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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION 21st Legislative Day Wednesday, March 25, 2009

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker

Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska assumed the Chair.

Prayer by Monsignor Marc B. Caron, Prince of Peace Catholic Parish, Lewiston.

Colors presented by Franco American War Veterans' Color Guard, Post 31, Lewiston.

National Anthem by Melanie Saucier, Fort Kent.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Representative Brian D. Bolduc, Auburn.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 17, 2009 was read and approved.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Provide a Tax Credit for Heating and Cooling System Alternatives and Improvements That Benefit the Environment and Address Climate Change" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 363) (L.D. 980)

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

Committee on MAINE'S ENERGY FUTURE and ordered printed. REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on MAINE'S ENERGY FUTURE in concurrence.

Resolve, To Improve Recycling in Maine

(S.P. 381) (L.D. 1017)

Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 113) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

March 13, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and

Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 9 An Act To Prohibit the Force-feeding of Birds (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 75 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Streamline Agricultural Regulation

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John M. Nutting

Senate Chair S/Rep. Wendy Pieh

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 114) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT

March 13, 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 Business, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

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

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Nancy E. Smith House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 115) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

March 17, 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 Business, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 469 An Act To Strengthen Rural Community Investment We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely, S/Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider Senate Chair S/Rep. Nancy E. Smith House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 116) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

March 13, 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. 697 An Act To Stabilize School Heating Costs

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. 117) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

March 13, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 172 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Market Youth Fishing Day

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bruce S. Bryant Senate Chair

S/Rep. Herbert E. Clark

House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 118)

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

March 17, 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 Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 392 An Act To Reduce Minimum Participation to 60% for Group Health Insurance

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Peter B. Bowman

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Sharon A. Treat

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 119)

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

March 18, 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 Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 191 An Act Regarding Insurance Copayments for Short-term Prescriptions

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Peter B. Bowman

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Sharon A. Treat

House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 120) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

March 13, 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 Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 363 An Act To Allow State Agencies To Acquire and Sell Carbon Credits under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

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

Sincerely, S/Sen. Seth A. Goodall Senate Chair

S/Rep. Robert S. Duchesne

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 121)

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

March 16, 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 Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass": L.D. 506 An Act To Protect Public Safety and Provide for

the Prudent Use of Landfill Capacity

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

Sincerely, S/Sen. Seth A. Goodall

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Robert S. Duchesne

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 122)

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

March 18, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House 124th Legislature

State House

Senate Chair

House Chair

S/Rep. Robert S. Duchesne

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 Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass": L.D. 686 An Act To Require Semiannual Testing in Certain Gravel Pits

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action. Sincerely, S/Sen, Seth A. Goodall READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 123) STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

March 12, 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 463 An Act To Allow Nonresident Property Owners To Vote on Municipal Budget Matters
- L.D. 499 An Act To Require the State To Issue Requests for Proposals for the Shredding of State Documents
- L.D. 586 An Act To Retain Business in the State By Amending the Law Governing State Contract Bids
- L.D. 587 An Act To Allow a Board of Selectmen To Fill a Vacancy on That Board

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Deborah L. Simpson

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Stephen R. Beaudette

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 124)

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

March 16, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 471 An Act To Encourage Alternative Energy and Promote Maine Businesses (EMERGENCY)

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

Sincerely, S/Sen. Joseph C. Perry Senate Chair

S/Rep. Thomas R. Watson House Chair

use Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 125)

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

March 17, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 283 Resolve, Regarding the Cost of Telephone Calls Made by Incarcerated Persons
- L.D. 384 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Cap on the Tax Assessment for Correctional Services in Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stanley J. Gerzofsky

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne M. Haskell

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 126)

STATE OF MAINE

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

March 20, 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. 610 An Act To Add 10 Days to the School Year and To Require Daily Physical Exercise for All School Children

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. 127) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

March 20, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 70 An Act To Amend the Length Limits on Fish Caught on the Inland Waters L.D. 287 An Act To Survey Anglers Annually
- L.D. 457 An Act To Survey Anglers Annually L.D. 457 An Act Regarding Nuisance Beaver
- L.D. 487 An Act Regarding Nuisance Beaver L.D. 482 An Act To Limit the Use of Seaplanes on West Harbor Pond
- L.D. 510 An Act To Require Reimbursement for Search and Rescue Operations

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely, S/Sen. Bruce S. Bryant

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Herbert E. Clark

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 128)

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

March 19, 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. 548 An Act To Provide Information to Maine Voters About the Cost and Fiscal Impact of Citizens' Initiatives

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. 129)

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

March 20, 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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 5 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Liquor Licenses

L.D. 105 An Act To Increase the Allowable Contributions to Traditionally Funded Campaigns

L.D. 140 An Act To Prohibit a Maine Clean Election Act Candidate from Participating in Political Action Committee Funding

L.D. 259 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed 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. 110)

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

March 13, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Senate President Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th Maine State Legislature

State House

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. Jackson of Aroostook, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 669 An Act To Clarify an Employer's Ability To Collect the Overcompensation of Wages

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Troy D. Jackson Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Tuttle, Jr.

House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED

ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 111) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

March 17, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Senate President

Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House

124th Maine State Legislature

State House

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 Rep. Hill of York, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 902 An Act To Provide the Right of First Refusal to Mobile Home Park Residents

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nancy B. Sullivan Senate Chair S/Rep. Pamela Jabar Trinward

House Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 112)

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

March 18, 2009

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Senate President Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House 124th Maine State Legislature

State House

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. Goodall of Sagadahoc, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 243 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Establish a Memorial Park Honoring Veterans in Topsham

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dennis S. Damon

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Edward J. Mazurek

House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **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 Amend the Animal Welfare Laws"

(H.P. 758) (L.D. 1103)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen. Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: GIFFORD of Lincoln, McCABE of Skowhegan, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PRATT of Eddington.

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands

(H.P. 797) (L.D. 1158)

Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Relating to Industrial Hemp"

(H.P. 798) (L.D. 1159)

Sponsored by Representative WELSH of Rockport. Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, EATON of Sullivan, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Reduce Maine's Debt by Applying Year-end Departmental Balances to the Debt Service"

(H.P. 780) (L.D. 1136) Sponsored by Representative COTTA of China.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AYOTTE of Caswell, BROWNE of Vassalboro, BURNS of Whiting, CLARK of Easton, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, CURTIS of Madison, FLETCHER of Winslow, HANLEY of Gardiner, HAYES of Buckfield, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, McKANE of Newcastle, NUTTING of Oakland, RICHARDSON of Warren, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SIROIS of Turner, TARDY of Newport, WEAVER of York, WILLETTE of Presque Isle, Senators: COURTNEY of York, DAVIS of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, RECTOR of Knox, SHERMAN of Aroostook, SIMPSON of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York, TRAHAN of Lincoln.

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Regulate Mixed Martial Arts Competitions, Exhibitions and Events"

(H.P. 751) (L.D. 1089)

Sponsored by Representative PETERSON of Rumford. Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CLEARY of Houlton, COHEN of Portland, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CRAFTS of Lisbon, HUNT of Buxton, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, SMITH of Monmouth.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Interest Charged under Rentalpurchase Agreements"

(H.P. 781) (L.D. 1137)

Sponsored by Representative EVES of North Berwick. Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, McCABE of Skowhegan, PETERSON of Rumford, SANBORN of Gorham, STUCKEY of Portland.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Promote Personal Financial Responsibility by Allowing a Person To Make Good on Dishonored Checks Prior to the Imposition of Criminal Penalties"

(H.P. 762) (L.D. 1107)

Sponsored by Representative HAYES of Buckfield. Resolve, To Provide Assistance to Private Sellers of Firearms

(H.P. 782) (L.D. 1138) Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LOVEJOY of Portland, SYKES of Harrison, Senator: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Require Internet Service Providers To Retain Records"

(H.P. 783) (L.D. 1139)

Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: LAJOIE of Lewiston, SYKES of Harrison, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Use of Deadly Force by Law Enforcement Officers Against Individuals Suffering From Mental Illness"

(H.P. 805) (L.D. 1166) Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland and Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, GREELEY of Levant, HANLEY of Gardiner, HASKELL of Portland, LAJOIE of Lewiston, WHEELER of Kittery.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Allow Veterans and Active Duty Military Members To Qualify for In-state Tuition"

(H.P. 752) (L.D. 1090) Sponsored by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIN of Orono, CROCKETT of Bethel, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, TRINWARD of Waterville, Senator: SULLIVAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Require the Convening of the Professional Standards Board" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 759) (L.D. 1104)

Sponsored by Representative SUTHERLAND of Chapman. Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIN of Orono, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, PERRY of Calais, WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Model Dating Violence Prevention Policy"

(H.P. 760) (L.D. 1105)

Sponsored by Representative WAGNER of Lyman. Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CASAVANT of Biddeford, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, RANKIN of Hiram, WAGNER of Lewiston.

Resolve, To Establish a Schoolchildren's Well-being Stakeholder Group

(H.P. 761) (L.D. 1106)

Sponsored by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAGNAN of Stockton Springs, RANKIN of Hiram, RUSSELL of Portland, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, STUCKEY of Portland.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Convene a Work Group To Strengthen Farm-to-school Efforts in the State (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 784) (L.D. 1140)

Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan. Cosponsored by Representative KENT of Woolwich, Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland. BECK of Waterville, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLAND of Sanford, BRIGGS of Mexico, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, CAREY of Lewiston, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, COHEN of Portland, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, CRAY of Palmyra, CUSHING of Hampden, DOSTIE of Sabattus, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, EBERLE of South Portland, EDGECOMB of Caribou, EVES of North Berwick, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, HARLOW of Portland, HARVELL of Farmington, HILL of York, HUNT of Buxton, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, KRUGER of Thomaston, LEGG of Kennebunk, MARTIN of Orono, MAZUREK of Rockland, MORRISON of South Portland, NELSON of Falmouth, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PIEH of Bremen, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PRATT of Eddington, RANKIN of Hiram, RUSSELL of Portland, SANBORN of Gorham, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SHAW of Standish, SIROIS of Turner, SMITH of Monmouth, STEVENS of Bangor,

STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, STUCKEY of Portland, WAGNER of Lyman, Senators: BLISS of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Add a Member from Castine to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy"

(H.P. 785) (L.D. 1141)

Sponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill. Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Person from Being Hired in a School Administrative Unit in a Position for Which a Relative Serves in a Supervisory Capacity"

(H.P. 799) (L.D. 1160) Sponsored by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Require That Universities within the University of Maine System Accept Credits Earned at Other Universities within the System"

(H.P. 800) (L.D. 1161) Sponsored by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Teacher Certification Interns"

(H.P. 801) (L.D. 1162) Sponsored by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

Resolve, To Reduce Childhood Obesity in Schools by Adding to the Physical Education Curriculum

(H.P. 802) (L.D. 1163)

Sponsored by Representative PILON of Saco. Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, LOVEJOY of Portland, McFADDEN of Dennysville, MILLER of Somerville, NELSON of Falmouth, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, Senators: BOWMAN of York, HOBBINS of York.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Kinship Families (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 770) (L.D. 1115)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono. Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAMPBELL of Newfield, MILLER of Somerville, PRIEST of Brunswick, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Health Care Practitioners Understand and Screen for Domestic Abuse for Pregnant Women and New Mothers"

(H.P. 771) (L.D. 1116) Sponsored by Representative MORRISON of South Portland. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, KAENRATH of South Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, RUSSELL of Portland, STEVENS of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Create a Statewide Breast-feeding Resource System at Women, Infants and Children Offices"

(H.P. 772) (L.D. 1117)

Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan. Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, EVES of North Berwick, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, JONES of Mount Vernon, PETERSON of Rumford, PRATT of Eddington, SANBORN of Gorham, STUCKEY of Portland.

Resolve, To Ensure Access to Speech and Hearing Services (H.P. 786) (L.D. 1142) Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport. Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, GOODE of Bangor, PERRY of Calais, PETERSON of Rumford, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002 To Change Nursing Facilities Review Thresholds for Energy Efficiency Projects and for Replacement Equipment"

(H.P. 803) (L.D. 1164)

Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville. Cosponsored by Representatives: FLOOD of Winthrop, LEWIN of Eliot, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Improve Children's Safety in Public Swimming Pools"

(H.P. 804) (L.D. 1165)

Sponsored by Representative HUNT of Buxton. Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CONNOR of Kennebunk, EATON of Sullivan, SIROIS of Turner.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Examine the Establishment of a Wildlife Sanctuary on Blue Hill Bay

(H.P. 779) (L.D. 1135) Sponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill. Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Health Insurance"

(H.P. 753) (L.D. 1091)

Sponsored by Representative McKANE of Newcastle. Cosponsored by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, CURTIS of Madison, DOSTIE of Sabattus, PILON of Saco, RICHARDSON of Warren, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senators: PERRY of Penobscot, TRAHAN of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Life and Health Insurance"

(H.P. 821) (L.D. 1180)

Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Representatives: FOSSEL of Alna, PRIEST of

Brunswick. Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Amend the Statute of Limitations under the Maine Human Rights Act"

(H.P. 763) (L.D. 1108)

Sponsored by Representative DILL of Cape Elizabeth. Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, HINCK of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Expand Rights for Maine Families"

(H.P. 773) (L.D. 1118)

Sponsored by Representative FOSSEL of Alna. Cosponsored by Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, CHASE of Wells, GILES of Belfast, JOHNSON of Greenville, LANGLEY of Ellsworth, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Establish Child Custody and Domestic Violence Presumptions"

(H.P. 787) (L.D. 1143)

Sponsored by Representative MORRISON of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland, Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, HARLOW of Portland, KAENRATH of South Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, SMITH of Monmouth, STEVENS of Bangor, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Improve Worksite Accountability for Public Construction Projects by Requiring Subcontractor Identification"

(H.P. 754) (L.D. 1092) Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, BLODGETT of Augusta, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, GILBERT of Jay, Senator: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Reduction of Benefits under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 for Certain Prior Injuries"

(H.P. 764) (L.D. 1109)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Work Week of Doctors and Medical Residents"

(H.P. 806) (L.D. 1167) Sponsored by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Resolve, Creating a Commission To Study the Issue of Homeless Veterans in the State

(H.P. 765) (L.D. 1110)

Sponsored by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AYOTTE of Caswell, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BECK of Waterville, BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIN of Orono, CLEARY of Houlton, COTTA of China, CRAFTS of Lisbon, CROCKETT of Bethel, EATON of Sullivan, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HARVELL of Farmington, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, JOHNSON of Greenville, KAENRATH of South Portland, KENT of Woolwich, McKANE of Newcastle, NASS of Acton, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PRIEST of Brunswick, ROBINSON of Raymond, RUSSELL of Portland, SARTY of Denmark, SMITH of Monmouth, STEVENS of Bangor, STUCKEY of Portland, TRINWARD of Waterville, WATSON of Bath, WEAVER of York, WHEELER of Kittery, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BARTLETT of Cumberland, BOWMAN of York, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, JACKSON of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin,

Bill "An Act To Promote Transparency and Accountability in Campaigns and Governmental Ethics"

(H.P. 766) (L.D. 1111) Sponsored by Representative TRINWARD of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BECK of Waterville, BOLAND of Sanford, CAREY of Lewiston, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HINCK of Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, RUSSELL of Portland, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Recall Procedure for Elected Officials"

(H.P. 767) (L.D. 1112) Sponsored by Representative JOY of Crystal. Cosponsored by Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, GIFFORD of Lincoln, McFADDEN of Dennysville, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Taste Testing of Malt Liquor and Spirits"

(H.P. 807) (L.D. 1168)

Sponsored by Representative HARVELL of Farmington. Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CLARK of Easton, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, COTTA of China, KAENRATH of South Portland, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, TRINWARD of Waterville.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws"

(H.P. 808) (L.D. 1169)

Sponsored by Representative TRINWARD of Waterville. Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, FITTS of Pittsfield, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, RUSSELL of Portland.

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Accuracy of Maine Election Results"

(H.P. 809) (L.D. 1170) Sponsored by Representative TRINWARD of Waterville.

Bill "An Act To Protect Tenants during Foreclosure"

(H.P. 788) (L.D. 1144) Sponsored by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, NASS of Acton, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, RUSSELL of Portland, TRINWARD of Waterville, Senators: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc.

Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS suggested.

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Institute Voluntary Emissions Standards for Outdoor Wood Boilers"

(H.P. 810) (L.D. 1171)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson. Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representative: WELSH of Rockport.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Municipal Jurisdiction of a Portion of Saco Bay"

(H.P. 774) (L.D. 1119)

Sponsored by Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach. RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Amend the Time Frame for Towns To Certify Citizen Initiative and People's Veto Signatures

(H.P. 789) (L.D. 1145) Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BOLAND of Sanford, CELLI of Brewer, CLARK of Easton, GILES of Belfast, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SIROIS of Turner, TILTON of Harrington.

Resolve, To Allow the Secretary of State and the InforME Board To Facilitate the Payment of Outstanding Parking Tickets When Registering a Motor Vehicle

(H.P. 791) (L.D. 1147) Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: LOVEJOY of Portland, PILON of Saco, Senator: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Municipality To Grant a Variance for the Construction of a Parking Structure for a Person with a Permanent Disability"

(H.P. 811) (L.D. 1172)

Sponsored by Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: JOHNSON of Greenville, KRUGER of Thomaston, LOVEJOY of Portland, RANKIN of Hiram, RICHARDSON of Carmel, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, TUTTLE of Sanford, WAGNER of Lewiston.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws" (H.P. 755) (L.D. 1093)

Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath. Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Require a Review of Certain Changes in the Application of the Sales and Use Tax Law"

(H.P. 775) (L.D. 1120)

Sponsored by Representative CHASE of Wells. Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CROCKETT of Bethel, PILON of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Protect Elderly Residents from Losing Their Homes Due to Taxes or Foreclosure"

(H.P. 776) (L.D. 1121) Sponsored by Representative CHASE of Wells.

Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, CROCKETT of Bethel, PILON of Saco, SIROIS of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Impose Service Charges to Tax-exempt Property Owned by Certain Organizations Whose Primary Activities Are Not Charitable"

(H.P. 790) (L.D. 1146)

Sponsored by Representative CELLI of Brewer. Cosponsored by Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GOODE of Bangor, JOY of Crystal, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THOMAS of Ripley.

Bill "An Act To Designate Sales Tax Holiday Weekends"

(H.P. 792) (L.D. 1148) Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, AYOTTE of Caswell, BICKFORD of Auburn, BRIGGS of Mexico, BURNS of Whiting, CEBRA of Naples, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CUSHING of Hampden, EDGECOMB of Caribou, FLETCHER of Winslow, FLOOD of Winthrop, FOSSEL of Alna, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILES of Belfast, HANLEY of Gardiner, JOHNSON of Greenville, JOY of Crystal, KAENRATH of South Portland, KNAPP of Gorham, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LANGLEY of Ellsworth, LEWIN of Eliot, McKANE of Newcastle, MILLER of Somerville, MILLETT of Waterford, MORRISON of South Portland, NUTTING of Oakland, PRESCOTT of Topsham, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Warren, ROBINSON of Raymond, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SYKES of Harrison, TUTTLE of Sanford, WEAVER of York, Senators: BLISS of Cumberland, BOWMAN of York, DAVIS of Cumberland, GOOLEY of Franklin, HASTINGS of Oxford, MILLS of Somerset, NASS of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, RAYE of Washington.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Veterans Homestead Exemption To Include Certain Medal Winners"

(H.P. 793) (L.D. 1149)

Sponsored by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CROCKETT of Bethel, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, TRINWARD of Waterville, VALENTINO of Saco, WATSON of Bath, Senator: NASS of York.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Sales of Heating Oil and Kerosene to Maine Businesses from Sales Tax"

(H.P. 812) (L.D. 1173) Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Private Nonmedical Institutions from the Service Provider Tax"

(H.P. 768) (L.D. 1113)

Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren. Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

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

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Enhance Safety at Construction Sites by Regulating Open Trenches"

(H.P. 756) (L.D. 1094)

Sponsored by Representative CONNOR of Kennebunk. Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Issue Conditional Titles for Certain Automobiles and Trucks That Are More than 25 Years Old

(H.P. 794) (L.D. 1150)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport. Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Engine Brakes on All State Roads under Certain Circumstances"

(H.P. 795) (L.D. 1151) Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, HILL of York, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, NELSON of Falmouth, ROSEN of Bucksport, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Use of Cameras To Enforce Traffic Violations"

(H.P. 813) (L.D. 1174)

Sponsored by Representative PILON of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CLEARY of Houlton, CONNOR of Kennebunk, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PRIEST of Brunswick, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, VALENTINO of Saco, Senator: HOBBINS of York. Bill "An Act To Add Combat Action Badges and Ribbons to the Special Commemorative Decals for Veterans License Plates" (H.P. 814) (L.D. 1175)

Sponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow. Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BLANCHARD of Old Town, CEBRA of Naples, CRAY of Palmyra, THIBODEAU of Winterport, WHEELER of Kittery.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act To Provide Affordable Installation of Alternative Energy Systems"

(H.P. 757) (L.D. 1095)

Sponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville. Cosponsored by Senator HOBBINS of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, TRINWARD of Waterville, Senator: BOWMAN of York.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Marketing of Power Produced by Small Generators"

(H.P. 769) (L.D. 1114)

Sponsored by Representative VAN WIE of New Gloucester.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Certain Reports and Reviews Related to Utilities and Energy and Certain Positions at the Public Utilities Commission"

(H.P. 796) (L.D. 1152)

Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland. Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint

Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Revise the Charter of the Portland Water District"

(H.P. 815) (L.D. 1176)

Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, MORRISON of South Portland, RUSSELL of Portland, Senator: ALFOND of Cumberland.

MAINE'S ENERGY FUTURE

Bill "An Act To Create Jobs through Investment in Green Energy"

(H.P. 822) (L.D. 1181)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham. Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLODGETT of Augusta, BOLAND of Sanford, BOLDUC of Auburn, BRIGGS of Mexico, BRYANT of Windham, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CAREY of Lewiston, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, CROCKETT of Augusta, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DOSTIE of Sabattus, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EATON of Sullivan, EBERLE of South Portland, EVES of North Berwick, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, HARLOW of Portland, HASKELL of Portland, HILL of York, HINCK of Portland, HUNT of Buxton, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, KAENRATH of South Portland, KENT of Woolwich, KRUGER of Thomaston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LEGG of Kennebunk, LOVEJOY of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAGNAN of Stockton Springs, MARTIN of Orono, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MAZUREK of Rockland, McCABE of Skowhegan, MILLER of Somerville, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, MORRISON of South Portland, PENDLETON of Scarborough,

PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERCY of Phippsburg, PERRY of Calais, PETERSON of Rumford, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, PRATT of Eddington, PRIEST of Brunswick, RANKIN of Hiram, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland, SANBORN of Gorham, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SIROIS of Turner, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, STEVENS of Bangor, STUCKEY of Portland, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TREAT of Hallowell, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco, WAGNER of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport, WHEELER of Kittery, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BLISS of Cumberland, BOWMAN of York, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, BRYANT of Oxford, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, DAMON of Hancock, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, President MITCHELL of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PERRY of Penobscot, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SIMPSON of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York.

Pursuant to Statute Maine Fire Protection Services Commission

Representative HASKELL for the **Maine Fire Protection Services Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3371 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Emergency Services Institute" (H.P. 816) (L.D. 1177)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute Department of Education

Representative SUTHERLAND for the **Department of Education** 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 131: The Maine Federal, State, and Local Accountability Standards, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 817) (L.D. 1178)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance

Representative PERRY for the **Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance** 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 101: Establishment of the Capital Investment Fund, a Major Substantive Rule of the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 777) (L.D. 1122)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Representative PRIEST for the **Criminal Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Create a Post-judgment Mechanism To Provide Relief for a Person Whose Identity Has Been Stolen and Falsely Used in Court Proceedings"

(H.P. 818) (L.D. 1179) Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Representative PRIEST for the **Criminal Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Streamline the Process for Courtordered Mental Health Examinations in Criminal Cases"

(H.P. 824) (L.D. 1200) Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** 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 MARTIN of Eagle Lake, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 819) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AUSTIN of Gray, AYOTTE of Caswell, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BECK of Waterville, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLODGETT of Augusta, BOLAND of Sanford, BOLDUC of Auburn, BRIGGS of Mexico, BROWNE of Vassalboro, BRYANT of Windham, BURNS of Whiting, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CAREY of Lewiston, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CEBRA of Naples, CELLI of Brewer, CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Millinocket, CLARK of Easton, CLEARY of Houlton, COHEN of Portland, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, COTTA of China, CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Bethel, CROCKETT of Augusta, CURTIS of Madison, CUSHING of Hampden, DAVIS of Sangerville, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DOSTIE of Sabattus, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EATON of Sullivan, EBERLE of South Portland, EDGECOMB of Caribou, EVES of North Berwick, FINCH of Fairfield, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, FLETCHER of Winslow, FLOOD of Winthrop, FOSSEL of Alna, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILBERT of Jav. GILES of Belfast, GOODE of Bangor, GREELEY of Levant, HAMPER of Oxford, HANLEY of Gardiner, HARLOW of Portland, HARVELL of Farmington, HASKELL of Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, HILL of York, HINCK of Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUNT of Buxton, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, JOHNSON of Greenville, JONES of Mount Vernon, JOY of Crystal, KAENRATH of South Portland, KENT of Woolwich, KNAPP of Gorham, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, KRUGER of Thomaston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LANGLEY of Ellsworth, LEGG of Kennebunk, LEWIN of Eliot, LOVEJOY of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAGNAN of Stockton Springs, MARTIN of Orono, MAZUREK of Rockland, McCABE of Skowhegan, McFADDEN of Dennysville, McKANE of Newcastle, McLEOD of Lee, MILLER of Somerville, MILLETT of Waterford, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, MORRISON of South Portland, NASS of Acton, NELSON of Falmouth, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERCY of Phippsburg, PERRY of Calais, PETERSON of Rumford, PIEH of Bremen, PILON of Saco, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PIOTTI of Unity, PLUMMER of Windham, PRATT of Eddington, PRESCOTT of Topsham, PRIEST of Brunswick, RANKIN of Hiram, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Warren, ROBINSON of Raymond, ROSEN of Bucksport, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland, SANBORN of Gorham, SARTY of Denmark, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SHAW of Standish, SIROIS of Turner. SMITH of Monmouth, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaguoddy Tribe, STEVENS of Bangor, STRANG STUCKEY BURGESS Cumberland. of Portland. of SUTHERLAND of Chapman, SYKES of Harrison, TARDY of Newport, THERIAULT of Madawaska, THIBODEAU of Winterport, THOMAS of Ripley, TILTON of Harrington, TREAT of Hallowell, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, WAGNER of Lyman, WAGNER of Lewiston, WATSON of Bath, WEAVER of York, WEBSTER of Freeport, WELSH of Rockport, WHEELER of Kittery, WILLETTE of Presque Isle, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BARTLETT of Cumberland, BLISS of Cumberland, BOWMAN of York, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, BRYANT of Oxford, COURTNEY of York, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, DAMON of Hancock, DAVIS of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, GOOLEY of Franklin, HASTINGS of Oxford, HOBBINS of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, McCORMICK of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, President MITCHELL of Kennebec, NASS of York, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PERRY of Penobscot, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, RAYE of Washington, RECTOR of Knox, ROSEN of Hancock, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Aroostook, SIMPSON of Androscoggin, SMITH of Piscataquis, SULLIVAN of York, TRAHAN of Lincoln, WESTON of Waldo)

RÉSOLUTION CONJOINTE HONORANT LES FRANCO-AMÉRICAINS

Considérant que, l'état du Maine est nommé après la province du Maine en France et que les villages de Paris et Calais dans l'état du Maine portent les noms de la capitale de France et du port français de Calais, respectivement; et

Considérant que, plus d'un tiers de la population du Maine est de descendance française et canadienne, et les franco-

américains du Maine ont contribué beaucoup à la beauté et la qualité de cet état; et

Considérant que, le français est la première langue de milliers de citoyens du Maine; et

Considérant que, il y a eu une augmentation de l'utilisation de la langue française et une appréciation croissante de l'héritage franco-américain à travers l'état; et

Considérant que, des clubs et des associations pour promouvoir la culture et la langue française sont nés à travers l'état, y inclus le caucus francophone à la capitale; et

Considérant que, les gens qui parlent couramment le français et l'anglais sont une ressource économique et culturelle pour l'état du Maine; et

Considérant que, le tourisme culturel sera accru par les véritables centres franco-américains à travers l'état et la grande présence de franco-américains dans le Maine peut renforcir davantage nos relations avec le Canada, la France, et les autres pays francophones; et

Considérant que, le premier Jour Franco-Américain a été célébré mercredi, 6 mars, 2002, à la Capitale de l'État; maintenant, alors, qu'il soit

Résolu, que nous, les membres de la Cent-Vingt-quatrième Législature, assemblés dans la première session régulière, au nom des gens que nous représentons, proclamons que mercredi, 25 mars, 2009 est le Jour Franco-Américain, soit célébré à la Capitale de l'État; et qu'il soit aussi

Résolu, que le Jour Franco-Américain soit célébré pour commémorer la riche histoire du peuple français dans l'état du Maine et aux États-Unis d'Amérique.

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FRANCO-AMERICAN DAY

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is named after the Province of Maine in France and the towns of Paris and Calais owe their names to the capital city of France and the French port city of Calais, respectively; and

WHEREAS, more than 1/3 of the population of Maine is of French and Canadian descent. Franco-Americans in Maine have contributed much to the beauty and quality of this State; and

WHEREAS, French is the primary language of thousands of Mainers and there has been a resurgence in the use of the French language and a heightened appreciation of the Franco-American heritage throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, clubs and organizations to promote French culture and language have sprung up throughout the State, including the Francophone Caucus at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, fluent French-English bilingual people are a cultural and economic resource to the State; and

WHEREAS, cultural tourism can be greatly enhanced by the genuine Franco-American centers throughout the State and the large Franco-American presence in Maine can further strengthen our relationships with Canada, France and the rest of the francophone world; and

WHEREAS, the first Franco-American Day was celebrated on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at the State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, proclaim that Wednesday, March 25, 2009 is Franco-American Day, to be celebrated at the State Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Franco-American Day be celebrated to commemorate the rich history of the French people in the State of Maine and the United States of America.

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. As is true on St. Patrick's Day, where all of us become Irish, today we expect everyone in this body to become of French descent. It really is a pleasure to present this today, and it was suggested earlier by one member of the caucus that I would read it in French. I am not going to do all of that, but there are some things I am going to say in French, and I will then translate with difficulty into English.

I tell the story that when I was born and raised, my few beginning years in Eagle Lake, I spoke only French, and then the family moved to Greenville and I came back to Eagle Lake and could no longer speak French, so I had to relearn much of the French and some of the French words I use today are "book French" as opposed to valley French. It really is a pleasure to see so many people here today.

C'est mon plaisir de voir beaucoup de monde aujourd'hui nous joindre a cette célébration et c'est certain que cette célébration du continué non pas seulement pour aujourd'hui, mais pour toute la semaine et toute l'année. C'est mon plaisir de vous dire qu'il y à beaucoup de Franco du Maine qui sont ici come membre et un tiers du peuple du Maine sont de Franco héritage.

It is my pleasure obviously to say that a third of Mainers are of Franco descent, and many of those in this body have Franco blood in them. Under suspension of the rule, Madam Speaker, I would ask all those with Franco blood to raise their hands.

Et ce n'est pas mêlant que c'est la vérité, and certainly up in the Gallery. So today we are very pleased to have, as you know, honorees, and we will be presenting resolutions for them in just a few minutes. The press conference will be at 11:30 am, where all of us will have an opportunity to speak to them and about them, and for two individuals, of course, who have passed away. We will be obviously honoring them with the Joint Resolution, and we need to move that along because the other body is starting their celebration in about five minutes, and so we will move those down to the other body as well so they can be recognized in the other body. Of course, those are Ross and Judy Paradis, of Frenchville; Barry Rodrigue, of Bath; Raymond Fecteau, of Augusta; and two who have passed away but we are honoring today, Georgette Berube, of Lewiston; and Viola Quirion, of Waterville. Madam Speaker, I think that today is an amazing day for citizens of Franco descent, and we are pleased that all members of this House are now Francos.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 825) (Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DUCHESNE of Hudson, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, McCABE of Skowhegan, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, WELSH of Rockport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214)

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO SUPPORT THE WAIVER CALIFORNIA NEEDS TO ACHIEVE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States, the members of the United States Congress and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of California has implemented more stringent motor vehicle air emissions regulations than the Federal Government for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the pioneering role of that state in protecting public health and welfare from motor vehicle emissions, the United States Congress amended the federal Clean Air Act to allow the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to waive federal preemption of state motor vehicle standards; and

WHEREAS, once a waiver is granted to California for that regulation, other states may adopt the vehicle emissions standards established by California; and

WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Research Service, California has requested waivers of preemption for vehicle emissions standards more than 50 times since that provision was enacted and the Administrator has never denied such a request, but has always granted the request, in whole or in part; and

WHEREAS, President Barack H. Obama has directed the administrator to reconsider California's waiver request that was rejected by the previous administration, and the administrator has started the process to reconsider California's request; and

WHEREAS, an analysis by the California Air Resources Board shows that the California standards, once fully adopted, would result in twice the amount of carbon dioxide cumulative reduction emissions in California and an 80% greater reduction in carbon dioxide emissions nationally by 2020 than would be achieved under the federal act; and

WHEREAS, 13 states and the District of Columbia have already taken steps to follow California's emissions standards, which include the new greenhouse gas reductions and which are estimated will reduce global warming pollution by more than 450 million metric tons by 2020, a reduction equivalent to eliminating all of the pollution from 84.7 million of today's cars for a year; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine supports California's right under the Clean Air Act to set stricter standards than the Federal Government for motor vehicle emissions and the rights of other states to then follow California's standards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to oppose preemption of state laws and regulations to reduce global warming emissions that are stronger than federal laws or regulations, and we respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress encourage the United States Environmental Protection Agency to grant California the waiver necessary to achieve greenhouse gas reductions from motor vehicles as required by state law; and be it further;

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

READ and **ADOPTED**.

Sent for concurrence.

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Commission To Study Providing Child Care for Students of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System is established as follows.

1. Commission To Study Providing Child Care for Students of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System established. The Commission To Study Providing Child Care for Students of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System, referred to in this order as "the commission," is established.

2. Membership. The commission consists of 9 members, appointed as follows:

A. Two members of the Senate, one Senator from the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and one Senator from the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, appointed by the President of the Senate;

B. Five members of the House of Representatives, with at least one Representative from the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and one Representative from the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

C. One member representing the University of Maine System with expertise in financial aid, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

D. One member representing the Maine Community College System with expertise in financial aid, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

3. Commission chairs. The first-named Senator is the Senate chair of the commission and the first-named member of the House is the House chair of the commission.

4. Appointments; convening of commission. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the commission shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission.

5. Duties. The commission shall:

A. Make a needs assessment of the current student population of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System who have a child or children and how many of them would benefit from child care financial aid. The needs assessment must also review the potential of increasing enrollment if financial aid for child care was available for future students;

B. In consultation with the Maine Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, if necessary, review the ability of financial aid officers to make what is known as "professional judgment" decisions on a case-by-case basis to students applying for financial aid to determine if that is a venue for providing financial aid funds to students and potential students who have a child or children. In making this review, the commission shall analyze the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, which identifies child care as a specific example of a special circumstance for use of professional judgment, but only when it involves unusually high child care costs and if that limitation is a hindrance to awarding financial aid for child care;

C. Study and ascertain if there is a best way to have child care needs be a part of the total financial need of a student in a way that uses existing funds, programs, grants or financial aid packages for the benefit of increasing educational opportunities in this State; and

D. Issue a report of its findings and its recommendations.

6. Staff assistance. The Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission.

7. Report. No later than December 2, 2009 the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and

On motion of Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 820)

recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Pursuant to Joint Rule 353, the commission is not authorized to introduce legislation. Upon receipt of the report required by this section, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may, pursuant to Joint Rule 353, introduce a bill during the session to which the report is submitted to implement its recommendations on matters relating to the study.

Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the following members of the Telstar Regional High School Girls' Ski Team: Samantha Largess, Tara Cowin, Jamie Steven, Morgan Lee and Margaret DePasquale, winners of the 2009 Class C Alpine State Championship. We extend our congratulations to the girls on their accomplishment;

(HLS 147)

Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Bethel. Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford, Representative MILLETT of Waterford, Representative PETERSON of Rumford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative CROCKETT of Bethel, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

the following members of the Edward Little High School Basketball Team, of Auburn, who won the 2009 Eastern Maine Class A Basketball Championship: Tim Mains, Tyler Gammon, Steven Giorgetti, Ethan Grund, Omar Abdi, Cody Goddard, Dominique Bailey, Yusuf Iman G, Bo Leary, Corey Therriault, Sean Daigle, James Philbroo and Shane Ciriello. The head coach is Mike Adams. This is the school's first regional title in 52 years. We extend our congratulations to all of the members of the team on this accomplishment;

(HLS 150)

Presented by Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to add a couple of names to the roster here for Edward Little Basketball: Brandon Gegerire, Cody Nicholas, and the two managers, Josh Titus and Amanda Moody, and also Coach Paul Coty. I would like to ask the members of the EL Basketball Class A Eastern State champions, with a 16-2 regular season record, to stand and accept the greetings of the House.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

the late Honorable Georgette B. Berube, of Lewiston, on her posthumous induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. Serving in both the Maine House and Senate from 1971 to 2000, Mme. Berube had more state legislative service than any other woman in Maine's history. In 1982, she was a candidate for Governor of Maine. For many years she hosted a French radio show in central Maine and served on the Finance Council of the Catholic Diocese of Maine. Mme. Berube was proud of her French heritage and her many contributions to her community and to her State made a difference in the lives of all of her constituents. We join her family and the citizens of this State in celebrating the life and accomplishments of this exceptional woman and we acknowledge the innumerable contributions that she made to the Franco-American community;

(HLS 151)

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative CAREY of Lewiston. BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BECK Waterville. Representative BOLDUC of Auburn. of Representative CROCKETT of Bethel. Representative CROCKETT of Augusta, Representative GILBERT of Jav. Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative PRATT of Eddington, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Representative TRINWARD of Waterville, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ** and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

READ and PASSED and Sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

the late Viola Quirion, of Waterville, on her posthumous induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mlle. Quirion was a Francophone who worked for more than 40 years at the C. F. Hathaway Company shirt factory in Waterville where she was an outspoken leader in the local union. After her retirement and despite having cancer and other illnesses, she became active in a movement to make prescription drugs affordable for older people. Mlle. Quirion helped organize discount-drug bus trips to Canada, made an appearance on "60 Minutes" and appeared before congressional committees in Washington D.C. She was not an elected official or a political lobbyist but a hardworking, relentless woman who believed in pursuing a cause that she believed was right. United States Representative Thomas Allen said of Viola Quirion: "Maine is a better place because of the legacy left by this courageous woman." We join her family and her community in celebrating her remarkable life and her induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame:

(HLS 152)

Presented by Representative BECK of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representative TRINWARD of Waterville, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative CROCKETT of Bethel, Representative CROCKETT of Augusta, Representative GILBERT of Jay, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative PRATT of Eddington, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BECK of Waterville, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

the Honorable Rosaire "Ross" Paradis and the Honorable Judy Ayotte Paradis, of Frenchville, on their induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mme. Paradis served in the Maine House of Representatives from 1986 to 1992 and in the Maine Senate from 1992 to 2000. Before her legislative career, she taught high school French. Always an advocate of the French language and culture, she engaged in conversations in French with willing legislators and staff at the Capitol, encouraging other people of Franco-American descent to acknowledge their heritage with pride. M. Paradis taught French as well as English and Latin to high school students for 36 years before becoming a legislator. He served a 6-year tenure as the State Representative for District 2 and was often recognized for his staunch support of minority rights and cultural diversity in Maine. M. Paradis has written many articles and columns in newspapers to promote French language and culture and is presently writing a play in French. Both M. and Mme. Paradis have been bilingual since they were children. We congratulate them on their induction into the Hall of Fame and we commend them for their numerous contributions to the Franco-American community of this State;

(HLS 153)

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Easton, Representative CLEARY Representative of Houlton, EDGECOMB of Caribou, Representative JOY of Crystal, Representative SUTHERLAND of Chapman, Representative WILLETTE of Presque Isle, Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BECK of Waterville, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative CROCKETT CROCKETT Representative of Bethel. of Augusta. Representative GILBERT of Jay, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative PRATT of Eddington, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Representative THERIAULT of Representative TRINWARD Madawaska. of Waterville. Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Raymond Fecteau, of Augusta, on his induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. M. Fecteau was born in

Madawaska and grew up speaking French. He settled in Augusta in 1968 with his wife, Constance Vachon Fecteau, and they raised 2 daughters who are bilingual. He has been a Master Barber for 45 years, cutting hair at Duke's Rotary Barber Shop for 39 years. M. Fecteau has been involved with Le Club Calumet since 1972, working tirelessly in various capacities and roles and in 1998 they honored him with La Medaille d'Honneur. He is one of the founders of the Maine USA/Maine France Exchange Program and is an Honorary Member of the Executive Committee of L'Amicale des Sarthois de Paris. M. Fecteau also serves on a committee that is searching for a sister city for Augusta, Maine in France. We congratulate M. Fecteau on his induction into the Hall of Fame and we commend him for his tireless commitment to the Franco-American community of this State;

(HLS 154)

Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta. Cosponsored by Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro, Representative BLODGETT of Augusta, President MITCHELL of Kennebec, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BECK of Waterville. Representative BOLDUC of Auburn. Representative GILBERT of Jay, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative PRATT of Eddington, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Representative TRINWARD of Waterville, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, CROCKETT Representative of Bethel, Representative **BEAULIEU** of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative CROCKETT of Augusta, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ** and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

READ and **FASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Barry Rodrigue, of Bath, on his induction into the Maine Franco-American Hall of Fame. M. Rodrigue is an associate professor of Arts and Humanities at the University of Southern Maine. He is trained in cultural research as an archeologist, geographer, historian, biologist and ethnographer with a strong focus on French North American Studies. He served as a Research Geographer at Laval University in Quebec City where he received a Ph.D. M. Rodrigue serves as Scholar for the University of Southern Maine's Franco-American Collection, director of French North American Studies and co-director of Global Studies. A strong advocate for interdisciplinary studies and student-centered learning, he involves his students in reallife projects, such as organizing conferences of the world's leading authorities on French North America. He is also very involved with publishing, writing and editing Franco-American literature. We join his family and friends in congratulating him on receiving the honor of this induction and we commend him for his outstanding contributions to the Franco-American community of this State;

(HLS 155)

Presented by Representative WATSON of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representative KENT of Woolwich, Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative AYOTTE of Caswell, Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, Representative BECK of Waterville, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative CROCKETT of Bethel, Representative CROCKETT of Augusta, Representative GILBERT of Jay, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative PRATT of Eddington, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska, Representative TRINWARD of Waterville, Representative WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin, Senator SULLIVAN of York, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE Refer to the Committee on Natural Resources Pursuant to Public Law

Representative DUCHESNE for the **Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Maximum Fee for Processing an Environmental License Application" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 778) (L.D. 1134) Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** pursuant to Public Law 2007, chapter 655, section 20.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent for concurrence.

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary Pursuant to Statute

Representative PRIEST for the **Joint Standing Committee** on **Judiciary** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee" (H.P. 823) (L.D. 1199)

JUDICIARY pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Restore Funding for a Fish Hatchery in Northern Maine"

(S.P. 59) (L.D. 173) Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 13) (L.D. 4) Bill "An Act To Remove the Age Restriction for Serving as a Corporator of a Mutual Financial Institution" Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)

(H.P. 174) (L.D. 209) Bill "An Act To Abolish the Intergovernmental Advisory Commission" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 258) (L.D. 322) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Prohibition on Payment for Health Care Facility Mistakes or Preventable Adverse Events" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 588) (L.D. 857) Bill "An Act To Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by School Administrative District No. 32" (EMERGENCY) Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass

(H.P. 27) (L.D. 32) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Disposition of Fines from Maine's Soft-shelled Clam Laws" Committee on MARINE RESOURCES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)

(H.P. 70) (L.D. 80) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rules for the Certification of Family Child Care Providers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)**

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(S.P. 39) (L.D. 90) Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (C. "A" S-4)

(H.P. 76) (L.D. 92) Bill "An Act Pertaining to the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund" (EMERGENCY)

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

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** as **Amended** in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, March 17, 2009, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Jacob Gallagher, of Yarmouth for receiving a 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award

TABLED - March 10, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative WALSH INNES of Yarmouth.

PENDING - PASSAGE.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Restrict Property Revaluations

(S.P. 394) (L.D. 1060)

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

TABLED - March 17, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

PENDING - REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE.

Subsequently, the RESOLUTION was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Cap the Property Tax on the Primary Residence of a Person 65 Years of Age or Older

(S.P. 405) (L.D. 1087) - In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

TABLED - March 17, 2009 (Till Later Today) by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

PENDING - REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE.

Subsequently, the RESOLUTION was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Tuttle, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **TUTTLE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I received a call from the Chair of the Board of Directors of Goodall Hospital in Sanford yesterday that Goodall is facing a severe financial crisis. As you realize, the community of Sanford has had a number of businesses that have closed down. I believe our unemployment rate is the highest in the state, and Goodall is the number one employer in Sanford. I would ask that we would all work together to help solve their financial situation. It's really a crucial thing for my community, and I am hoping that we can work together to solve this crisis. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Prevent Price Gouging in the Sale of Milk" (S.P. 430) (L.D. 1182)

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 Prevent Predatory Marketing Practices against Minors Regarding Data Concerning Health Care Issues"

(S.P. 431) (L.D. 1183) Resolve, To Facilitate the Creation and Expansion of Certain Business Sectors

(S.P. 434) (L.D. 1186) Bill "An Act To Establish Uniform Protocols for the Use of Controlled Substances" (S.P. 441) (L.D. 1193)

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 Clarify the Crime of Obstructing Government Administration"

(S.P. 421) (L.D. 1130)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Use of Information Regarding Sex Offenders"

(S.P. 429) (L.D. 1157)

Bill "An Act To Allow the Sale and Use of Consumer Fireworks"

(S.P. 435) (L.D. 1187)

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.

Bill "An Act To Protect School Children from Dangerous or Abusive Restraint and Seclusion"

(S.P. 407) (L.D. 1096)

Bill "An Act To Improve Alternative Organizational Structures by Requiring the Department of Education To Provide Them with Estimated Allocations"

(S.P. 408) (L.D. 1097)

Resolve, To Understand and Assist in Efforts To Promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education

(S.P. 412) (L.D. 1101)

Bill "An Act To Limit the Scope of Miscellaneous Costs within the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools Appropriation"

(S.P. 417) (L.D. 1126)

Bill "An Act To Permit Efficient School Districts To Opt Out of Consolidation" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 420) (L.D. 1129)

Bill "An Act To Improve Teacher Confidentiality Laws" (S.P. 439) (L.D. 1191)

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 Define Services for Maine Runaway and Homeless Youth"

(S.P. 418) (L.D. 1127)

Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Procure an Equal Supply of Vaccine from Each Manufacturer of That Vaccine under Certain Circumstances"

(S.P. 425) (L.D. 1153)

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.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Conduct a Study To Identify All Publicly Owned Inland and Coastal Water Access Sites

(S.P. 410) (L.D. 1099)

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 Improve the Home Foreclosure Process" (S.P. 416) (L.D. 1125)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Reinsurance Mechanism To Expand Health Insurance for Individuals and Groups"

(S.P. 442) (L.D. 1194) Bill "An Act To Reform Insurance Coverage To Include Diagnosis for Autism Spectrum Disorders"

(S.P. 446) (L.D. 1198) 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 Improve the Process for Recovering Personal Property and for Filing Actions Involving Consumer Credit"

(S.P. 432) (L.D. 1184) Bill "An Act To Clarify Child Protection Proceedings"

(S.P. 436) (L.D. 1188)

Bill "An Act To Change the Statute of Limitations for Health Care Practitioners"

(S.P. 440) (L.D. 1192) 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 Require Cause for Employment Termination" (S.P. 433) (L.D. 1185)

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 Allow Family Members of an Island Community to Share a Lobster and Crab Fishing License"

(S.P. 419) (L.D. 1128) Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Simplify and Improve the Maine Clean Election Laws"

(S.P. 437) (L.D. 1189)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act" (S.P. 445) (L.D. 1197)

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 Laws Governing the Recycling of Televisions"

(S.P. 428) (L.D. 1156)

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

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

Resolve, To Transfer Ownership of the Reed Center on the Stevens Campus in the City of Hallowell to School Administrative District No. 16

(S.P. 409) (L.D. 1098)

Bill "An Act To Preserve Government Documents"

(S.P. 411) (L.D. 1100) Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Science Advisory Board" (S.P. 413) (L.D. 1102)

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 Establish the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 423) (L.D. 1132) Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Legislative Oversight of Changes to Policies and Practices of the Bureau of Revenue Services"

(S.P. 415) (L.D. 1124)

Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Review Tax Increment Financing in the Unorganized Territory (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 426) (L.D. 1154)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Improve the Safety of Minors by Collecting Data on Vehicle Collision Rates"

(S.P. 414) (L.D. 1123)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Regarding the Passing of School Buses by Bicyclists"

(S.P. 422) (L.D. 1131)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (S.P. 438) (L.D. 1190)

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 Make Certain Changes to the Laws Governing Approval for Transmission Lines"

(S.P. 427) (L.D. 1155)

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.

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

On motion of Representative CLARK of Millinocket, the House adjourned at 11:09 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2009 and in honor and lasting tribute to Dave Michaud, of Sacramento, California and Millinocket and James Pellerin, of Fairfield.