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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
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Thursday, January 15, 2009

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

Prayer by Bailey, Pastor Russell, Lincolnville-Bayshore Baptist Church, Lincolnville.

National Anthem by Skowhegan Middle School Chorus.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Peter Amann, M.D., Scarborough.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 13, 2009 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 26)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON JOINT RULES**

January 14, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Mitchell and Speaker Pingree:

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

- S.P. 29 Joint Order, To Amend the Joint Rules To Allow the Sponsor of a Bill To Be Present When Information Is Obtained for the Preparation of a Fiscal Note
- S.P. 30 Joint Order, To Amend the Joint Rules To Require a Minimum Threshold To Admit Bills for the First Regular Session
- H.P. 57 Joint Order, To Amend the Joint Rules To Limit the Number of Bills Introduced
- H.P. 72 Joint Order, To Amend Joint Rule 305-A Regarding Joint Standing Committee Procedure
- H.P. 73 Joint Order, Amend Joint Rules 202 and 203, Cloture for Legislators
- H.P. 100 Joint Order, To Amend Joint Rule 211 primary bill sponsor
- H.P. 106 Joint Order, To Amend the Joint Rules Regarding Public Hearing Notices

We have also notified the sponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Philip L. Bartlett, II

Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Martin

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 44)

STATE OF MAINE

124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 12, 2009

Sen. Lawrence Bliss

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Rep. Charles R. Priest

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

124th Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Bliss and Representative Priest:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has today nominated Paul K. Vestal of Plymouth for reappointment and Kenneth W. Fredette of Newport for appointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5, M.R.S.A. §4561, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell

President of the Senate

S/Hannah M. Pingree

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolution 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 Amend the Occupancy Limits for Campsites in the Unorganized Territories" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 113) (L.D. 134)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CLEARY of Houlton, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HAYES of Buckfield, JOY of Crystal, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Land for Maine's Future Board

(H.P. 132) (L.D. 153)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland, Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representative: PIOTTI of Unity, Senator: DAVIS of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Increase Mileage Reimbursement for Jurors"

(H.P. 114) (L.D. 135)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CLEARY of Houlton, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Require the Provision of Unstructured Recess Time for Elementary School Students"

(H.P. 115) (L.D. 136)

Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: LOVEJOY of Portland, MILLER of Somerville, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator: BLISS of Cumberland.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Remove Game Sanctuary Status for Certain Lands in the Town of Orrington"

(H.P. 108) (L.D. 124)

Sponsored by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, To Authorize a Trail To Be Built Connecting the Cascade Falls Trail with the Eastern Trail

(H.P. 116) (L.D. 137)

Sponsored by Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PILON of Saco, VALENTINO of Saco.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Placement of Bait To Attract Wild Animals or Birds for Hunting"

(H.P. 117) (L.D. 138)

Sponsored by Representative SARTY of Denmark.

Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CEBRA of Naples, DAVIS of Sangerville, JOHNSON of Greenville, JOY of Crystal, RICHARDSON of Warren, SHAW of Standish, SYKES of Harrison.

Bill "An Act To Require a Guide License for Certain Outdoor Activities"

(H.P. 118) (L.D. 139)

Sponsored by Representative SARTY of Denmark.

Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, DAVIS of Sangerville, EBERLE of South Portland, JOHNSON of Greenville, JOY of Crystal, RICHARDSON of Warren, SHAW of Standish, SYKES of Harrison.

Bill "An Act To Provide Notice of Foreclosures to Tenants"

(H.P. 127) (L.D. 148)

Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, FOSSEL of Alna, GOODE of Bangor, RICHARDSON of Warren, TREAT of Hallowell.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative PRIEST of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

LABOR

Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission To Study the Functions and Operations of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

(H.P. 109) (L.D. 125)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CLARK of Millinocket, CUSHING of Hampden, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, GILBERT of Jay.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to the Maine Jobs Council"

(H.P. 128) (L.D. 149)

Sponsored by Representative BLODGETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Safety of Forestry Workers and Contracted Farm Workers"

(H.P. 133) (L.D. 154)

Sponsored by Representative BLODGETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Maine Clean Election Act Candidate from Participating in Political Action Committee Funding"

(H.P. 119) (L.D. 140)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Allow Voters To Choose Ongoing Absentee Voter Status"

(H.P. 129) (L.D. 150)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, FITTS of Pittsfield, GOODE of Bangor, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, RUSSELL of Portland, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Allow a Person 65 Years of Age or Older To Obtain a Lobster License without Completing the Apprentice Program"

(H.P. 120) (L.D. 141)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.

Cosponsored by Representative: PRESCOTT of Topsham.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Alewife Fishing Laws"

(H.P. 130) (L.D. 151)

Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Revise the Boundary between the City of Waterville and the Town of Oakland"

(H.P. 121) (L.D. 142)

Sponsored by Representative NUTTING of Oakland.

Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: BECK of Waterville, TRINWARD of Waterville, Senator: President MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Process for Secession from a County by a Municipality"

(H.P. 122) (L.D. 143)

Sponsored by Representative ROBINSON of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CROCKETT of Bethel,

HAMPER of Oxford, MILLETT of Waterford, SARTY of Denmark, SYKES of Harrison, Senator: HASTINGS of Oxford.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature

(H.P. 123) (L.D. 144)

Sponsored by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, HINCK of Portland, JOHNSON of Greenville, VAN WIE of New Gloucester and Representatives: HAMPER of Oxford, PRESCOTT of Topsham.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Affecting Transportation"

(H.P. 110) (L.D. 126)

Sponsored by Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach.

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

Bill "An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Notify Vehicle Owners of Impending Registration Expiration"

(H.P. 124) (L.D. 145)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.

Bill "An Act Relating to Autocycles"

(H.P. 131) (L.D. 152)

Sponsored by Representative CONNOR of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRIGGS of Mexico, BROWNE of Vassalboro, MAZUREK of Rockland, PEOPLES of Westbrook, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, SULLIVAN of York.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Telephone Line-item Charges Not Representing Services Requested by the Customer or Required by Law"

(H.P. 111) (L.D. 127)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, DOSTIE of Sabattus, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, WAGNER of Lyman.

Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Require Telephone Directories To Include Cellular Telephone Numbers for Businesses"

(H.P. 125) (L.D. 146)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Protection of Electric Utility Consumer Interests in Public Utility Commission Cases Involving the Construction, Rebuilding or Relocating of Transmission Lines"

(H.P. 126) (L.D. 147)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, DOSTIE of Sabattus, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, WAGNER of Lyman, Senator: BLISS of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs Pursuant to Public Law

Representative PIEH for the **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** on Bill "An Act To Require the Teaching of Agricultural Studies in Maine's Schools" (H.P. 112) (L.D. 128)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** pursuant to Public Law 2007, chapter 660, section 18.

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

On motion of Representative SUTHERLAND of Chapman the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent for concurrence.

Change of Committee

Representative MARTIN from the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** on Joint Order, To Amend the Joint Rules To Require Agreement with the Legislative Code of Ethics

(H.P. 107)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**.

Report was **READ**.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Members of the House. This particular suggestion came from the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Carey, on the question of signing a statement saying that we supported the ethics document that is in the front of the Register.

You may remember, for those of you who have looked at the Calendar or were here before, there is actually a statement that comes from the 100th Legislature, and that has been printed in the Legislative Register forever. After looking at that and realizing that the Legislature passed an ethics law last year, we thought more appropriate that that be referred to the Legal and Vet Committee to basically redo it and come back with a recommendation to the Legislature. That is the purpose of this particular, and I would move a reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs.

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **ACCEPTED** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**. Sent for concurrence.

Ought to Pass as Amended - Orders

Representative MARTIN from the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** on Joint Order To Adopt Joint Rule 317 Review of provisions affecting the Fund for a Healthy Maine

(H.P. 74)

Reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1)**.

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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1) READ by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Members of the House. Over the years there has been some question as to where and who the responsibility was to deal with the Fund for Healthy Maine. As a result of that,

a proposal was submitted to deal with that by Representative Perry, as I recall, from Calais.

So the suggestion we have before you is that any committee, whether it comes from Transportation or Judiciary, that is going to expend funds from the Fund for Healthy Maine, that it would be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services to make a recommendation. After that recommendation is made, it would then go to the committee of jurisdiction and the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, so ever we clearly know where and how the money is being recommended so that priorities could be set with using the money for the Fund for Healthy Maine. Madam Speaker, I would move Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A."

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (H-1)** was **ADOPTED**.

The Joint Order was **PASSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 47)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 10:00 the morning.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Ought to Pass as Amended - Orders

Report of the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** on Joint Order To Amend the Joint Rules To Provide for Leave To Withdraw

(S.P. 42)

Reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-1)**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Joint Order **PASSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-1)**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-1)** **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Joint Order was **PASSED as Amended** in concurrence.

Ought to Pass as Amended - Orders

Report of the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** on Joint Order To Amend the Joint Rules Regarding Fiscal Notes

(S.P. 28)

Reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Joint Order **PASSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)**.

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

Committee Amendment "A" (S-2) was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Members of the House. I call your attention to Senate Paper 28 that has been submitted, which deals with the fiscal note.

In the past, there has always been some suggestions or problems with the way fiscal notes were handled, and whether or

not they actually reflected exactly what the committee was doing or the members were doing. What we have come up with, based on three recommendations, three suggestions that came from legislators, was to put forth this proposal before you for the Joint Rules. Basically, it would require that once a committee has voted on a bill, the committee clerk would take the material that he or she has put together during the course of the hearing, and send that over to the Fiscal and Program Review Office. Then they would be in the position to draft the fiscal note and then send it back to the committee for the committee to review. If there is to be and a problem should develop, at that point, the committee could choose to bring in someone from the Fiscal Office to review that fiscal note and then, after all of that is done, it would then follow the bill to the floor so that you would have an opportunity, if there is a feeling that someone is trying to kill a bill or pass a bill by putting more money than what the cost is attached to it in the fiscal note, you would have an opportunity to refute that. The sponsor, at the same time, must be notified of that.

This was unanimously adopted by the Joint Rules Committee yesterday, and I believe that it is a good approach to try to deal with the issue of fiscal notes. We will also ask the Fiscal Office, they will go to each committee to explain the process and how this will work. It also means that you will not receive fiscal notes prior to a hearing like you have in the past because we are trying to cut the amount of time that the Fiscal Office, because, remember, we only have one person in that office that deals with fiscal notes, so we are trying to save them time at the beginning but to get a more accurate fiscal note at the end. I believe that this is a real progress in getting to that issue.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Valentino.

Representative **VALENTINO**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to pose a question through the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose her question.

Representative **VALENTINO**: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

My question would be is that, if you have a bill that is pretty much based on fiscal note savings and now you won't have a fiscal note ahead of time, is it possible to request a note on a specific bill?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Saco, Representative Valentino has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. That process would still be allowed.

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)** was **ADOPTED**.

The Joint Order was **PASSED as Amended** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin, who wishes to address the House on the record in regards to Supplement No. 5.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, in reference to Supplement No. 5, which was adopted very quickly, I just want to quickly explain.

Some of you who have been here many years remember the leave to withdraw. It came to be abused because, all of the sudden, there would be 30 or 40 people at a public hearing show up, the sponsor would walk in and say "request leave to withdraw," and all of those people were left standing there having come for no purpose. We are reinstating the leave to withdraw here, but you have to request it, if you want that bill killed, by the

committee, leave to withdraw, so that it does not have an Ought to Pass Report, that you have to make your request prior to the advertising of the bill. If you know prior to the advertising, through this process you submit a bill that you don't want anything to do with it, you will simply send a letter or tell the chair that you want leave to withdraw. On the other side of that coin, if you don't do that and the bill comes to the committee and a public hearing has been called, people are there, leave to withdraw will not be allowed in this rule and you will end up, as you have in the last session, an Ought Not to Pass Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 27)

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

January 15, 2009

Hon. Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, HP 63, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future:

John L. Martin of Eagle Lake (Co-Chair)

Sharon Anglin Treat of Hallowell

Herbert C. Adams of Portland

Nancy E. Smith of Monmouth

Jane E. Eberle of South Portland

John Hinck of Portland

Michael E. Carey of Lewiston

Kenneth C. Fletcher of Winslow

Stacey Allen Fitts of Pittsfield

Jane Crosby Giles of Belfast Michael Celli of Brewer

Dianne Tilton of Harrington

If 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.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Clarify Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Laws for Youth"

(S.P. 51) (L.D. 132)

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 Regarding the Electronic Submission of Filings"

(S.P. 45) (L.D. 123)

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.

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Conduct a Pilot Program for Early Voting for the November 2009 Election

(S.P. 48) (L.D. 129)

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 Allow a Municipality Greater Flexibility To Disburse State Fees"

(S.P. 49) (L.D. 130)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Duplicate Vanity License Plate in a Different Classification of Plate"

(S.P. 52) (L.D. 133)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Athens Standard Water District"

(S.P. 50) (L.D. 131)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 28)

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

January 14, 2009

Honorable Millicent MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland,

Pursuant to my authority under HP 63 establishing the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators:

Senator Philip Bartlett of Cumberland, Chair

Senator Joseph Perry of Penobscot

Senator Deborah Simpson of Androscoggin

Senator Doug Smith of Piscataquis

Senator Christopher Rector of Knox

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

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

On motion of Representative CLEARY of Houlton, the House adjourned at 10:56 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2009 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 47).