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1st Legislative Day
Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Representatives to the One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to order by HANNAH M. PINGREE of North Haven, Speaker of the House.

Prayer by Reverend David Macy, North Haven Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Monica Grabin, Kennebunk.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctors of the day, Dr. Joel Kase, D.O., Lewiston and Dr. David McDermott, M.D., Dover-Foxcroft.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec of that body, announcing a quorum present and that the Senate was ready to transact any business that might properly come before it.

A roll call was taken. 143 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were:

Representative BOLDUC of Auburn
Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford
Representative CELLI of Brewer
Representative FLOOD of Winthrop
Representative GILBERT of Jay
Representative GREELEY of Levant
Representative PRATT of Eddington
Representative ROSEN of Bucksport

ORDERS

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, the following House Order: (H.O. 31)

ORDERED, that a Committee of ten be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor John E. Baldacci, and inform him that a quorum of the House of Representatives was assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed the following Members to the Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House:

Representative CAIN of Orono
Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake
Representative WEBSTER of Freeport
Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston
Representative MILLER of Somerville
Representative CONNOR of Kennebunk
Representative MILLETT of Waterford
Representative NUTTING of Oakland
Representative FLOOD of Winthrop
Representative ROBINSON of Raymond

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the following House Order: (H.O. 32)

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed Representative PIOTTI of Unity to inform the Senate that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

Subsequently, Representative PIOTTI of Unity reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Subsequently, Representative CAIN of Orono reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

At this point, pursuant to her authority under House Rule 201, the Chair addressed the House.

Speaker **PINGREE**: Pursuant to House Rule 201, it is my honor to address the House.

Good morning and welcome back. I hope you all had a nice holiday season and that you are still on track with your New Year's resolutions. I do just want to note in the back of the chamber, the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Carey has broken his leg. He is in a wheelchair, he is wearing shorts, and I do just want to say for the record that this has nothing to do with my ability to strong-arm him to vote the way I want him to.

As the 124th Legislature began, a little over a year ago, America's banks — and indeed the world's financial institutions and economies — were on the brink of disaster. Maine people and businesses were only just then feeling the ripples of this crisis. A year later, it seems that the earth beneath our feet has started to solidify — if only slightly. But knowing the worst may be over is not reassuring if you are a Maine worker who can't find a job, a family that can't afford the healthcare they need, a student that can't pay expensive college bills, or an entrepreneur that can't find the capital to start or expand their business. For so many Maine people the worst still continues. And it is for these Maine people whom our decisions and work this session will be so important.

As we return to the Second Regular Session, we can be proud of the many accomplishments this Legislature has already achieved for consumers and workers and Maine families. From energy conservation to pine tree zone expansions, to consumer protections to affordable housing, we made important steps in the right direction for our state.

As you all know well, in the First Regular Session this Legislature spent a significant amount of time grappling with the budget. Unlike many other states, we passed a two-year bipartisan budget. Just the mere fact that we got it done was an accomplishment. And that austere budget was, in some respects, a reflection of our values but it was also a reflection of the challenging times in which we live. We return this session knowing that we must address a significant further decline in state revenues. The Chief Executive has presented his budget

draft to us and the Legislature will exercise its constitutional duty to thoroughly review his proposals, make changes and pass a budget bill before we go home.

The recession has resulted in some startling statistics when it comes to state budgets in Maine and around the nation. I am not overstating the case when I say that the revenue decline in this recession is unprecedented — in Maine and around the country; it is the largest on record in the post-World War II period, possibly even since the Great Depression.

Forty-eight states have had or are dealing with revenue shortfalls in the current budget year. Since the start of the 2010 fiscal year, 39 states have seen mid-year revenue gaps open up — totaling \$34 billion in December. Taken together, the national cumulative shortfalls total \$193 billion — fully 28 percent of all of the combined fifty state budgets. According to the Center in Budget and Policy Priorities, these are the largest budget shortfalls in the history of our nation.

Here in Maine, unfortunately, we are mirroring the national trend. We are facing an additional \$438 million shortfall over the next two years.

And these revenue declines aren't just about taxes and budgets. They are a reflection of the thousands of jobs lost, they are a sign of worried parents who cut back on this year's birthday or Christmas presents, they signal a decline in visiting tourists and in corporate profits, and they are a marker of the hundreds of small businesses that have had to close.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics data going back to 1976, average unemployment for the 11 months of 2009 for which we have data is at the highest rate since 1982. And during 8 of those 11 months of 2009 more Maine people were out of work than at anytime since 1976, the earliest time for which the Maine Labor Bureau even collected this information.

Clearly the times in which we are living and governing are remarkably difficult. People are hurting and they both need our government to help more than ever, and yet we as a state are least able to afford that help. Finding the balance of what people need and what we can afford will be our central task over these next months.

Because of our budget, much of the work of this session will seem dire. But our role as leaders is to both govern responsibly and provide a vision for the state's future and hope for recovery. While our opportunities will be limited, we must not ignore our ability to invest and prepare our state for rebuilding our economy. Whether it is rebuilding our infrastructure, insulating our homes, supporting Maine farmers, encouraging capital for Maine businesses, or educating Maine's future workers, there are opportunities for progress during this short session. And, there are important roles each of you have, in your committees, to make sure the regulations, and programs, and budgets your departments are charged with are as successful, and efficient, and accountable as possible in these times.

As we have all learned, we will disagree in this chamber. But I ask that we continue to agree and disagree, and work every day with a tone of respect and kindness — for each other, for the staff, and for the public. Because in addition to the budget we will have controversial bills on special education and dairy subsidies and jail funding and many, many other complicated issues. And on top of the complexity of these issues, we are now in an election year with campaigns and leadership races. In the face of all these competing pressures of politics and governing, I ask that each and every one of you do your best to spend the next three months focusing on what is best for our state — for our children, for our economy and struggling workers, for our communities, and for our future.

Our time this session will be brief, so we must use it wisely.

Not only is this the short session, but the Senate President and I have committed to an aggressive schedule so that we may adjourn early in order to achieve budget savings. It will not be easy, and it will require House members and Senators members working together, but I am confident that with all of your help we can get our work done early. I thank you in advance for your patience, the long-hours that you will put in, the difficult choices that you will thoughtfully consider, and for your commitment. Your service to this state is important. I am grateful to each of you for stepping up and serving during such challenging times.

Now, without any further delay, let's get back to work.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1066)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 8, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree

Speaker of the House

124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell

President of the Senate

124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 8, 2009, 12 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 8, 2009, as follows:

Business, Research and Economic Development

Resolve, To Ensure Consistency in the Scheduled Expiration of Terms of the Board Members of the Finance Authority of Maine (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1054) (L.D. 1505) (Sponsored by Representative WRIGHT of Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, HUNT of Buxton, MacDONALD of Boothbay, SMITH of Monmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize Maine Media College To Confer the Degree of Master of Fine Arts" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1055) (L.D. 1506) (Sponsored by Representative WELSH of Rockport) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAGNAN of Stockton Springs, MAZUREK of Rockland, McCABE of Skowhegan, MORRISON of South Portland, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness in Penalties for Administrative Errors in the Long-term Care Assessment Process" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1056) (L.D. 1507) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, JONES of Mount Vernon, SANBORN of Gorham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Adopt Rules Clarifying Fish Stocking Decisions (H.P. 1057) (L.D. 1508) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of

Hudson) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Current Moose Permit System and Preference Point System in Maine" (H.P. 1058) (L.D. 1509) (Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Maintain Compliance of Maine's Insurance Laws with National Standards" (H.P. 1059) (L.D. 1510) (Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Hallowell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Remove the Age Limit Governing When a Court Must Consider the Wishes of a Child in a Proceeding for the Termination of Parental Rights" (H.P. 1060) (L.D. 1511) (Sponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Somerset County Budget Procedure" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1061) (L.D. 1512) (Sponsored by Representative CURTIS of Madison) (Cosponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Municipal Officers To Resolve Road-naming Disputes" (H.P. 1062) (L.D. 1513) (Sponsored by Representative MAGNAN of Stockton Springs) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Resolve, To Promote Efficiency and To Streamline Access to the Circuitbreaker Program Application Process (H.P. 1063) (L.D. 1514) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CHASE of Wells, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, PILON of Saco, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, WATSON of Bath, Senators: NASS of York, PERRY of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Caribou Utilities District" (H.P. 1064) (L.D. 1515) (Sponsored by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Dexter Utility District" (H.P. 1065) (L.D. 1516) (Sponsored by Representative THOMAS of Ripley) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1071)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE**

**2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 16, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree

Speaker of the House

124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell

President of the Senate

124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 16, 2009, 4 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 16, 2009, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1067) (L.D. 1517) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Maine Milk Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Allow the Board of Dental Examiners To Grant Permits to Qualified Individuals To Practice as Dental Residents" (H.P. 1069) (L.D. 1520) (Sponsored by Representative BLANCHARD of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, GOODE of Bangor, MARTIN of Orono, RICHARDSON of Carmel) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify the State's Initiative Involving the Federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1070) (L.D. 1521) (Sponsored by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Natural Resources

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Section 16, Activities in Coastal Sand Dunes, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1068) (L.D. 1518) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1109)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 17, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree

Speaker of the House

124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell

President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 17, 2009, 37 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 17, 2009, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Revise Notification Requirements for Pesticides Applications Using Aircraft or Air-carrier Equipment" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1089) (L.D. 1547) (Sponsored by Representative O'BRIEN of Lincolnville) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Representatives: KENT of Woolwich, MAZUREK of Rockland, McCABE of Skowhegan, PIEH of Bremen, PIOTTI of Unity, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SMITH of Monmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers from Charges after a Free Trial Period" (H.P. 1085) (L.D. 1541) (Sponsored by Representative HUNT of Buxton) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, EVES of North Berwick, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, McCABE of Skowhegan, SMITH of Monmouth, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Streamline the Renewal Process for a Permit To Carry a Firearm" (H.P. 1072) (L.D. 1522) (Sponsored by Representative PRATT of Eddington) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, ROBINSON of Raymond) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, To Develop a Model Academic Year Calendar (H.P. 1100) (L.D. 1563) (Sponsored by Representative SUTHERLAND of Chapman) (Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: FINCH of Fairfield, JOHNSON of Greenville, LOVEJOY of Portland, McFADDEN of Dennysville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Concerning the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (H.P. 1101) (L.D. 1564) (Sponsored by Representative SUTHERLAND of Chapman) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, DUCHESNE of Hudson, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Make Maine's Laws Consistent with the Federal Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act" (H.P. 1086) (L.D. 1542) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representatives: EVES of North Berwick, JONES of Mount Vernon, PETERSON of Rumford, SANBORN of Gorham, STUCKEY of Portland, Senator: MILLS of Somerset) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Health Data Processing Center and the Maine Health Data

Organization" (H.P. 1088) (L.D. 1544) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MILLER of Somerville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, SAVIELLO of Wilton, Senator: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Amend the Standards by Which Game Wardens May Stop All-terrain Vehicles when Operating on Private Property" (H.P. 1080) (L.D. 1536) (Sponsored by Representative SARTY of Denmark) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: JOHNSON of Greenville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SHAW of Standish, SYKES of Harrison, WEAVER of York, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Spread of Invasive Plants and Protect Maine's Lakes" (H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1548) (Sponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, SAVIELLO of Wilton, STUCKEY of Portland, WATSON of Bath, WELSH of Rockport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Deer Hunting in Owls Head during Firearms Season with Shotguns Only" (H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1549) (Sponsored by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, EBERLE of South Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WELSH of Rockport, Senator: DAMON of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Make Corrections to the Life Settlement Laws" (H.P. 1073) (L.D. 1523) (Sponsored by Representative 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. 1081) (L.D. 1537) (Sponsored by Representative BLODGETT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, DUCHESNE of Hudson, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, RUSSELL of Portland, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Promote Opportunity for Workers in the Maine Woods" (H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1550) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CLARK of Millinocket, CROCKETT of Bethel, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, GILBERT of Jay, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PIOTTI of Unity, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Further Regulate the Communications of Members of Public Bodies" (H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1551) (Sponsored by Representative DOSTIE of Sabattus) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, LAJOIE of Lewiston, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, TREAT of Hallowell, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin,

SIMPSON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in Unemployment Compensation Claims" (H.P. 1074) (L.D. 1524) (Sponsored by Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BICKFORD of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Lisbon, HAMPER of Oxford, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LAJOIE of Lewiston, SIROIS of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Maine Laws Consistent with Recent Amendments to the United States Trade Act of 1974" (H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1543) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CUSHING of Hampden, GILBERT of Jay, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Employment Opportunities for Maine Workers in the Forest Industry" (H.P. 1094) (L.D. 1552) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Knowing Misclassification of Construction Workers" (H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1565) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Membership of the Workers' Compensation Board" (H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1566) (Sponsored by Representative BUTTERFIELD of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, CROCKETT of Augusta, CUSHING of Hampden, THIBODEAU of Winterport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Marine Resources Laws" (H.P. 1104) (L.D. 1567) (Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Natural Resources

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 700: Wellhead Protection: Siting of Facilities That Pose a Significant Threat to Drinking Water, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1076) (L.D. 1526) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 692: Siting of Oil Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1077) (L.D. 1527) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Close Loopholes in Environmental Laws" (H.P. 1082) (L.D. 1538) (Sponsored by Representative WELSH of Rockport) (Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, Senator: GOODALL of

Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Establishment of Watershed Districts" (H.P. 1095) (L.D. 1553) (Sponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland and Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, HINCK of Portland, LOVEJOY of Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, NELSON of Falmouth, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland, STUCKEY of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Phaseout of Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers" (H.P. 1105) (L.D. 1568) (Sponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson, Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, EBERLE of South Portland, EVES of North Berwick, HINCK of Portland, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, KNAPP of Gorham, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, WELSH of Rockport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation" (H.P. 1075) (L.D. 1525) (Sponsored by Representative HAYES of Buckfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Substantial State Contracts Receive Adequate Legal Review" (H.P. 1078) (L.D. 1534) (Sponsored by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CONNOR of Kennebunk, MILLER of Somerville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Document Fees at County Registries of Deeds" (H.P. 1096) (L.D. 1554) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLODGETT of Augusta, BRIGGS of Mexico, CAIN of Orono, CLARK of Millinocket, CONNOR of Kennebunk, GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, JONES of Mount Vernon, McCABE of Skowhegan, MILLER of Somerville, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, STUCKEY of Portland, TREAT of Hallowell, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, GOOLEY of Franklin, McCORMICK of Kennebec, SMITH of Piscataquis) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Informed Growth Act" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1106) (L.D. 1569) (Sponsored by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CROCKETT of Augusta, HANLEY of Gardiner, HAYES of Buckfield, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PILON of Saco, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senator: COURTNEY of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws" (H.P. 1083) (L.D. 1539) (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 Amend the Tax Laws" (H.P. 1084) (L.D. 1540) (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.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Require the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Accept Certification of Disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs" (H.P. 1097) (L.D. 1555) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, JACKSON of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the We Support Our Troops Registration Plates" (H.P. 1107) (L.D. 1570) (Sponsored by Representative PILON of Saco) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Create a Smart Grid Policy in the State" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1079) (L.D. 1535) (Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLETCHER of Winslow, SIROIS of Turner, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, HOBBINS of York, MILLS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Energy Systems (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1098) (L.D. 1556) (Sponsored by Representative NELSON of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIN of Orono, DOSTIE of Sabattus, HASKELL of Portland, McCABE of Skowhegan, WAGNER of Lyman, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, HOBBINS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Raise the Indebtedness Limit of the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District" (H.P. 1099) (L.D. 1557) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Maine's Energy Corridor Policy Does Not Harm Maine's Renewable Power Development" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1108) (L.D. 1571) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CAREY of Lewiston, FITTS of Pittsfield, MacDONALD of Boothbay, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1134)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

December 18, 2009
Hon. Hannah M. Pingree

Speaker of the House
124th Legislature
Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:
On December 18, 2009, 24 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 18, 2009, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Farms and Nurseries" (H.P. 1123) (L.D. 1585) (Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representative: SMITH of Monmouth, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Farmers' Market'" (H.P. 1124) (L.D. 1586) (Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, SMITH of Monmouth) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Animal Welfare Laws" (H.P. 1125) (L.D. 1587) (Sponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, McCABE of Skowhegan, SMITH of Monmouth) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Correct Errors in the Laws Relating to Unlicensed Practice and Other Provisions of the Professional and Occupational Licensing Laws" (H.P. 1110) (L.D. 1572) (Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, COHEN of Portland, SIROIS of Turner, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of the Commissioner of Corrections To Respond in an Emergency" (H.P. 1114) (L.D. 1576) (Sponsored by Representative PLUMMER of Windham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Delivery of Community Corrections Services" (H.P. 1121) (L.D. 1583) (Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senator: DAVIS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Change the Penalties for Writing Bad Checks" (H.P. 1126) (L.D. 1588) (Sponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CLARK of Millinocket, HAYES of Buckfield, PENDLETON of Scarborough, SARTY of Denmark, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Update and Clarify Polygraph Examiner and Private Investigator Licensing Laws Administered by the Department of Public Safety" (H.P. 1128) (L.D. 1590) (Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002 Concerning Right of Entry and Investigation" (H.P. 1129) (L.D. 1591) (Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Affecting the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention" (H.P. 1130) (L.D. 1592) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Replace the Maine Limited Liability Company Act" (H.P. 1118) (L.D. 1580) (Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Labor

Bill "An Act To Bring the Laws of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System into Compliance with the Federal Internal Revenue Code" (H.P. 1120) (L.D. 1582) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representative Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, Senator President MITCHELL of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend the Rights and Liabilities of the Supervisory Physician of a Physician Assistant" (H.P. 1112) (L.D. 1574) (Sponsored by Representative CAREY of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, FITTS of Pittsfield, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LAJOIE of Lewiston, SAVIELLO of Wilton, STUCKEY of Portland, VALENTINO of Saco) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Voting by Uniformed Service and Overseas Voters" (H.P. 1117) (L.D. 1579) (Sponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PILON of Saco, Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Require That Marine Resources Dealers Purchase Only from Licensed Harvesters" (H.P. 1122) (L.D. 1584) (Sponsored by Representative EATON of Sullivan) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Lobster Meat Laws and Expand Economic Opportunity for Maine's Lobster Industry" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1131) (L.D. 1593) (Sponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: KENT of Woolwich, LANGLEY of Ellsworth, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, WEAVER of York) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Improve Water Quality through the Phaseout of Overboard Discharges and the Improvement of the Boat Pump-out Laws" (H.P. 1111) (L.D. 1573) (Sponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, MAZUREK of Rockland, PERCY of Phippsburg, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, TRAHAN of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Residential Wood Stove Replacement Fund" (H.P. 1113) (L.D. 1575) (Sponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CLARK of Millinocket, CUSHING of Hampden, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels" (H.P. 1115) (L.D. 1577) (Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, KNAPP of Gorham, PERCY of Phippsburg, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of State Land to the Natural Resource Education Center of Greenville (H.P. 1132) (L.D. 1605) (Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in North Berwick the North Berwick Veterans Memorial Bridge (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1133) (L.D. 1606) (Sponsored by Representative EVES of North Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Provide for Equitable Sharing by Service Providers of the Costs of the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate" (H.P. 1116) (L.D. 1578) (Sponsored by Representative FLAHERTY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DOSTIE of Sabattus, FITTS of Pittsfield, HINCK of Portland, McCABE of Skowhegan, MORRISON of South Portland) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Concerning Electricity Customers Whose Bills Increase as a Result of the Implementation of Energy Conservation or Energy Efficiency Measures" (H.P. 1119) (L.D. 1581) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DOSTIE of Sabattus, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, FLETCHER of Winslow, HINCK of Portland, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Sanitary Districts To Waive an Automatic Sanitary District Lien Foreclosure" (H.P. 1127) (L.D. 1589) (Sponsored by Representative CHASE of Wells) (Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: LEWIN of Eliot, WEAVER of York, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1176)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 21, 2009

Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature

Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:

On December 21, 2009, 41 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 21, 2009, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Regulate the Transportation of Firewood" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1135) (L.D. 1607) (Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: HAYES of Buckfield, KENT of Woolwich, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, SMITH of Monmouth, STUCKEY of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Business, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Establish an Office of Administrative Law Judges for Licensing Boards" (H.P. 1136) (L.D. 1608) (Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, DOSTIE of Sabattus, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, HAYES of Buckfield, McCABE of Skowhegan, NELSON of Falmouth, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, WATSON of Bath) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Expand the Use of Ignition Interlock Devices" (H.P. 1137) (L.D. 1609) (Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Silver Alert Program" (H.P. 1138) (L.D. 1610) (Sponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CAREY of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MILLER of Somerville, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, SIMPSON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Humane Treatment for Special Management Prisoners" (H.P. 1139) (L.D. 1611) (Sponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of

Bowdoinham, HINCK of Portland, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Unlawful Use of License or Identification Card" (H.P. 1140) (L.D. 1612) (Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, SYKES of Harrison) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Modernize the Laws Governing the State's Cultural Agencies" (H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1613) (Sponsored by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg) (Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FOSSEL of Alna, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SMITH of Monmouth, WATSON of Bath, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, DAVIS of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Reimburse Pharmacies under the MaineCare Program Based on Wholesale Acquisition Costs" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1143) (L.D. 1615) (Sponsored by Representative LEWIN of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, EVES of North Berwick, JOHNSON of Greenville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, SYKES of Harrison, Senators: COURTNEY of York, SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enhance Newborn Blood Spot Screening To Conform to Federal Newborn Screening Standards" (H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1616) (Sponsored by Representative JONES of Mount Vernon) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Enabling Expedited Partner Therapy" (H.P. 1145) (L.D. 1617) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, SIROIS of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Wilson Pond" (H.P. 1142) (L.D. 1614) (Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville) (Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Loan Originator Registration Laws" (H.P. 1146) (L.D. 1618) (Sponsored by Representative LEGG of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: COHEN of Portland, RICHARDSON of Warren, Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Uniformity Regarding Exemption from Registration of Certain Securities Offerings" (H.P. 1147) (L.D. 1619) (Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representative: COHEN of Portland, Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Health Care Consumers from Catastrophic Debt" (H.P. 1148) (L.D. 1620) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BECK of Waterville, BLODGETT of Augusta, BOLAND of Sanford, BRIGGS of Mexico, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, CROCKETT of Augusta, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, EVES of North Berwick, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, HASKELL of Portland, HINCK of Portland, HUNT of Buxton, LEGG of Kennebunk, LOVEJOY of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, McCABE of Skowhegan, MILLER of Somerville, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, MORRISON of South Portland, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PEOPLES of Westbrook, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PRIEST of Brunswick, RICHARDSON of Warren, SMITH of Monmouth, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, TREAT of Hallowell, WAGNER of Lewiston, WATSON of Bath, WELSH of Rockport, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BOWMAN of York, BRYANT of Oxford, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, JACKSON of Aroostook, President MITCHELL of Kennebec, SIMPSON of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Increase Consumer Choice Regarding Service Contracts" (H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1621) (Sponsored by Representative THIBODEAU of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAREY of Lewiston, CURTIS of Madison, JOHNSON of Greenville, SYKES of Harrison, THOMAS of Ripley, Senators: COURTNEY of York, JACKSON of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing the Practice of Law" (H.P. 1150) (L.D. 1622) (Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HINCK of Portland, KRUGER of Thomaston, STEVENS of Bangor, Senator: HOBBS of York) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Expand Options in the Permanency Plan for Children in Foster Care" (H.P. 1151) (L.D. 1623) (Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Rights to Children for Caretaker Relatives" (H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1624) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, SIROIS of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Policy of Communication and Consultation on Issues Affecting Tribal Communities of the Passamaquoddy Tribe" (H.P. 1153) (L.D. 1625) (Sponsored by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe) (Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and Representatives: MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, PENDLETON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor

Bill "An Act To Amend the Unemployment Compensation Laws Regarding Vacation Pay" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1154) (L.D. 1626) (Sponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven)

(Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAMPBELL of Newfield, DOSTIE of Sabattus, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HANLEY of Gardiner, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MAZUREK of Rockland, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, McCORMICK of Kennebec, President MITCHELL of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Data in the Central Voter Registration System" (H.P. 1155) (L.D. 1627) (Sponsored by Representative TRINWARD of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Alcoholic Beverages" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1156) (L.D. 1628) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: TUTTLE of Sanford, WELSH of Rockport, Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and Representatives: Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, RUSSELL of Portland, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Streamline Wine Registration Requirements" (H.P. 1157) (L.D. 1629) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: EATON of Sullivan, FITTS of Pittsfield, LOVEJOY of Portland, PEOPLES of Westbrook, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senator: SULLIVAN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Instant Redeemable Coupons Included with a Spirits Product" (H.P. 1158) (L.D. 1630) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Provide Leadership Regarding the Responsible Recycling of Consumer Products" (H.P. 1159) (L.D. 1631) (Sponsored by Representative WALSH INNES of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, HINCK of Portland, KENT of Woolwich, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, WELSH of Rockport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish Biofuel and Ultra-low Sulfur Requirements for Number 2 Home Heating Oil" (H.P. 1160) (L.D. 1632) (Sponsored by Representative BUTTERFIELD of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, KNAPP of Gorham, WELSH of Rockport, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility of Certain Municipal Landfills To Participate in the State's Remediation and Closure Program" (H.P. 1161) (L.D. 1633) (Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUCHESNE of Hudson, THOMAS of Ripley) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Increase Financial Assets of Maine Citizens by Allowing Split Tax Refunds" (H.P. 1162) (L.D. 1634) (Sponsored by Representative FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York, Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIN of Orono, CAREY of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Augusta, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, WATSON of Bath, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, SIMPSON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Avoid Unnecessary Removal of Land from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1163) (L.D. 1635) (Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: EBERLE of South Portland, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, SMITH of Monmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Extended Stays in Maine Waters" (H.P. 1164) (L.D. 1636) (Sponsored by Representative CUSHING of Hampden) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, CURTIS of Madison, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MAZUREK of Rockland, PERCY of Phippsburg, WEAVER of York, Senator: DAMON of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Change the Requirements for the Sales Tax Exemption for Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment" (H.P. 1165) (L.D. 1637) (Sponsored by Representative WATSON of Bath) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, EBERLE of South Portland, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, SAVIELLO of Wilton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Impose Service Requirements on Railroads That Receive Funds from the Department of Transportation" (H.P. 1166) (L.D. 1638) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CAREY of Lewiston, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: DAMON of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Stimulate the Maine Economy and Promote the Development of Maine's Priority Transportation Infrastructure Needs" (H.P. 1167) (L.D. 1639) (Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BLODGETT of Augusta, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAREY of Lewiston, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CROCKETT of Augusta, FITTS of Pittsfield, KENT of Woolwich, LOVEJOY of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, THOMAS of Ripley, WEAVER of York, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Safety of Maine Athletes" (H.P. 1168) (L.D. 1640) (Sponsored by Representative CAREY of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MAZUREK of Rockland, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven,

ROTUNDO of Lewiston, STUCKEY of Portland, THIBODEAU of Winterport, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Direct Funds from the Highway Fund to the Highway and Bridge Light Capital Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1169) (L.D. 1641) (Sponsored by Representative BROWNE of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, FITTS of Pittsfield, McLEOD of Lee, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SYKES of Harrison, THIBODEAU of Winterport, THOMAS of Ripley, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Road Noise within Posted Areas" (H.P. 1170) (L.D. 1642) (Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland and Representatives: COHEN of Portland, GILBERT of Jay, PILON of Saco, SHAW of Standish, STUCKEY of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Involvement of the Office of the Public Advocate in the FairPoint Communications Bankruptcy Case" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1171) (L.D. 1643) (Sponsored by Representative HINCK of Portland) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DOSTIE of Sabattus, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, FLETCHER of Winslow, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators: BOWMAN of York, SHERMAN of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Require That a Utility Company Notify the Owner of Property prior to Disconnecting Services" (H.P. 1172) (L.D. 1644) (Sponsored by Representative PILON of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, HINCK of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, RUSSELL of Portland, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senators: HOBBS of York, SIMPSON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Streamline Collections for Consumer-owned Consolidated Water and Wastewater Utilities" (H.P. 1173) (L.D. 1645) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Representative: THIBODEAU of Winterport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Broadband Policy for Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1174) (L.D. 1646) (Sponsored by Representative FLAHERTY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DOSTIE of Sabattus, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, HINCK of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, McCABE of Skowhegan, MORRISON of South Portland, PENDLETON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enhance Maine's Clean Energy Opportunities" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1175) (L.D. 1647) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: FITTS of Pittsfield, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, FLETCHER of Winslow, HINCK of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SHAW of Standish, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1178)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 23, 2009
Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature
Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:
On December 23, 2009, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 23, 2009, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Initiative To Streamline State Government" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1177) (L.D. 1668) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part QQQ.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1180)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 23, 2009
Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature
Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:
On December 23, 2009, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 23, 2009, as follows:

Transportation

Resolve, To Name the New Bridge over Gilman Stream in New Portland the Joshua Bernard Memorial Bridge (H.P. 1179) (L.D.

1669) (Sponsored by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1182)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 28, 2009
Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature
Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:
On December 28, 2009, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 28, 2009, as follows:

Transportation

Resolve, To Authorize the Placement of a Sign at Saddleback Mountain (H.P. 1181) (L.D. 1670) (Sponsored by Representative TARDY of Newport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1184)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 31, 2009
Hon. Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Legislature
Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
124th Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Madam President:
On December 31, 2009, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 31, 2009, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1183) (L.D. 1671) (Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 228)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

August 18, 2009
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree and
Members of the House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Pursuant to your charge that the House Committee on Ethics meet to conduct an investigation relative to an incident that occurred on the evening of July 4, 2009 at the cottage of State Representative Richard Blanchard and more specifically to determine if he attempted to use his office to receive preferential treatment.

The committee met on Monday, August 10, 2009 for its organizational meeting and it was decided that witnesses be invited.

On Tuesday, August 18th, the committee heard from the following witnesses:

Representative Richard D. Blanchard
Scott A. Richardson, Senior Fire Investigator, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Edward H. Hastings IV, Fire Investigator, Office of the State Fire Marshal Sergeant
Ronald Dunham, Maine Warden Service
Mary Ellen Lane
Nancy Blanchard
Wendy Coyne
Betsy Clark
Brian Blanchard
Gerard P. Conley, Jr., Esq.

Following testimony and discussion, members of the House Ethics Committee have determined:

- 1) The committee did not conclude that Representative Blanchard violated MRSA, Title 1, section 1014, (2) regarding undue influence.
- 2) The committee did not conclude that Representative Blanchard violated MRSA, Title 1, section 1014, (3) regarding abuse of office or position.
- 3) The committee did find, however, there to be sufficient evidence that Representative Blanchard engaged in disrespectful behavior unbecoming to a State Representative. Additionally, the committee members believe that a State Representative should be held to a higher standard of behavior and that members of the House of Representatives should strive to be positive role models within their State and communities.
- 4) The attention of all members is directed to the "Legislative Code of Ethics" first adopted by the 100th Legislature

which in part states "Any public office holder is charged with responsible conduct commensurate with the trust placed in him/her by the electorate."

Therefore the House Ethics Committee recommends that these findings be provided in a copy to Representative Blanchard and be recognized and incorporated into the permanent record of the 124th Maine House of Representatives.

Sincerely,
S/Representative Mark Bryant, Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 229)

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

January 6, 2010

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

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority, I have appointed the following members to serve on associations, boards, committees, commissions, task forces and councils:

National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices, Article III, §3.01 of the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices bylaws
Representative James J. Campbell, Sr. of Newfield
Representative Linda F. Sanborn of Gorham
Committee on the Implementation of the Maine Medical Marijuana Act, Executive Order 04 FY 10/11
Representative Anne M. Haskell of Portland
Representative Anne C. Perry of Calais
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, Public Law 2009, Chapter 191
Elizabeth Ward Saxl of Manchester
The Task Force on the Sustainability of the Dairy Industry in Maine, Public Law 2009, Chapter 213
Representative Wendy Pieh of Bremen
Representative Dean A. Cray of Palmyra
The Commission to Study Energy Infrastructure, Public Law 2009, Chapter 372, Part F, §4
Representative John L. Martin of Eagle Lake (House Chair)
Representative Sharon Anglin Treat of Hallowell
Representative Jon Hinck of Portland
Representative Kenneth C. Fletcher of Winslow
Representative Stacey Allen Fitts of Pittsfield
Broadband Strategy Council, Resolve 2009, Chapter 108
Representative Cynthia A. Dill of Cape Elizabeth (House Chair)
Representative W. Bruce MacDonald of Boothbay
Representative Kenneth C. Fletcher of Winslow
Study Commission Regarding Teachers' Compensation, Resolve 2009 Chapter 138, §2
Representative Patricia B. Sutherland of Chapman (House Chair)
Representative Richard V. Wagner of Lewiston
Representative Howard E. McFadden of Dennysville
Right to Know Advisory Committee, Title 1, §411
Judy Meyer of Lewiston
Maine Library of Geographic Information Board, Title 5, §2003
Gretchen Heldmann of Hampden
Kenneth Murchison of Caribou
Substance Abuse Services Commission, Title 5, §20065

Representative John L. Martin of Eagle Lake
Representative Anne C. Perry of Calais
Representative Alexander Cornell du Houx of Brunswick
Representative Sarah O. Lewin of Eliot
The Education Commission of the States, Title 20A, §603
Representative Patricia B. Sutherland of Chapman
Community Preservation Advisory Committee, Title 30-A, §4350
Honorable Theodore S. Koffman of Bar Harbor
Sincerely,
S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0001**

December 7, 2009
The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Pingree,
In accordance with 38 M.R.S.A. section 341-C(5), this letter serves notice to the Legislature that it is necessary to extend the term of Mr. M. Wing Goodale as a member of the Board of Environmental Protection to ensure fair consideration of the following matter: Appeal of the license for the Record Hill wind energy development project in Roxbury. Mr. Goodale's continued participation is particularly important since two other Board members are unable to participate in this proceeding. Mr. Goodale's term is extended from December 12, 2009 until final Board action on the above-cited matter, unless Mr. Goodale is renominated and confirmed for a second term on the Board.

Sincerely,
S/John Elias Baldacci
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 230)

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

November 17, 2009
Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate of Maine
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
124th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Mitchell and Speaker Pingree:
In accordance with 2 M.R.S.A., Section 104, Subsection 1, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the appointment of Gail Dana-Sacco of Hampden, for appointment to the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development.

After discussion on this appointment, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to approve with the following:

YEAS	Senators	2	Brannigan of Cumberland, Mills of Somerset
	Representatives	10	Perry of Calais, Campbell of Newfield, Eves of North Berwick, Jones of Mount Vernon, Lewin of Eliot, Peterson of Rumford, Sanborn of Gorham, Strang Burgess of Cumberland, Stuckey of Portland, Soctomah of the Passamaquoddy Tribe
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Joy of Crystal, Sen. Marraché of Kennebec

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the appointment of Gail Dana-Sacco of Hampden, for appointment to the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development be approved.

Signed,
S/Sen. Joseph C. Brannigan
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 232)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

September 1, 2009
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk MacFarland,
Enclosed please find a certified copy of the documents relating to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe each certifying its agreement to P.L. 2009, c. 384 (LD 1377), entitled "An Act To Amend the 1980 Maine Implementing Act To Authorize the Establishment of a Tribal Court for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and Related Matters".

These documents were timely filed within 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature, as provided by the above-referenced public law, on the following dates:

- The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians — certification filed July 15, 2009
 - The Penobscot Nation — certification filed August 20, 2009
 - The Passamaquoddy Tribe — certification filed August 31, 2009
- These documents are being forwarded to you pursuant to the provisions of Title 3, Section 601.

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 231)

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, September 1, 2009.
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 07-07-09-02
OF THE HOULTON BAND COUNCIL
THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS
HOULTON, MAINE 04730**

Whereas, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and
Whereas, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Tribal Council is the governing Body of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; and,
Whereas, the 124th Maine State Legislature has enacted Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377): An Act To Amend the 1980 Maine Implementing Act To Authorize the Establishment of a Tribal Court for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and Related Matters; and,
Whereas, Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) was signed by the Governor of Maine on June 12, 2009; and,
Whereas, in accordance with the language of Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) and 25 U.S. C 1725 (e)(2), in order for Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) to become effective, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians are required to approve the individual Sections (A, B, C, D, E, F) of that Act as enacted by the Maine Legislature and signed by the Governor; and,
Whereas, Section A of Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) permanently enables the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to have a law enforcement authority, and addresses the payments to municipalities in lieu of taxes by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; and,
Whereas, Section B of Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) establishes the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Court with jurisdiction over only members of the Houlton Band, and over categories of subject matters jurisdiction that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has notified the Maine State Attorney General's office that they are going to assume; and,
Whereas, Section C of Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) provides that the State of Maine, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Indian Nation shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians gives full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Indian Nation and the State of Maine; and,
Whereas, Section D of Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) gives the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians tribal court jurisdiction over members of the Penobscot Indian Nation within the same categories of subject matter jurisdiction that the tribal court has over the members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under part B of Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377); and,
Whereas, Section E of Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) gives the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians tribal court jurisdiction over members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe within the same categories of subject matter jurisdiction that the tribal court has over the members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under Part B of Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377), and it also amends the jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy Tribal Court to provide that court with jurisdiction over members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; and,
Whereas, Section F of Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) amends the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

statutes to add 2 members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and 2 additional State representatives, and deletes obsolete language and revises language concerning the replacement of the Chair; and,
Whereas, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' Tribal Council approves of each of the respective sections (A, B, C, D, E, F) as required by Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377);
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Houlton Band Tribal Council pursuant to 25 United States Code Section 1725(e)(2), hereby certifies its agreement with Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) as enacted by the 124th Maine Legislature and signed by the Governor of Maine.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned members of the Tribal Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, do hereby certify that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Council is composed of seven (7) members, of whom 7 were present during the Council Meeting of July 7, 2009 and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 members.

S/Gloria Tomah, Council Member
S/Michael Kelley, Council Member
S/Sandra Hayes, Council Member
S/Tina Beaver, Council Member
S/Joshua Toner, Council Member
S/Linda Raymond, Council Member
S/Brenda Commander, Tribal Chief
TRIBAL CLERK CERTIFICATION

I, Crystal Tucker, the Tribal Clerk of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, do hereby certify that a Council Meeting was duly held, and the foregoing Resolution in support of Maine Public Law Chapter 384 (HP 967 LD 1377) was duly passed.

S/Crystal Tucker, Tribal Clerk

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, September 1, 2009.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

**CERTIFICATION OF MOTION NUMBER: 08-11-09-02
OF THE GOVERNING BODY,
OF THE PENOBSCOT NATION**

I, the undersigned Tribal Clerk of the Penobscot Indian Nation, do hereby certify that a Emergency General Meeting was held on the 11th day of August, 2009 and at which time the Chief, Kirk Francis, was present and presided and acted throughout. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Tribal membership voted to approve LD 1377 - An Act To Amend the 1980 Maine Implementing Act To Authorize the Establishment of a Tribal Court for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and Related Matters.

CERTIFICATION

I further certify that I am the official custodian of certain records including the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council of the Penobscot Indian Nation, a federally recognized and sovereign

Indian Tribe duly organized and existing under the Laws of the United States, and that at the meeting there was present and acting throughout, a quorum authorized to transact business hereinafter described, and that the proceedings of said meeting were in accordance with the laws of said Nation, and that said motions/resolutions have not been amended or revoked and are in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand as Tribal Clerk and have affixed the Tribal Seal on this day of August 19, 2009.

S/Linda Socoby
Tribal Clerk

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, September 1, 2009.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

**PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE
JOINT TRIBAL COUNCIL
EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A SPECIAL JOINT COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE HELD AT
INDIAN TOWNSHIP ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2009**

Present: Governor William Nicholas, Elizabeth Neptune, Patrick Francis, Glenna Nicholas and Richard Sabattus Absent: Martin Dana and Lt. Governor Joseph Socobasin

Governor Richard Phillips-Doyle, Edward Bassett Jr., Christine Downing, Denise Altvater and Alberta Downing. Absent: Frederick Moore III, Darren Paul and Lt. Governor Thomas Lewey.

AGENDA #1 LD 1377, AN ACT TO AMEND THE 1980 MAINE IMPLEMENTING ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRIBAL COURT FOR THE HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS AND RELATED MATTERS/DA

WAYNE NEWELL MOTIONS THAT THE JOINT TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE TO VOTE AND SUPPORT LD 1377 AN ACT TO AMEND THE 1980 LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRIBAL COURT FOR THE HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS AND RELATED MATTERS

SECONDED BY: DENISE ALTVATER

VOTE: 9 IN FAVOR (ERB/GN/PF/RS/CD/AD/DA/EAN/WN) 0 OPPOSE;

0 ABSTENTIONS; 5 ABSENT (MD/JS/FMIII/DP/TL)

**MOTION CARRIES
CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, do hereby certify that a Special Meeting of the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe was held at the Indian Township Reservation at Princeton, Maine on, Monday, August 17, 2009 and do further certify the presence of a quorum of the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe consisting of not fewer than eight voting members, including at least four from each reservation, was determined by a roll call taken and recorded at the beginning of the meeting, and that the

foregoing motion was read to all members of the Joint Tribal Council present at the said meeting prior to being voted upon at the meeting and was duly moved, seconded and adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members who at the time constituted a majority of the Joint tribal Council then present and voting.

ATTEST: S/Mary J. Lola, Joint Council Clerk
August 25, 2009

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 233)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

June 19, 2009
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Please find enclosed certified copies of the proclamations for the citizen initiatives, "An Act To Decrease the Automobile Excise Tax and Promote Energy Efficiency", "An Act To Establish the Maine Medical Marijuana Act", "An Act To Provide Tax Relief" and "An Act To Repeal the School District Consolidation Laws", which will be sent to referendum vote on November 3, 2009.

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 234)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

September 10, 2009
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the proclamation referring the People's Veto of "An Act To End Discrimination in Civil Marriage and Affirm Religious Freedom" to the electors on November 3, 2009. A copy of the determination of this petition is also enclosed.

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 235)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

December 31, 2009
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

The following is a summary of the results of the November 3, 2009 Referendum Election, as derived from the accompanying

copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Secretary of State's Official Tabulation of the election results.

Question 1: People's Veto
 Number of Votes in Favor 300,848
 Number of Votes Opposed 267,828
 Question 2: Citizen Initiative
 Number of Votes in Favor 145,610
 Number of Votes Opposed 416,714
 Question 3: Citizen Initiative
 Number of Votes in Favor 228,952
 Number of Votes Opposed 320,334
 Question 4: Citizen Initiative
 Number of Votes in Favor 223,059
 Number of Votes Opposed 336,144
 Question 5: Citizen Initiative
 Number of Votes in Favor 332,038
 Number of Votes Opposed 232,024
 Question 6: Bond Issue
 Number of Votes in Favor 363,537
 Number of Votes Opposed 192,789
 Question 7: Constitutional Amendment
 Number of Votes in Favor 260,887
 Number of Votes Opposed 285,385

Sincerely,
 S/Matthew Dunlap
 Secretary of State

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 236)
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
 11 STATE HOUSE STATION
 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0011**

July 29, 2009
 MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate
 Representative Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House and
 Senator Barry Hobbins and Representative Jon Hinck, Co-Chairs of the
 Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

FROM: S/Brenda M. Harvey, Commissioner
 SUBJECT: 2008 Report to the Legislature on the State Nuclear Safety Inspector's Oversight Activities of the Maine Yankee Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI)

New legislation was enacted in the spring of 2008 which requires the State Nuclear Safety Inspector, in cooperation with the Director of Environmental Health in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to prepare an annual report of the State Inspector's activities to the Legislature under Title 22 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated §666. The report must be submitted annually to the Legislature with oversight from the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy by the 1st of July.

The enclosed report provides the information required under 22 MRSA §666, as enacted under Public Law 539, in the second regular session of the 123rd Legislature. Should you have any questions about its content, please feel free to contact Pat Dostie, State Nuclear Safety Inspector, at 287-6721.

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 237)
**STATE OF MAINE
 DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
 66 STATE HOUSE STATION
 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

August 6, 2009
 Honorable John Elias Baldacci
 Governor of the State of Maine
 Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell
 President of the Senate
 Honorable Hannah M. Pingree
 Speaker of the House

RE: Reports on Complaints made to State Auditor's Fraud Hotline

Dear Governor Baldacci, President Mitchell, and Speaker Pingree:

I am pleased to present you with several reports on complaints made to the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline. These reports will be made available to the public on the Web at Maine.gov. The reports are formatted pursuant to Title 5 MRSA section 244-D. They include Semiannual Reports on the total number of complaints received, and 120 Day Reports containing individual descriptions of the complaints filed.

Most complaints have been closed without any finding of fraud, although two were referred to the Attorney General, one is still being investigated by the Maine Department of Audit, and some others are under review by agencies with specific responsibility to investigate.

In May 2008, I began the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline as a reporting service on the State of Maine's web site. It is located at: <http://www.maine.gov/audit/fraud/fraud.htm>. The identity of people making such reports is confidential, as are the contents of the complaints. Through June 30, 2009, we received 17 complaints. I believe that the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline is an important tool in preventing and detecting fraud in state government. Do call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
 S/Neria R. Douglass, JD CIA
 State Auditor

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 238)
**STATE OF MAINE
 DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
 66 STATE HOUSE STATION
 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**
 Letter of Transmittal

Senator Elizabeth H. Mitchell
 President of the Senate
 Representative Hannah M. Pingree
 Speaker of the House of Representatives
 The Honorable John E. Baldacci
 Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. This audit was conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local

Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Our audit complies with Title 5, Chapter 11, section 243 and is a prerequisite for the receipt of \$2.8 billion in federal financial assistance during fiscal year 2008.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, and Notes to Financial Statements
- Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards
- Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Financial Statement Findings
- Indexes to Federal Program Findings
- Federal Findings, Questioned Costs and Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Maine Department of Audit, I thank employees throughout Maine government who have assisted us during our audit. I know that we all work to improve financial reporting and accountability for our citizens and our State.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the 2008 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,
S/Neria R. Douglass, JD, CIA
State Auditor
August 28, 2009

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 239)

**STATE OF MAINE
JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP
111 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

September 25, 2009

Dear Governor Baldacci and Members of the 124th Legislature:
The statutorily created Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) of Maine presents to you the 2008 Annual Report. We think you will find the information quite enlightening with regard to the activities of the JJAG and its work in the criminal justice arena as it impacts Maine's most precious commodity, our youth.

Over the years, the JJAG has gone through many changes and made many improvements. You can see from our membership that we are quite diverse and look at the criminal justice system from a variety of perspectives, always seeking better solutions and methods of dealing with juveniles who become involved with the criminal justice system.

It is truly a great honor for each and every one of us to serve the state and its youth in our appointed capacities. We hope you find the information valuable and useful to you in your coming deliberations.

Sincerely,
S/Paul K. Vestal, Jr.
Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 240)
**MAINE DAIRY PROMOTION BOARD
333 CONY ROAD
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

September 29, 2009

Representative Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Pingree,

Enclosed for your review and consideration is the calendar year 2008 Audit Report of the Maine Dairy Promotion Board, prepared by Austin Associates, P.A., Certified Public Accountants. We are pleased to offer it for your consideration.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please don't hesitate to contact either Austin Associates or myself, we would be glad to assist you in any way. Austin Associates can be reached at their office in Auburn at 783-9111 and I can be reached at our office in Augusta at 287-3621.

Sincerely,
S/Cheryl L. Beyeler, CFCS
Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 241)
**MAINE DAIRY & NUTRITION COUNCIL
333 CONY ROAD
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

September 29, 2009

Representative Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Pingree,

Enclosed for your review and consideration is the calendar year 2008 Audit Report of the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council, prepared by Austin Associates, P.A., Certified Public Accountants. We are pleased to offer it for your consideration.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please don't hesitate to contact either Austin Associates or myself. Austin Associates can be reached at their office in Auburn at 783-9111 and I can be reached at our office in Augusta at 287-3621.

Sincerely,
S/Cheryl L. Beyeler, CFCS
Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 242)
**STATE OF MAINE
MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
24 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0024**

October 1, 2009

Senate President Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House Hannah M. Pingree
Members of the 124th Maine Legislature:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA Section 13070-J, the State Tax Assessor is required to submit a report to the Legislature identifying the revenue foregone as the result of the Jobs and Investment Tax Credit (JITC), the Research Expense Tax Credit (R&D), the Seed

Capital Investment Tax Credit, the Shipbuilding Facility Credit, the Credit for Pollution-Reducing Boilers, and public funds spent on the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program (BETR). Attached are four reports that provide you with this information.

The first attachment lists corporations and individuals that reduced their Maine income tax liability with the JITC, the R&D credit, and/or the Seed Capital credit for tax year 2007, as well as the value of those credits. Tax year 2007 is the last year for which we have full information on both corporate and individual filers. Statutes governing the release of confidential taxpayer information prevent us from reporting the names of the corporations or individuals that benefited from these tax credits. No taxpayer took advantage of the Credit for Pollution-Reducing Boilers for tax year 2007.

The second attachment explains the Shipbuilding Facility credit. As required by statute, the report provides information on the level of employment, yearly investment and the cumulative amount of investment. Since the inception of the credit, the level of employment has been such that the annual cost to the state treasury has exceeded the base credit amount of \$3 million per year.

The third attachment is a list of BETR recipients. For purposes of this report, businesses that filed for reimbursement during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 are listed. BETR recipients filed between August 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008 for eligible property taxes paid during calendar year 2007. For that period the state reimbursed \$65,590,668 to over 1,800 companies.

Public Law 337 (LD 1468) enacted during the last legislative session amended the definition of "economic development incentive" in Section 13070-J to include not only the incentives listed above, but "federal and state statutorily defined programs that receive state funds, dedicated revenue funds and tax expenditures as defined by section 1666 whose purposes are to create, attract or retain business entities related to business development in the State." The additional incentives identified in this new law can be found in the Maine State Tax Expenditure Report 2010 – 2011 prepared for the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation on January 15, 2009.

If you have any questions on this report please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Jerome D. Gerard

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 243)
**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0013
CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION**

November 13, 2009
The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President
Maine Senate
The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Mitchell and Speaker Pingree:
Pursuant to Public Law 2003, chapter 699, the Citizen Trade Policy Commission is please to submit its 2009 annual report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on

file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.maine.gov/legis/opla/citpol.htm.

Yours sincerely,
S/Senator Troy Jackson, Chair
S/Representative Margaret Rotundo, Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 244)
**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL
REGULATION
35 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0035**

November 30, 2009
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree
Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Pursuant to the Charitable Solicitations Act (9 MRSA §5010), the Annual Report on 2008 fundraising activity of charitable organizations licensed in the State of Maine is enclosed for your review. The Act requires charitable organizations, professional solicitors, professional fundraising counsel and commercial co-venturers to file Annual Fundraising Activity Reports (AFARs) by September 30th each year. The enclosed report covers the reporting period which began January 1, 2008 and concluded December 31, 2008.

Currently, there are 2,524 charitable organizations, 56 professional solicitors, 165 Professional Fundraising Counsels and 123 Commercial Co-venturers licensed in Maine, as well as 239 Exempt Organizations. The number of licensees overall has increased by approximately 25 percent during the past five years (from 2,478 in 2005 to 3,107 at present).

Maine's reporting requirement is intended to facilitate the oversight process and to provide information for use by the public in making decisions about their charitable giving. If you have any questions about this report, or if additional information is needed, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Anne L. Head, Esq.
Commissioner

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 245)
**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMISSION TO STUDY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE**

December 18, 2009
The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President
Maine State Senate
The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Mitchell and Speaker Pingree:
Pursuant to PL 2009, Chapter 372, the Commission to Study Energy Infrastructure is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or

individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.maine.gov/legis/opla.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Barry J. Hobbins
Senate Chair
S/Rep. John L. Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 246)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 6, 2010
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- Business, Research and Economic Development
- L.D. 355 An Act To Protect Residential Consumers of Home Heating Fuel
- L.D. 1393 An Act To Provide an Exception to the Pine Tree Development Zone Requirements for Seafood Processing Businesses

- Taxation
- L.D. 993 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study the Protection of Farms and Farmland Pertaining to Taxation

The sponsors and cosponsors have been notified of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 518)

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

August 24, 2009
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

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

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Devin Beliveau of Kittery for appointment Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Doris Belisle-Bonneau of

Auburn for reappointment Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Robert J. Peacock of Eastport for reappointment Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Rodney Rodrigue of Longwood, Florida for appointment Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Robert W. Clifford of Lewiston for appointment Active Retired Supreme Court Justice.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Samuel W. Collins, Jr. of Rockland for reappointment Active Retired Supreme Judicial Court Justice.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Ronald A. Daigle of Fort Kent for appointment Active Retired District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of James MacMichael of Skowhegan for appointment Active Retired District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Joseph M. Jabar, Sr. of Waterville for appointment Supreme Judicial Court Justice.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Beth Dobson of Portland for appointment District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Daniel F. Driscoll of Kennebunk for appointment District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of A. Mavourneen Thompson of Peaks Island for appointment Maine Human Rights Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Marvin H. Glazier of Bangor for appointment Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Kimberly A. Moody of Poland for appointment Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Ronald W. Schneider, Jr. of Wells for appointment Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Kenneth S. Spierer of Portland for appointment Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Sally Sutton of South Portland for appointment Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, the nomination of Dimitri N. Balatsos of Falmouth for appointment Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, the nomination of Benedetto Viola of Scarborough for reappointment Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, the nomination of Kenneth L. Williams of Damariscotta for reappointment Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, the nomination of David C. Elliott of Whitefield for appointment Maine Labor Relations Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, the nomination of Carol B. Gilmore of Charleston for reappointment Maine Labor Relations Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, the nomination of Wayne W. Whitney of Brunswick for reappointment Maine Labor Relations Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs, the nomination of Peter Danton of Saco for reappointment Gambling Control Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs, the nomination of Cushing Samp of Saco for reappointment Gambling Control Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs, the nomination of Andre Duchette of Brunswick for appointment Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs, the nomination of Peter Danton of Saco for reappointment State Liquor and Lottery Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Utilities and Energy, the nomination of Michelle Atherton of Orrington for appointment Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Utilities and Energy, the nomination of James Atwell of Falmouth for appointment Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Utilities and Energy, the nomination of Adam Lee of Cumberland Center for appointment Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Utilities and Energy, the nomination of Naomi Mermin of Portland for appointment Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Utilities and Energy, the nomination of Glenn S. Poole of Orrington for appointment Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Utilities and Energy, the nomination of John Rohman of Bangor for appointment Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Utilities and Energy, the nomination of Thomas Tietenberg of Waterville for appointment Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Levant, Representative GREELEY, and he was added to the quorum call of the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolutions 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 Laws That Provide an Exemption for Agricultural Guard Dogs from Municipal Ordinances Governing Barking Dogs" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1185) (L.D. 1684)

Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, COHEN of Portland, PILON of Saco.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis"

(H.P. 1199) (L.D. 1698)

Sponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, EVES of North Berwick, HUNT of Buxton, McCABE of Skowhegan, VAN WIE of New Gloucester.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Concerning Statewide Communications Interoperability"

(H.P. 1201) (L.D. 1700)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, CONNOR of Kennebunk, MILLER of Somerville, RUSSELL of Portland, SYKES of Harrison, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, JACKSON of Aroostook.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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

BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Enforcement Role of the Mixed Martial Arts Authority of Maine"

(H.P. 1186) (L.D. 1685)

Sponsored by Representative PETERSON of Rumford.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate an Increase in Sales of Motor Vehicles"

(H.P. 1202) (L.D. 1701)

Sponsored by Representative PILON of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, COHEN of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SMITH of Monmouth.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses"

(H.P. 1203) (L.D. 1702)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Representative: WHEELER of Kittery.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Task Force (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1204) (L.D. 1703)

Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and Representatives: EVES of North Berwick, MAGNAN of Stockton Springs, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, STRANG BURGESS of

Cumberland, STUCKEY of Portland, TRINWARD of Waterville, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator: BLISS of Cumberland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Allow Minor Capital School Improvement Projects To Be Permitted Costs under Essential Programs and Services" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1187) (L.D. 1686)

Sponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative WAGNER of Lyman, Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, CAIN of Orono, CAREY of Lewiston, MacDONALD of Boothbay, SYKES of Harrison, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Authority over and Oversight of Certified Nursing Assistant Educational Programs"

(H.P. 1205) (L.D. 1704)

Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, EVES of North Berwick, NELSON of Falmouth, PIEH of Bremen, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, STUCKEY of Portland, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

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

Bill "An Act To Align the Duties of School Boards Concerning Student Safety with the Requirements of the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act and To Prohibit the Discharge of Firearms within 500 Feet of Public and Private School Properties"

(H.P. 1206) (L.D. 1705)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, LOVEJOY of Portland, McFADDEN of Dennysville, PIEH of Bremen, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, NASS of York.

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Resolve, To Define High-risk Populations for the Purposes of Hospital Surveillance for Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus and To Implement Public Law 2009, chapter 346 (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1188) (L.D. 1687)

Sponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, EVES of North Berwick, MARTIN of Orono, STEVENS of Bangor, STUCKEY of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Affecting the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services"

(H.P. 1189) (L.D. 1688)

Sponsored by Representative MILLER of Somerville.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Create the Children's Wireless Protection Act"

(H.P. 1207) (L.D. 1706)

Sponsored by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DOSTIE of Sabattus, EVES of North Berwick, HAYES of Buckfield, LEGG of Kennebunk, PENDLETON of Scarborough, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, RUSSELL of Portland, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, STUCKEY of Portland, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Increase Payments to Agents Who Provide Tags for Wild Game"

(H.P. 1190) (L.D. 1689)

Sponsored by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill.

Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Representatives: GILBERT of Jay, HANLEY of Gardiner, LANGLEY of Ellsworth, PILON of Saco, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Application of Certain Statutory Requirements to Foreclosures" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1208) (L.D. 1707)

Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Hallowell.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Opportunity for Persons To Acquire Health Care Coverage under the State's 'Mini-COBRA' Program"

(H.P. 1209) (L.D. 1708)

Sponsored by Representative MAZUREK of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, EBERLE of South Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, WELSH of Rockport.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Use of Long-term Antibiotics for the Treatment of Lyme Disease"

(H.P. 1210) (L.D. 1709)

Sponsored by Representative LEGG of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Senator BOWMAN of York and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLAND of Sanford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CONNOR of Kennebunk.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act Concerning Litigation Brought by the Attorney General To Enforce Provisions of the Forest Practices Laws" (H.P. 1211) (L.D. 1710)

Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, McCABE of Skowhegan, Senator: HOBBS of York. Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Protect Information Maintained by Registers of Deeds" (H.P. 1215) (L.D. 1714)

Sponsored by Representative TREAT of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, CROCKETT of Augusta, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, FLETCHER of Winslow, FOSSEL of Alna, GILBERT of Jay, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, TRINWARD of Waterville. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Laws" (H.P. 1223) (L.D. 1722)

Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representatives: FOSSEL of Alna, HANLEY of Gardiner, SYKES of Harrison. Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

LABOR

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Status of Prisoners" (H.P. 1212) (L.D. 1711)

Sponsored by Representative MAGNAN of Stockton Springs. Cosponsored by Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senator: DAVIS of Cumberland. Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Provide the Finance Authority of Maine with Flexible Health Care Options" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1216) (L.D. 1715)

Sponsored by Representative WRIGHT of Berwick. Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton, HUNT of Buxton, MacDONALD of Boothbay, SMITH of Monmouth. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Prevent Predatory Signature Gathering and Ensure a Clean Citizen Initiative and People's Veto Process" (H.P. 1191) (L.D. 1690)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham. Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PIOTTI of Unity, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, President MITCHELL of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Taste Testing of Alcoholic Beverages by Retail Licensees" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1192) (L.D. 1691)

Sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport. Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, RUSSELL of Portland, TRINWARD of Waterville.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Amend the Requirements Governing Direct Initiatives (H.P. 1193) (L.D. 1692)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono. Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAREY of Lewiston, NELSON of Falmouth, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, TRINWARD of Waterville.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Mobile Homes from the Radon Testing Requirement" (H.P. 1213) (L.D. 1712)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Orono. Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Pertaining to Educational Benefits for Veterans and Their Dependents" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1214) (L.D. 1713)

Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, HANLEY of Gardiner, LOVEJOY of Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, RUSSELL of Portland, TRINWARD of Waterville, WAGNER of Lewiston, Senator: GOODALL of Sagadahoc. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Protect the Environment and Natural Resources of the State by Regulating the Discharge of Certain Substances into the Environment" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1194) (L.D. 1693)

Sponsored by Representative FLAHERTY of Scarborough. Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, EBERLE of South Portland, HINCK of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, McCABE of Skowhegan, MORRISON of South Portland, PENDLETON of Scarborough, RUSSELL of Portland. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Update and Modernize Maine's Floodplain Mapping" (H.P. 1200) (L.D. 1699)

Sponsored by Representative LEGG of Kennebunk. Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLAND of Sanford, CONNOR of Kennebunk, FOSSEL of Alna, KNAPP of Gorham, MORRISON of South Portland, PRIEST of Brunswick, STUCKEY of Portland, TREAT of Hallowell, Senator: ALFOND of Cumberland. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Expedite Rulemaking Concerning Agronomic Utilization of Sludge" (H.P. 1217) (L.D. 1716)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, PERCY of Phippsburg, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Government Records"

(H.P. 1219) (L.D. 1718)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and Representative: BOLAND of Sanford.

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

Bill "An Act To Increase the Affordability of Clean Energy for Homeowners and Businesses" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1717)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CONNOR of Kennebunk, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, HINCK of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, WATSON of Bath, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative HAYES of Buckfield, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

TAXATION

Resolve, To Increase Transparency and Accountability and Assess the Impact of Tax Expenditure Programs

(H.P. 1195) (L.D. 1694)

Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SMITH of Monmouth, STUCKEY of Portland, WATSON of Bath, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Commemorative Items Honoring Veterans"

(H.P. 1222) (L.D. 1721)

Sponsored by Representative CAREY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, FITTS of Pittsfield, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LAJOIE of Lewiston, PILON of Saco, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SAVIELLO of Wilton, VALENTINO of Saco.

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Encourage Tourism by Ensuring the Safety, Accessibility and Availability of Highway Rest Stops and Scenic Overlooks"

(H.P. 1220) (L.D. 1719)

Sponsored by Representative THOMAS of Ripley.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act To Direct the Public Utilities Commission To Adopt Rules To Improve the Safety of Multiunit Rental Dwellings"

(H.P. 1196) (L.D. 1695)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: ROTUNDO of Lewiston, STUCKEY of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Community-based Renewable Energy Pilot Program"

(H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1696)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: STUCKEY of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Protect Universal Service"

(H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1697)

Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Related to Qualified Waste-to-energy Power"

(H.P. 1221) (L.D. 1720)

Sponsored by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, PENDLETON of Scarborough.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Environmental Protection

Representative DUCHESNE for the **Department of Environmental Protection** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Section 10: Stream Crossings within Chapter 305 Permit by Rule Standards, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1224) (L.D. 1725)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative WATSON from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program"

(H.P. 899) (L.D. 1296)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative TARDY of Newport, the House adjourned at 11:03 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 7, 2010.