincerely,
S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 25)

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

January 6, 2009
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 401.1, I assign Representative Everett W. McLeod, Sr. of Lee to seat 35, Representative Meredith N. Strang Burgess of Cumberland to seat 36, Representative Jayne Crosby Giles of Belfast to seat 37, Representative Leila J. Percy of Phippsburg to seat 133, Representative Joseph Andrew Wagner of Lyman to seat 136 and Representative Sheryl J. Briggs of Mexico to seat 8. These changes are effective immediately.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 18)

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

December 15, 2008
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Governor Baldacci has set Tuesday, February 3, 2009 as the date for the special election to be held in House District 89.

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Governor's proclamation. The forms to be used at the municipal caucus, along with instructions, have been sent to the applicable municipal party chairs. Please contact the Division of Elections at 624-7650 if you have any questions regarding this election.

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Auburn, Representative BOLDUC, and the Representative from Lincoln, Representative GIFFORD, and they were added to the quorum call of the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills and Resolves were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Force-feeding of Birds" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 4) (L.D. 9)

Sponsored by Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BOLAND of Sanford, BRYANT of Windham, EBERLE of South Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, LEGG of Kennebunk, TRINWARD of Waterville, WHEELER of Kittery.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Drinking Water Programs"

(H.P. 5) (L.D. 10)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: FITTS of Pittsfield, WELSH of Rockport, Senators: BLISS of Cumberland, DAVIS of Cumberland, MILLS of Somerset, President MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 40) (L.D. 45)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolve, To Encourage the Preservation of Dark Skies
(H.P. 6) (L.D. 11)

Sponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, EATON of Sullivan,
FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and
Financial Regulation To Amend Its Rules Governing Pastoral
Counselors (EMERGENCY)
(H.P. 7) (L.D. 12)

Sponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, EATON of Sullivan.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Diagnostic Functions of
Independent Practice Dental Hygienists"
(H.P. 8) (L.D. 13)

Sponsored by Representative JONES of Mount Vernon.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: KENT of Woolwich, LAJOIE of Lewiston,
PERCY of Phippsburg.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of Hard Cider for the
Purposes of the Returnable Container Law"
(H.P. 43) (L.D. 50)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox.
Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, To Suspend Certain Maine State Housing Authority
Rules for Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program Grant
Applications (EMERGENCY)
(H.P. 51) (L.D. 58)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Require Unredeemed Beverage Container
Deposits To Be Provided to the State"
(H.P. 45) (L.D. 52)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative SMITH of Monmouth, **TABLED**
pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Permit the Use of a Common Flue for Oil and
Solid Fuel Burning Equipment"
(H.P. 46) (L.D. 53)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Confidentiality
of Correctional Facility Plans"
(H.P. 52) (L.D. 59)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, GILES of Belfast,
HASKELL of Portland, NASS of Acton, WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Provide a Reward for Information Regarding
the Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer"
(H.P. 58) (L.D. 69)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances
for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities
(H.P. 11) (L.D. 16)

Sponsored by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta,
CAMPBELL of Newfield, CONNOR of Kennebunk, EATON of
Sullivan, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, THERIAULT of
Madawaska, TREAT of Hallowell, WEAVER of York.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors"
(H.P. 12) (L.D. 17)

Sponsored by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.
Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to MaineCare Services"
(H.P. 13) (L.D. 18)

Sponsored by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and
Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, CAMPBELL of
Newfield, CONNOR of Kennebunk, EATON of Sullivan, HOGAN
of Old Orchard Beach, TREAT of Hallowell, WEAVER of York,
Senator: CRAVEN of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Public Rest
Rooms"
(H.P. 14) (L.D. 19)

Sponsored by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town,
CASAVANT of Biddeford, CROCKETT of Augusta, HOGAN of
Old Orchard Beach, PIEH of Bremen, TRINWARD of Waterville,
TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Change the Coyote Night Hunting Season"
(H.P. 47) (L.D. 54)

Sponsored by Representative McFADDEN of Dennysville. (BY
REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and
Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, PERRY of Calais, TILTON
of Harrington.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Length Limits on Fish Caught on
the Inland Waters"
(H.P. 59) (L.D. 70)

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville.
Cosponsored by Senator TRAHAN of Lincoln and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CRAY of Palmyra,
HANLEY of Gardiner, SAVIELLO of Wilton, TARDY of Newport.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Cover the
Cost of Prosthetics"
(H.P. 15) (L.D. 20)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, PENDLETON of
Scarborough, PETERSON of Rumford, WHEELER of Kittery,
Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Diagnosis and Treatment of
Autism Spectrum Disorders"
(H.P. 16) (L.D. 21)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and
Representative: CAREY of Lewiston, Senator: BRYANT of
Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Ensure an Adequate Time Frame within Which To Rebuild a Home"

(H.P. 55) (L.D. 62)

Sponsored by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township.

JUDICIARY

Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Develop Legislation Designed To Prevent Domestic Violence and Abuse

(H.P. 17) (L.D. 22)

Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Powers of Attorney"

(H.P. 18) (L.D. 23)

Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Domestic Violence and Abuse"

(H.P. 19) (L.D. 24)

Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act To Protect Child Victims of Sexual Abuse"

(H.P. 20) (L.D. 25)

Sponsored by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.

Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Allow the Spouse of a Retired Public Employee a Second Chance To Be Enrolled under the Retiree's Insurance Plan"

(H.P. 21) (L.D. 26)

Sponsored by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CLARK of Easton, EATON of Sullivan, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of Employment for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation"

(H.P. 22) (L.D. 27)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Promote the Integrity of Citizens' Initiatives" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 23) (L.D. 28)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PETERSON of Rumford, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Landlord and Tenant Laws as They Pertain to Interest Paid on Mobile Home Park Tenant Security Deposits"

(H.P. 24) (L.D. 29)

Sponsored by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Establish Native American Veterans Day"

(H.P. 25) (L.D. 30)

Sponsored by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, EATON of Sullivan, HAMPER of Oxford, MITCHELL of Penobscot Nation, PERRY of Calais, WEAVER of York.

Bill "An Act To Join the Interstate Compact on the National Popular Vote"

(H.P. 49) (L.D. 56)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Legislative Term Limit Laws"

(H.P. 26) (L.D. 31)

Sponsored by Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CONNOR of Kennebunk, EBERLE of South Portland, JONES of Mount Vernon, MAZUREK of Rockland, PILON of Saco, TRINWARD of Waterville, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative TRINWARD of Waterville, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Disposition of Fines from Maine's Soft-shelled Clam Laws"

(H.P. 27) (L.D. 32)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Reduce Registration Fees for Certain Generators of Biomedical Waste"

(H.P. 56) (L.D. 63)

Sponsored by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Township 16, Range 4, WELS, to Madawaska Lake" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 28) (L.D. 33)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, EBERLE of South Portland, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Election of Municipal Charter Commission Members" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 29) (L.D. 34)

Sponsored by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Require Municipalities To Enforce the Collection of the State Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles, Aircraft and Watercraft Owned by Maine Residents and Registered outside the State"

(H.P. 30) (L.D. 35)

Sponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CAMPBELL of Newfield, EVES of North Berwick, HILL of York, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, WATSON of Bath, WRIGHT of Berwick.

Bill "An Act To Allow Military Personnel Living in Maine To Benefit under the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 44) (L.D. 51)

Sponsored by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: KRUGER of Thomaston, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, RICHARDSON of Warren, WELSH of Rockport.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Small Privately Owned Windmills from the Property Tax"

(H.P. 50) (L.D. 57)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Raise the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans"

(H.P. 60) (L.D. 71)

Sponsored by Representative NASS of Acton.

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Millinocket, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLETCHER of Winslow, WHEELER of Kittery, Senators: COURTNEY of York, HASTINGS of Oxford, NASS of York.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Tax on Fuel Used for Commercial Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry"

(H.P. 61) (L.D. 72)

Sponsored by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representative: PERCY of Phippsburg.

Resolve, To Delay the Sustainability of the Highway Fund (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 41) (L.D. 48)

Sponsored by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland.

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative WATSON of Bath, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Sale of a Road Sign Originally Placed by the State, a County or a Municipality"

(H.P. 10) (L.D. 15)

Sponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: EATON of Sullivan, PILON of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Reopen Certain Rest Stops on Route 1"

(H.P. 31) (L.D. 36)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, PEOPLES of Westbrook, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Weight Tolerance for Vehicle Auxiliary Power Units"

(H.P. 32) (L.D. 37)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, EBERLE of South Portland, SIROIS of Turner, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Use of Only 2 Studded Tires on Front-wheel-drive Vehicles"

(H.P. 33) (L.D. 38)

Sponsored by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Enhance Motorcycle Safety"

(H.P. 34) (L.D. 39)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLODGETT of Augusta, PEOPLES of Westbrook, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, McCORMICK of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Certain Uses of Cellular Telephones and Handheld Electronic Devices while Operating a Motor Vehicle"

(H.P. 35) (L.D. 40)

Sponsored by Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, CASAVANT of Biddeford, EATON of Sullivan, MILLER of Somerville, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SIROIS of Turner, TREAT of Hallowell, WHEELER of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Handheld Cellular Telephone While Operating a Motor Vehicle"

(H.P. 36) (L.D. 41)

Sponsored by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CASAVANT of Biddeford, HASKELL of Portland, LAJOIE of Lewiston, WAGNER of Lewiston, WATSON of Bath, WRIGHT of Berwick.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Time Period for Motor Vehicle Inspections to 2 Years"

(H.P. 37) (L.D. 42)

Sponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BRYANT of Windham, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CASAVANT of Biddeford, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, KAENRATH of South Portland, VALENTINO of Saco, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Provide Notice of License Revocation or Suspension by Certified Mail"

(H.P. 42) (L.D. 49)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.

Resolve, To Rename the Father Curran Bridge in Augusta

(H.P. 53) (L.D. 60)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by President MITCHELL of Kennebec and Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, BROWNE of Vassalboro.

Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 54) (L.D. 61)

Sponsored by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Air Bag Fraud"

(H.P. 9) (L.D. 14)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, HAYES of Buckfield, SIROIS of Turner, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senator: NASS of York.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative MAZUREK of Rockland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act To Promote Consumer Fairness in Alternative Energy"

(H.P. 38) (L.D. 43)

Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Require Transmission Lines To Be Placed Underground near Certain Facilities"

(H.P. 39) (L.D. 44)

Sponsored by Representative VALENTINO of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BLANCHARD of Old Town, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Commercial Sale of Water by a Water District"

(H.P. 48) (L.D. 55)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Right To Use Solar Energy"

(H.P. 62) (L.D. 73)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, PIOTTI of Unity, PLUMMER of Windham, WAGNER of Lyman, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 63)

Whereas, the State possesses an extraordinary abundance of natural resources that should be harnessed to produce clean energy; and

Whereas, the citizens of the State are overly reliant on foreign oil to power their vehicles, homes and businesses; and

Whereas, the State has unique opportunities to create jobs, ease energy costs by reducing energy consumption and increasing efficiency and reduce pollution and carbon emissions; and

Whereas, these opportunities raise issues that are generally heard by several different joint standing committees of the Legislature; and

Whereas, to capitalize on these opportunities the State must catalog its current resources and develop a plan to address the State's energy needs; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future is established as follows.

1. Establishment. The Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future, referred to in this order as "the committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of 17 members of the Legislature: 5 Senators appointed by the President of the Senate and 12 members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members from the party holding the largest number of seats and 2 from the party holding the 2nd-largest number of seats. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 7 members from the party holding the largest number of seats and 5 members from the party holding the 2nd-largest number of seats. The first-named

Senate and House members shall serve as co-chairs of the committee.

3. Duties. The committee shall develop a plan with benchmarks and consider legislation to achieve energy sustainability, reduce consumption through energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and promote economic development through renewable energy resources in the State. The committee shall make recommendations regarding the allocation of any funds for weatherization, energy assistance, development of renewable energy sources or energy-based workforce development received from the State, the Federal Government or other outside sources.

4. Authority. The committee may hold hearings for information gathering or, on any legislation referred to it, refer legislation to other committees and may submit legislation.

5. Staff assistance. The committee shall share a committee clerk with a joint standing committee named by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall provide staffing to the committee and may, with the permission of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, obtain technical assistance from appropriate sources.

6. Compensation. Members of the committee are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2.

7. Report. The committee shall submit its findings and recommendations along with any necessary implementing legislation to the 124th Legislature by April 15, 2009.

8. Termination. The committee terminates June 17, 2009.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative FLOOD of Winthrop, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 57)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by adding Joint Rule 201-A to read:

Rule 201-A. Limit on bills filed.

Beginning with the 125th Legislature, the following limits are imposed on the filing of bills.

1. Members elected to their first terms. Members elected to their first terms in the House of Representatives may file no more than 2 bills in the First Regular Session and no more than one bill in the Second Regular Session. Members elected to their first terms in the Senate may file no more than 3 bills in the First Regular Session and no more than 2 bills in the Second Regular Session.

2. Members elected to their 2nd terms. Members elected to their 2nd terms in the House of Representatives may file no more than 4 bills in the First Regular Session and no more than 2 bills in the Second Regular Session. Members elected to their 2nd terms in the Senate may file no more than 6 bills in the First Regular Session and no more than 3 bills in the Second Regular Session.

3. Members elected to their 3rd terms. Members elected to their 3rd terms in the House of Representatives may file no more than 6 bills in the First Regular Session and no more than 2 bills in the Second Regular Session. Members elected to their 3rd terms in the Senate may file no more than 8 bills in the First Regular Session and no more than 3 bills in the Second Regular Session.

4. Members elected to their 4th terms. Members elected to their 4th terms in the House of Representatives may file no more than 8 bills in the First Regular Session and no more than 3 bills in the Second Regular Session. Members elected to their 4th terms in the Senate may file an unlimited number of bills in the First Regular Session and no more than 3 bills in the Second Regular Session.

Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** suggested.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Flood.

Representative **FLOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wanted to spend a few moments to explain what I am trying to accomplish with this joint rule proposal, and also spend a few minutes talking about what I am not trying to accomplish.

As some of you know, the Joint Rules Committee is the committee that sets the rules that govern many of our protocols within the two bodies. That is why this proposal is presented as a Joint Rule Order, a suggestion to them, rather than as legislation or a legislative law.

You may recall that last month, we provisionally adopted last session's joint rules for the first days of this Legislature. We have until next Friday to amend those rules by a standard majority vote. The Joint Rules Committee meets Tuesday, and I wanted to have this suggestion provided, for their consideration and yours, at that time. That rules committee is made up primarily of your legislative leaders, and it is chaired by the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin, and is listed on page 7 and page 3 of your calendar today.

To the purpose of the proposed rule, there is a perception by the public, and I believe held by some here, that we do not necessarily control the number of bills coming into the Legislature, particularly in the first year of a Legislature. That bill number is roughly 2,000 and it has been more or less flat at that level for quite some time. I concur with that concern, yet I do not want to overly limit that ability of legislators to submit ideas or represent their constituencies. I would, however, like to develop some reasonable controls so that we can have a better chance of managing the larger issues that come before us. I have therefore created this framework for your consideration by the Rules Committee regarding the submittal of bills. By placing it on the Calendar, visible for all members of this body to see, each legislator can now weigh in and think about it.

The proposal on today's Calendar is simply a framework, and I wanted to let you know that I will be proposing some amendments for the Rules Committee's consideration that would suggest an exception process to this, and perhaps broadening this somewhat, so it is not to segregate it so much by year of seniority. Of course, any suggested changes would be at the mercy of the Rules Committee and you.

I also want to make it clear that the proposed rule, as drafted, would reduce the number of bills by about 50 percent, and the numbers that are embedded in it are, of course, flexible and dependent, again, upon the committee and you. Hopefully, you can see an amended version of this for your consideration next Thursday. It would have the committee's changes, if it survived the committee and came back to this body. I recognize that there are some changes that should be made, particularly to broaden and soften the limitations rather than trying to segregate by seniority. I am hopeful that I can work with you and members of the committee to make changes that would be acceptable and would yield additional efficiency for our legislative process, and I want to thank you for the time to explain that. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 22)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 10:00 the morning.

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Nonmember Directors To Serve on the Board of Cooperative Agricultural Associations"

(S.P. 18) (L.D. 46)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Composition of the Board of Pesticides Control"

(S.P. 27) (L.D. 68)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Stimulate Capital Investment for Innovative Businesses in Maine"

(S.P. 10) (L.D. 1)

Bill "An Act To Allow the Town of Baldwin To Be Eligible for Full Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits"

(S.P. 19) (L.D. 47)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Rule-making Authority to the Maine Library Commission"

(S.P. 11) (L.D. 2)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Beaches in Maine's State Parks" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 26) (L.D. 67)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List by Removing the Bald Eagle"

(S.P. 25) (L.D. 66)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Remove the Age Restriction for Serving as a Corporator of a Mutual Financial Institution"

(S.P. 13) (L.D. 4)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Requirements for the Livable Wage Report"

(S.P. 23) (L.D. 64)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Ability of the Maine Wage Assurance Fund To Pay Unpaid Workers"

(S.P. 24) (L.D. 65)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Designate Registered Voters Not Enrolled in a Political Party as Independent Voters"

(S.P. 12) (L.D. 3)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Liquor Licenses"

(S.P. 14) (L.D. 5)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Instruction Permit Process"

(S.P. 16) (L.D. 7)

Bill "An Act To Deter Road Rage"

(S.P. 17) (L.D. 8)

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

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 20)

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

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 21)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, having received the "Final Report and Recommendations for Implementation of the Sears Island Planning Initiative" of the Joint Use Planning Committee, is authorized to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature relating to Sears Island. The bill reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation must be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation for

processing in the normal course in accordance with the Joint Rules of the 124th Legislature.

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

READ.

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

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

On motion of Representative TARDY of Newport, the House adjourned at 10:48 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2009 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 22).