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FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
7th Legislative Day  
Thursday, January 29, 2009

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

Prayer by Pastor Carol Prosser, South China (retired).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Timothy Goltz, M.D., Damariscotta.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 27, 2009 was read and approved.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 35)

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE  
CENTER FOR EDUCATION POLICY,  
APPLIED RESEARCH & EVALUATION  
37 COLLEGE AVENUE  
GORHAM, ME 04038**

January 22, 2009

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree

Room 303, State House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Pingree,

The Maine State Legislature requested the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, University of Southern Maine Office, to compile and publish a comprehensive description of public education in Maine each year. Appropriately, the recently completed book is entitled *The Condition of K-12 Public Education in Maine 2009*.

We would like to provide you and your staff with copies of the book for use in your daily deliberations. We hope you will find the information broad yet focused on the many aspects of K-12 public education.

Sincerely,

S/David L. Silvernail

Director

S/Sharon Gerrish

Project Assistant

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

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

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**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative WHEELER of Kittery, the following House Order: (H.O. 11)

**ORDERED**, that Representative Edward P. Legg of Kennebunk be excused January 7th and January 21st for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Windol C. Weaver of York be excused January 21st for health reasons.

**READ** and **PASSED.**

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The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrison, Representative Sykes, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **SYKES**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. \$13,160 for 13 minutes worth of work.

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The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Valentino, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **VALENTINO**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to update the House on Representative Smith and Representative Percy. I know neither one of them are here today. I have talked with both of them, and they wanted to say thank you to all of the members who have called them after their accident. They are both doing fine. Representative Percy did not come in today because of her back problems, and Representative Smith is still stuck out in California. But they did want to say thank you to everybody. They are very, very shook up with their near death experience, and I just wanted to let everybody know how they were doing.

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 91)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 10:00 the morning.

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

**READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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

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On motion of Representative BRYANT of Windham, the House adjourned at 10:26 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2009 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 91).