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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
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11th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 12, 2009

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

Prayer by Reverend Mark D. Wilson, Phippsburg Congregational Church (UCC).

National Anthem by Edward Little High School Chamber Choir, Auburn.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Victoria Rogers, M.D., Portland.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 10, 2009 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Sustain Nursing Education in Lincoln County"
(S.P. 173) (L.D. 470)

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Reevaluate the Scope of Coverage for the Childless Adult Waiver Program"

(S.P. 149) (L.D. 405)

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Fund State Drug Prosecutors"

(S.P. 180) (L.D. 477)

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Increase Leaves of Absence for State Employees and Officials Who Are Members of the National Guard or Reserves of the United States Armed Forces"

(S.P. 153) (L.D. 409)

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Removal of Dams That Pose a Hazard to Public Safety and the Installation and Repair of Fishways"

(S.P. 112) (L.D. 348)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow State Agencies To Acquire and Sell Carbon Credits under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative"

(S.P. 127) (L.D. 363)

Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Relating to Interference with Navigation on Inland Waters"

(H.P. 303) (L.D. 415)

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in the House on February 10, 2009.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**. The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to the ElderCare Network"

(H.P. 304) (L.D. 416)

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in the House on February 10, 2009.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Require State Employees To Pay 15% of Their Health Insurance Costs"

(H.P. 305) (L.D. 417)

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in the House on February 10, 2009.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative CAIN of Orono, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 48)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

February 6, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th 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 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 136 An Act To Require the Provision of Unstructured Recess Time for Elementary School Students

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Justin L. Alfond

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patricia B. Sutherland

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 49)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 6, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th 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 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 17 An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph C. Brannigan

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 50)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 6, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th 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 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 99 An Act To Allow Authorization for the Release of HIV Information on a General Medical Information Release Form

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph C. Brannigan

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 51)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

February 9, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th 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 Standing Committee on Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 27 An Act To Amend the Definition of Employment for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Troy D. Jackson

Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Tuttle, Jr.

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 52)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

February 6, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th 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 Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 205 An Act To Repeal the Maine Clean Election Act

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nancy B. Sullivan

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Pamela Jabar Trinward

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 53)

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

February 5, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th 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 Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 36 An Act To Reopen Certain Rest Stops on Route 1

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dennis S. Damon

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Edward J. Mazurek

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 54)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

February 10, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Senate President

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th Maine State Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Mitchell and Speaker Pingree,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Plowman of Penobscot, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 170 An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Harness Horse Racing Track Conditions

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John M. Nutting

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Wendy Pieh

House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 185)

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 9, 2009

Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

Rep. Nancy E. Smith

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

124th Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Schneider and Representative Smith:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Cathy McKelway of Oakland for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees.

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

Sincerely,

S/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 **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 186)

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 9, 2009

Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

Rep. Nancy E. Smith

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

124th Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Schneider and Representative Smith:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Adam Cote of Portland and W. Donald Hudson of Arrowsic for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §13083-I, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development 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 **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 187)

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

February 9, 2009

Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

Rep. Nancy E. Smith

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

124th Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Schneider and Representative Smith:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Susan Snowden of Scarborough for reappointment and Michael Mahoney of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10 M.R.S.A. §972, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development 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 **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 45)

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

February 10, 2009
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Pingree:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 124th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Jarred W. J. Sternbergh of Jonesboro for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Transportation, the nomination of Brenda C. Garrand of Portland for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Sincerely,
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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 Transfer the Operation of the Fort Knox State Historic Site to the Friends of Fort Knox"

(H.P. 354) (L.D. 509)

Sponsored by Representative **CELLI** of Brewer.
Cosponsored by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock and Representatives: **CRAFTS** of Lisbon, **DAVIS** of Sangerville, **GILES** of Belfast, **GOODE** of Bangor, **JOHNSON** of Greenville, **ROSEN** of Bucksport, **WAGNER** of Lyman, **WEAVER** of York.

Bill "An Act To Require That a Majority of the Members of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission Reside in the Commission's Jurisdiction"

(H.P. 361) (L.D. 516)

Sponsored by Representative **THOMAS** of Ripley.
Cosponsored by Representative **JOY** of Crystal, Senator **SMITH** of Piscataquis and Representatives: **AYOTTE** of Caswell, **CRAY** of Palmyra, **GIFFORD** of Lincoln, **McFADDEN** of Dennysville, **PINKHAM** of Lexington Township, **SAVIELLO** of Wilton, **THIBODEAU** of Winterport, Senator: **SHERMAN** of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Employment of Animal Control Officers by Animal Shelters"

(H.P. 362) (L.D. 517)

Sponsored by Representative **CLEARY** of Houlton.
Cosponsored by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook and Representatives: **BERRY** of Bowdoinham, **EATON** of Sullivan, **MCCABE** of Skowhegan, **SCHATZ** of Blue Hill, **SMITH** of Monmouth, **SOCTOMAH** of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, **WILLETTE** of Presque Isle.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Enhance Funding for Stem Cell Research in Maine"

(H.P. 363) (L.D. 518)

Sponsored by Representative **PILON** of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland and Representatives: **CAIN** of Orono, **CONNOR** of Kennebunk, **FLEMINGS** of Bar Harbor, **MARTIN** of Eagle Lake, Speaker **PINGREE** of North Haven, Senators: **DAMON** of Hancock, **HOBBINS** of York, **MILLS** of Somerset.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Expand the Diagnostic Function of Denturists"

(H.P. 364) (L.D. 519)

Sponsored by Representative **SHAW** of Standish.
Cosponsored by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook and Representatives: **CLARK** of Millinocket, **CLEARY** of Houlton, **EATON** of Sullivan, **FOSSEL** of Alna, **GILBERT** of Jay, **GILES** of Belfast, **HUNT** of Buxton, **WALSH INNES** of Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act Authorizing Colleges and Universities To Regulate Public Safety on Their Campuses"

(H.P. 365) (L.D. 520)

Sponsored by Representative **ROTUNDO** of Lewiston.
Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative **HASKELL** of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Ensure Continued Support for Local Adult Education Programs"

(H.P. 366) (L.D. 521)

Sponsored by Representative **CROCKETT** of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator **RAYE** of Washington and Representatives: **MARTIN** of Eagle Lake, **MILLETT** of Waterford, **NASS** of Acton, **NELSON** of Falmouth, **STRANG BURGESS** of Cumberland, Senators: **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **COURTNEY** of York, **NASS** of York.

Resolve, To Establish the Study Commission Regarding Teachers' Salaries (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 367) (L.D. 522)

Sponsored by Representative **SUTHERLAND** of Chapman.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIN of Orono, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, WAGNER of Lewiston.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education To Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Early Childhood Intervention

(H.P. 368) (L.D. 523)

Sponsored by Representative WAGNER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, HASKELL of Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, JONES of Mount Vernon, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, NELSON of Falmouth, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula"

(H.P. 389) (L.D. 551)

Sponsored by Representative FINCH of Fairfield.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Provide Assistance to Family Members, Friends and Neighbors Who Provide Home Health Care for Senior Citizens"

(H.P. 369) (L.D. 524)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield.

Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CONNOR of Kennebunk, FLOOD of Winthrop, GILES of Belfast, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, SAVIELLO of Wilton, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, WHEELER of Kittery.

Resolve, Authorizing Coverage of Enteral Formula under the MaineCare Program

(H.P. 390) (L.D. 552)

Sponsored by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator TRAHAN of Lincoln and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, CASAVANT of Biddeford, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, JOY of Crystal, MORRISON of South Portland, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Require Reimbursement for Search and Rescue Operations"

(H.P. 355) (L.D. 510)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIS of Sangerville, GIFFORD of Lincoln, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Misuse of Woodlands by the Public"

(H.P. 370) (L.D. 525)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Support District Attorney Check Diversion Programs"

(H.P. 356) (L.D. 511)

Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Beano and Bingo Laws as They Apply to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes"

(H.P. 371) (L.D. 526)

Sponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, EATON of Sullivan, MCCABE of Skowhegan, NASS of Acton, PILON of Saco, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, WILLETTE of Presque Isle, Senator: BLISS of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Require a Referee of a Land Dispute To Render a Decision within One Year"

(H.P. 372) (L.D. 527)

Sponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CRAY of Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HANLEY of Gardiner, JOY of Crystal, McFADDEN of Dennysville, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Person Whose Parental Rights Have Been Terminated from Gaining Custody of a Grandchild"

(H.P. 373) (L.D. 528)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Bill "An Act To Create a Traffic Court"

(H.P. 374) (L.D. 529)

Sponsored by Representative PILON of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, HILL of York, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PRIEST of Brunswick, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, HOBBS of York, PERRY of Penobscot.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Amend the Employment Practices Laws"

(H.P. 351) (L.D. 496)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Conserve Energy in Residential Leasehold Tenancies"

(H.P. 352) (L.D. 497)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act Regarding Alcoholic Beverage Tastings"

(H.P. 353) (L.D. 498)

Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, SULLIVAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Voting by Maine Residents in the Military Who Are Deployed Overseas"

(H.P. 357) (L.D. 512)

Sponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BICKFORD of Auburn, CLARK of Easton, THERIAULT of Madawaska, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, WAGNER of Lyman.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Criminal Responsibility in the Sale of Alcohol and Tobacco to Minors"

(H.P. 359) (L.D. 514)

Sponsored by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Number of Signatures Required and Prohibit Payment for Signatures in the Citizen's Initiative Process

(H.P. 375) (L.D. 530)

Sponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York.
Resolve, To Allow Jenny Powell To Sue the State
(H.P. 376) (L.D. 531)

Sponsored by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York.
Bill "An Act To Clarify Allowable Practices Concerning Maine Farm Wineries"
(H.P. 377) (L.D. 532)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: PLUMMER of Windham, ROBINSON of Raymond, SARTY of Denmark, SYKES of Harrison.

Bill "An Act To Establish a State-controlled Casino"
(H.P. 378) (L.D. 533)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.
Bill "An Act To Require Disclosure to a Potential Signer That a Circulator of Petitions for a Direct Initiative or People's Veto of Legislation Is Being Paid"
(H.P. 379) (L.D. 534)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CONNOR of Kennebunk, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, TRINWARD of Waterville, VALENTINO of Saco, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Allow a Municipality To Recover Emergency Response Costs from a Natural Gas Utility in Certain Cases"
(H.P. 360) (L.D. 515)

Sponsored by Representative DRISCOLL of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, PEOPLES of Westbrook, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Temporary Placement of Structures To Protect Property from Natural Disasters"
(H.P. 380) (L.D. 535)

Sponsored by Representative CHASE of Wells.
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: HAMPER of Oxford, HILL of York, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, WEAVER of York, WHEELER of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Maine's Electronic Waste Recycling Law" (EMERGENCY)
(H.P. 381) (L.D. 536)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DUCHESNE of Hudson, KNAPP of Gorham, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin, RECTOR of Knox.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolve, To Return Two-thirds of the Purchase Cost of Sears Island to the People of Maine
(H.P. 382) (L.D. 537)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Representative THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act To Consolidate the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife into a New Department of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources"
(H.P. 383) (L.D. 538)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.
Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Allowable Uses of Tax Increment Financing Funds"
(H.P. 384) (L.D. 539)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOY of Crystal, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THERIAULT of Madawaska, THOMAS of Ripley, Senators: SHERMAN of Aroostook, SMITH of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Promote Forest Certification and Long-term Forest Management"
(H.P. 385) (L.D. 540)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.
Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Abatement of Property Taxes Due to Infirmity or Poverty"
(H.P. 391) (L.D. 553)

Sponsored by Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLAND of Sanford, LOVEJOY of Portland, STUCKEY of Portland, TRINWARD of Waterville, WAGNER of Lewiston.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Update the Casco Bay Island Transit District Enabling Law"
(H.P. 358) (L.D. 513)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BROWNE of Vassalboro, COHEN of Portland, EDGECOMB of Caribou, HANLEY of Gardiner, SARTY of Denmark, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, TRAHAN of Lincoln.

Resolve, Regarding the Retention of Dealer Plates in Light of Recent Economic Conditions
(H.P. 386) (L.D. 541)

Sponsored by Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PEOPLES of Westbrook, ROSEN of Bucksport.

Bill "An Act Pertaining to the TransCap Trust Fund in the Maine Municipal Bond Bank"
(H.P. 387) (L.D. 542)

Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAZUREK of Rockland, PEOPLES of Westbrook, ROSEN of Bucksport.

Resolve, To Allow the Department of Transportation To Transfer Certain Land to the Greater Grand Isle Historical Society
(H.P. 392) (L.D. 554)

Sponsored by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CLARK of Easton, EDGECOMB of Caribou, JOY of Crystal, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, THERIAULT of Madawaska, WILLETTE of Presque Isle, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act Concerning the Allocation of Power Generated by GNE, LLC"

(H.P. 388) (L.D. 543)

Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOY of Crystal, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THOMAS of Ripley, Senators: SHERMAN of Aroostook, SMITH of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Promote Public Safety Answering Point Efficiency"

(H.P. 393) (L.D. 555)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, COTTA of China, JONES of Mount Vernon, TREAT of Hallowell, TRINWARD of Waterville, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Pursuant to Statute

**Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources,
Board of Pesticides Control**

Representative PIEH for the **Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 22: Standards for Outdoor Application of Pesticides by Powered Equipment in Order To Minimize Off-target Deposition, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 349) (L.D. 494)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

**Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources,
Board of Pesticides Control**

Representative PIEH for the **Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 10: Definitions and Terms, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 350) (L.D. 495)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative WHEELER of Kittery, the following House Order: (H.O. 13)

ORDERED, that Representative Sheryl J. Briggs of Mexico be excused January 29 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Leila J. Percy of Phippsburg be excused January 21, 27 and 29 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Nancy E. Smith of Monmouth be excused January 27, 29 and February 3 for legislative business.

READ and **PASSED**.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following item:

Recognizing:

the Washington Academy boys' soccer team, of East Machias, on its winning the 2008 Class C State Championship. It is the first team from Eastern Maine to win the Class C State Championship since 1986. We extend our congratulations to the coaches and all of the members of the Washington Academy boys' soccer team;

(SLS 43)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TARDY of Newport, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

**Refer to the Committee on Judiciary
Pursuant to Statute**

Report of the **Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary** on Bill "An Act To Increase Judicial Salaries" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 183) (L.D. 487)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1701, subsection 13.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 10, 2009, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Require Unredeemed Beverage Container Deposits To Be Provided to the State"

(H.P. 45) (L.D. 52)

(Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested)

TABLED - January 7, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

Representative **MARTIN**: Madam Speaker, Members of the House. This bill is actually a duplicate of two bills that have already been submitted in the process, and we don't need a third one.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and sent for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure That All Toll and Intermodal Transportation Facilities and Roadway Lighting within the Maine Turnpike Corridor Are Consistent with Maine's Quality of Place Goals"

(H.P. 290) (L.D. 383)

(Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested)

TABLED - February 5, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative CLEARY of Houlton, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Procedure for Foreclosure Regarding Timing and Sale"

(H.P. 284) (L.D. 377)

(Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested)

TABLED - February 5, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

Bill "An Act To Establish a Process for the Determination of a Reasonable Price in the Use of Eminent Domain by the Maine Turnpike Authority"

(H.P. 293) (L.D. 386)

(Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested)

TABLED - February 5, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative PRIEST of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Fair and Actual Funds from Maine Turnpike Authority Toll Receipts Be Given to the Department of Transportation Annually"

(H.P. 295) (L.D. 388)

(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested)

TABLED - February 5, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Child Support Collections"

(S.P. 141) (L.D. 399)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

TABLED - February 5, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Wider Kayaks in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway"

(S.P. 118) (L.D. 354)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

TABLED - February 10, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative PIEH of Bremen.

PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE**.

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

Bill "An Act To Improve the Safety of Snowmobile Trails"

(H.P. 302) (L.D. 414)

(Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested)

TABLED - February 10, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative PIEH of Bremen.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative PIEH of Bremen, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure That the Maine Turnpike Authority Conducts Public Hearings for Construction and Reconstruction Projects and That All Public Records of the Maine Turnpike Authority Are Open for Inspection"

(H.P. 320) (L.D. 432)

(Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested)

TABLED - February 10, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 211)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 10:00 the morning.

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Multiuse Arena in Bangor"

(S.P. 202) (L.D. 507)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Include as Authorized Project Costs the Construction or Improvement of Buildings Used by Municipalities for Purposes of Designating Municipal Development Districts"

(S.P. 195) (L.D. 500)

Bill "An Act To Enhance Economic Development in Rural Maine"

(S.P. 199) (L.D. 504)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Returnable Beverage Containers"

(S.P. 204) (L.D. 544)

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 More Accurately Reflect the Disposition of a Case in Criminal History Record Information"

(S.P. 191) (L.D. 492)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Residents from Home Fires and Carbon Monoxide"

(S.P. 212) (L.D. 550)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Resolve, Regarding Continuity of Care in the Child Development Services System

(S.P. 188) (L.D. 489)

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.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Amend Its Rules Pertaining to Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Day

(S.P. 200) (L.D. 505)

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 Regulate Foreclosure Negotiators"

(S.P. 198) (L.D. 503)

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

On motion of Representative TREAT of Hallowell, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reform Maine's Judicial System"

(S.P. 190) (L.D. 491)

Bill "An Act To Require Additional Information in the Annual Reports of Nonprofit Corporations"

(S.P. 197) (L.D. 502)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Corporations, Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships"

(S.P. 203) (L.D. 508)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to Public Information"

(S.P. 206) (L.D. 546)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Employment Practices Law Regarding Substance Abuse Testing"

(S.P. 209) (L.D. 549)

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 Amend the Laws Concerning Write-in Candidates for Elected Office To Increase Fairness"

(S.P. 207) (L.D. 547)

Bill "An Act To Provide Information to Maine Voters About the Cost and Fiscal Impact of Citizens' Initiatives"

(S.P. 208) (L.D. 548)

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 Protect Public Safety and Provide for the Prudent Use of Landfill Capacity"

(S.P. 201) (L.D. 506)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Issue Requests for Proposals for the Shredding of State Documents"

(S.P. 194) (L.D. 499)

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 Amend the Laws Regarding Mandatory Electronic Filing of Certain Tax Returns" (EMERGENCY)
(S.P. 189) (L.D. 490)

Bill "An Act To Provide Sensible Options for Tax Increment Financing Proceeds in Small Towns"
(S.P. 192) (L.D. 493)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Exemption Regarding Leased Property"
(S.P. 205) (L.D. 545)

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

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 210)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS ACADIANS HAVE MADE TO OUR STATE AND NEW BRUNSWICK

WHEREAS, Acadia refers to the area of early French settlement in colonial times in what is now Maine and the Canadian Maritime Provinces, including our neighbor, New Brunswick, and this area retains its ancient and proud French heritage and language; and

WHEREAS, Maine Acadian culture can be found everywhere in the St. John Valley in Aroostook County: it can be seen in the predominance of French given names and place-names; in the architecture of houses, churches, potato houses and twin barns; in the cultivation of potatoes and buckwheat; and in local arts; and

WHEREAS, Maine Acadian can be tasted in traditional foods and heard in casual conversations and stage performances and read about in books; and

WHEREAS, the cultural identity of Maine Acadians is directly tied to retaining strong connections to family, religion and the land; and

WHEREAS, despite significant changes in social and economic life, Maine Acadian family names, religious affiliation and connection to the land remain potent markers of cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, the characteristic features of Maine Acadian cultural identity are rooted in the shared values, ideas and practices passed on from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, Maine Acadians have historically used the French language to transmit cultural knowledge, particularly oral traditions, and today French is learned as a first or second language throughout the State of Maine, including in other Franco-American communities; and

WHEREAS, clubs and organizations to promote Acadian and French culture and language in the State have sprung up in past years, including many at the local level and the Francophone Caucus at the Maine State House in Augusta; and

WHEREAS, throughout Maine history, Maine Acadians have held prominent positions in all of State Government, including the legislative and judicial branches and at all local levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the French language and other expressive traditions further contribute to the distinctiveness of Maine Acadian culture within the United States and the culture of Acadians in neighboring New Brunswick, and these ties bind the two nations closer together; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, join together in recognizing the importance of the cultural and historical significance and contributions of Acadian residents of our State; and be it further

RESOLVED: That, as we recognize the significance of Acadian culture in the State of Maine, we join together to support the consideration of Maine and New Brunswick by the Societe Nationale de l'Acadie as the host for the 2014 World Acadian Congress.

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

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, the House adjourned at 10:57 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2009 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 211) and in honor and lasting tribute to Roland H. Desrochers, of Alfred.