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Off Record Remarks

In Senate Chamber  
Wednesday  
March 16, 2011

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem Debra D. Plowman of Penobscot County.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 851

Prayer by Father Lionel G. Chouinard, Pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lisbon Falls.

RÉSOLUTION CONJOINTE HONORANT  
LES FRANCO-AMÉRICAINS

**FATHER CHOUINARD:** Seigneur, Dieu, comme nous recueillons aujourd'hui pour vous féliciter, à vous remercier pour les contributions de nos citoyens de la langue française ascendante à notre société, nous vous demander votre bénédiction sur eux et à tous nos concitoyens. De façon particulière nous vous demandons de bénir ces membres du Sénat. Inspirer et guide que leurs décisions pourraient lancer un appel à ce qui est bon et noble en nous tous. Leur accorder les connaissances et la satisfaction de savoir qu'ils sont cherchant honnêtement nos objectifs communs de la paix, prospérité, et l'harmonie. Nous prient humblement et solliciter votre bénédiction. Amen.

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

Lord, God, as we gather today to praise You, to thank You for the contributions of our citizens of French ancestry to our society we seek Your blessing upon them and all our fellow citizens. In a special way we call upon You to bless these members of the Senate. Inspire and guide them that their decisions might appeal to that which is good and noble in all of us. Grant them the knowledge and satisfaction of knowing they are honestly seeking our shared goals of peace, prosperity, and harmony. We humbly pray and seek Your blessing. Amen.

**Considérant que,** plus d'un tiers de la population du Maine est de descendance française et canadienne, et les franco-américains du Maine ont contribué beaucoup à la beauté et la qualité de cet état; et

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

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

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

Posting of the Colors by Franco-American War Veterans, Post 31 of Lewiston.

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

National Anthems of the United States, Canada and France will be performed by Rachel Boucher Ellis of Augusta.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

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

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

**Résolu,** que nous, les membres de la Cent-Vingt-cinquième Législature, assemblés dans la première session régulière, au nom des gens que nous représentons, proclamons que mercredi, 16 mars, 2011 est le Jour Franco-Américain, soit célébré à la Capitale de l'État; et qu'il soit aussi

Doctor of the day, Russell DeJong, MD of Belgrade.

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

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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
FRANCO-AMERICAN DAY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, proclaim that Wednesday, March 16, 2011 is Franco-American Day, to be celebrated at the State Capitol; and be it further

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The late Dr. Edward Martin, of Rumford, on his posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Dr. Martin, who passed away in 2001, graduated from Colby College and the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He practiced medicine as a family physician for nearly 40 years, serving the community he loved, but it was in his study of Acadian history that Dr. Martin found his greatest passion. He founded the Acadian Society of the Mexico-Rumford Area and, with weekly Acadian Society meetings, Dr. Martin introduced a generation of people to the truth about the forgotten history of the Acadian people. He traveled extensively to visit the Acadian Homelands and for more than 20 years was a leader in Acadian history studies in Maine. He wrote a novel, *Thunder from the Mountains*, describing the similarities in the history of the Maine Wabanaki people and of the Acadians. We join Dr. Martin's community in remembering his outstanding contribution and commitment to the Franco-American community in this State;

HLS 181

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Patrick.

Senator **PATRICK:** Thank you Madame President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, colleagues and friends, I rise this morning in honor a long-time friend and physician, the late Dr. Edward Martin. Dr. Martin was a great old fashion general practitioner. He was a highly ethical, truly caring doctor and a good person. Not a good person, a great person. I wish you had had the opportunity to have Dr. Martin as your family physician because I really enjoyed it. He was the kind of man who, when you went to his office, you got a bit of physician and you got a bit of lecturing. You didn't want to come back for a visit to Dr. Martin's office if you didn't follow his rules because what he had prescribed to you would cure you of whatever you had. I really loved that and respected that in him. He fought tenaciously for the things he believed in no matter what the cost. I mean fought hard. It was unbelievable. He was a staunch environmentalist and fought hard against the pollution spewing forth from the paper mills in the 1970's and through the 1990's until he passed away. He worked hard to turn the river valley area, that was then known as Cancer Valley in many of the newspapers, into an area where everyone wanted to visit and live. I was extremely proud of how he fought, the standards that he brought forth, and what attacks went after him for taking a stand that he did because it was not a popular stand in those days. It was because of his fight that our company actually put a lot of pollution controls into the system that makes our mill a lot more pollution free. He was an inspiration to me. I will always remember his many talks when I went to his office. Often you would go because you had strep throat or the flu or something. Now days you get ten minutes with a doctor. When you went to Ed's office you'd probably get a good half-an-hour. He really helped me an awful lot. He actually ran for office once and came up a little bit short, but it wasn't because of effort. Dr. Martin died in 2001 and during that sad time I can honestly say I was really blessed to have the opportunity to be

State Representative from Rumford at the time. It was House District 70. I was able to give a speech at his memorial. I will always be grateful for everything that he's done for me. He was a proud Arcadian and worked hard to educate himself, his family, and his community about his heritage. He wrote a book, *Thunder from the Mountain*. I'm so proud of the words spoken today in the other Body as I was down there for his friends, Representative Paul Gilbert and Representative Sheryl Briggs, spoke. I never realized that Representative Gilbert was a friend of Edward and the speech that he gave was just totally enlightening and heartwarming. I'm really thankful that I had an opportunity to take the time and hear those words. I know my words will never top those, but I can tell you this, Edward Martin was a man of principle. He was elected into the Franco-American Hall of Fame posthumously and I know he would be extremely proud of that. I'm proud to have Mrs. Terry Martin here and her children. I'm pleased to say that Dr. Martin's memory, I know, will live on through the years because of his children because one of the things I always remembered about Doc Martin was that he was one person who impressed upon everyone that education is the way to go. I know a lot of his children. I went to school with Dr. Martin's son, Joey, and I know that his kids and grandkids are all doing fabulously. Most of them all have degrees and are doing great things in the world and stuff. I know he looks down today with pride and I will say may God bless you, Edward, rest in peace, and may God bless his family. Thank you very much.

**PASSED**, in concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber the family of Dr. Edward Martin. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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The Honorable Patrick Paradis, of Augusta, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Paradis, currently a city councilor and the Mayor of Augusta, served with distinction for 16 years in the Maine State Legislature and is an active champion of Franco-Americans. He grew up in the Franco-American enclave of Augusta known as "Sand Hill" and continues to live there to this day. For 8 years, Mr. Paradis served Kennebec County as its elected treasurer and is now serving his second 3-year term on the Augusta City Council. He has been an active member of Le Club Calumet since 1978. We acknowledge Mr. Paradis's service to his community and to the State of Maine, and we congratulate him on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame;

HLS 182

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ.**

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you Madame President. Men and women of the Senate, it is my honor to rise to honor my colleague and friend Patrick Paradis, who is also being welcomed to the Franco-American Hall of Fame, and also to welcome President White and many of my friends from the Le Club Calumet here in Augusta where I am proud to be an honorary member and spend many

happy hours. Patrick Paradis has been a friend to the Katz family for two generations. He served as my Representative in the Legislature for many years with distinction. When I served as Mayor of Augusta he sat two seats to my right for three years. It should have been two seats to my left but it was to the right. He served with distinction. Now he has followed as Mayor of Augusta, also with distinction. I'd like to congratulate and honor him. Last night I was taking a look at the Augusta City Charter and there is a rarely used provision in the Charter that I discovered which allows former Mayors certain powers for a period of three months following leaving office. I'm not sure it has ever been exercised before. In that spirit, Madame President, I'd like to announce that today is Patrick Paradis Day in the City of Augusta. Congratulations to my friend. Also it's wonderful to see your son, Nathan, his sister, and many other members of your family here, Pat. Thank you, Madame President.

**PASSED**, in concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber Patrick Paradis of Augusta. Would he please rise and accept the greeting of the Maine Senate.

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The late Sister Solange Bernier, Order of St. Ursula, on her posthumous induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Sr. Solange was a longtime teacher, head of the French Department at St. Dominic Regional High School, principal, prioress, religious instructor and goodwill ambassador for the Franco-American community. Sr. Solange was born in Lewiston and entered the novitiate of the Ursuline order of nuns in Waterville. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French from St. Michael's College in Vermont, followed by her Master of Arts degree in French and Theology from Notre Dame University in Indiana. Sr. Solange taught in Sanford, Springvale, Waterville, Winslow and for over 35 years in Lewiston-Auburn. She was chosen as Outstanding Secondary Teacher in America in 1975. In 1982, she was honored by Mayor Paul Dionne of Lewiston for her outstanding contributions to Franco-Americans. Among her many other awards, the French government named her an Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques, and St. Dominic Regional High School honored her with a scholarship in her name. We join her former students, family and friends in remembering her commitment and remarkable contributions to the Franco-American community;

HLS 183

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ.**

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Craven.

Senator **Craven:** Thank you Madame President. Men and women of the Senate and our honored guests, this day is set aside in the legislature to honor of people of Franco heritage, their contribution to building this country and this state, and their cultural contributions. I stand to honor today Sister Solange Bernier of Lewiston. Sister Bernier's whole life was about giving and sharing and teaching, so says Director Rita Dube of

Lewiston. Solange was born in Lewiston in 1921. She attended St. Mary's Parochial School in Lewiston and in 1938 entered the Ursuline Sister's Novitiate at Mt. Merci in Waterville. She became a nun three years later and began a life of studying and teaching. She earned a Bachelors degree in French at St. Michael's College in northern Vermont. In 1965 she earned a Masters degree in theology from Notre Dam University with high honors. In 1971 she received a diploma in the teaching of French from the Laval University in Quebec. She taught at parochial schools in Sanford, Springdale, Waterville, and Winslow. She taught French at St. Doms for more than 30 years and shared the language with generations of young people. She is intensely beloved. Solange was honored with several awards for her teaching and promoting French culture. In 1975 Solange was named the Outstanding Secondary Teacher in America. In 1976 the Conseil de la Vie Francaise en Amerique awarded her a metal making her a member of the L'Ordre de la Fidelite Francaise. In 1985 the French government honored her by naming her Officer dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques. Thank you, Madame President.

**PASSED**, in concurrence.

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Theresa Marin Ouellette, of St. Agatha, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Ouellette received her teaching degree from the University of Maine at Fort Kent and a Master of Education degree from the University of Maine. Known as T.O., she was a beloved kindergarten teacher for 37 years in St. Agatha and Frenchville. A passionate student of local history from her youth, Ms. Ouellette has preserved artifacts, documents, writings and photographs of residents of the St. John Valley and has written and documented all the major families of St. Agatha. She is the president of the Ste-Agathe Historical Society, a member of l'Association Francaise de la Vallee St-Jean and a board member of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council. We congratulate Ms. Ouellette on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame and commend her for her tireless commitment to the Franco-American community of this State;  
HLS 184

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Jackson.

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you Madame President. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. It is a great honor and privilege for me today to rise and congratulate Theresa Ouellette on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Ouellette is well-known in the Valley for a number of different reasons. First, she's been a life-long teacher of our youth, and a dedicated and excellent teacher at that, and most of her past students, if not all, have had great respect and pride in what they have gone on to accomplish because of her work with them. Secondly, her work with the St. Agatha Historical Society. For me, it's a great thing when people take time and effort to not only save the history of the Aroostook County/St. John Valley of Maine but also to restore the history of the Franco-American heritage.

Ms. Ouellette, with a small group of people, has taken it upon herself to do that with the Historical Society with mostly their own funds and time. For me, that's a true dedication to the culture of the St. John Valley. Without people like her, without her, we were losing that history. She's taken it upon herself to not let that happen. For me, it really is a great honor because I'm certainly one that believes in saving the history of the Franco heritage of the St. John Valley and here is someone that has actually gone out and done it herself. Really you couldn't ask for a better person. I'm very happy to be here to speak on her behalf and being inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Thank you again, Ms. Ouellette, for all you do.

**PASSED**, in concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber Madame Ouellette of St. Agatha. Would she please stand and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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Claire Lafrance Auger, of Sanford, on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mrs. Auger was born in Sanford to French-Canadian immigrants and grew up speaking only French. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in French from St. Joseph's College and taught French at Windham High School before marrying Gilles Auger and raising 4 children. In the 1970s, Mrs. Auger started a French radio show that ran for 2 years and she became the first French teacher at St. Thomas School in Sanford. She taught French at Sanford Junior High School from 1977 to 2000. Mrs. Auger began French Heritage Night at St. Thomas School, now an annual tradition, and in 2007 created the Rusty French Club, a focal point in Sanford for those who want to brush up on their French or reminisce and celebrate French culture. We congratulate Mrs. Auger on her induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame and commend her for her tireless commitment to the Franco-American community of this State;  
HLS 185

Gilles Edouard Auger, of Sanford, on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Mr. Auger was born in Sanford and grew up speaking only French. He graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and taught French at Lubec High School from 1956 to 1957, and at Gould Academy from 1957 to 1960. From 1957 to 1963, Mr. Auger served in the United States Army Reserves. In 1960, Mr. Auger received his Master of Arts degree in Education from the University of Maine and was a Fulbright Scholar at the Sorbonne in Paris. He taught French at Sanford High School from 1960 to 1963 and was a Professor of French at Nasson College from 1963 to 1979. Mr. Auger worked for the State of Maine at the Department of Human Services from 1979 to 1997. He has been very active in his community during his professional career, including being a founding member of the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society and serving as the Voter Registrar for the Town of Sanford from 1963 to 2007. He also received the 2003 Lorraine Fleury Award for outstanding work in the voting process in Maine. We congratulate Mr. Auger on his induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame and commend him for his tireless commitment to the Franco-American community of this State;  
HLS 186

Come from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ.**

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Courtney.

Senator **COURTNEY:** Thank you Madame President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise today to honor Claire and Gilles Auger. Claire and Gilles Auger, actually it's a love story. It's a love story between each other. It's a love story of their family, and I see that their son, Paul, is here today with their grandchildren. It's also a love story of their community and their heritage. They have spent a lifetime of sharing that love and that commitment to community and family and heritage with the community of Sanford and Springvale. I've had the great honor of knowing them for a number of years. Madame Auger used to send homework home with children when they were in junior high. I think I probably learned more French through them than I would have had the opportunity to learn otherwise. It really is an honor to stand here today and honor them and their induction into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. It's also an honor to represent a community that they have given so much of their lives to. Thank you.

**PASSED**, in concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Horse Slaughter for Human Consumption"  
H.P. 810 L.D. 1075

Presented by Representative **KNIGHT** of Livermore Falls. Cosponsored by Senator **SHERMAN** of Aroostook and Representatives: **CASAVANT** of Biddeford, **ESPLING** of New Gloucester, **MITCHELL** of the Penobscot Nation, **PICCHIOTTI** of Fairfield, **PRESCOTT** of Topsham, **SOCTOMAH** of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, **STRANG BURGESS** of Cumberland, **VOLK** of Scarborough.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Enhance Public Participation in Decisions Relating to the Large-scale Extraction and Transportation of Water"  
H.P. 812 L.D. 1077

Presented by Representative **BURNS** of Alfred. Cosponsored by Senator **HILL** of York and Senators: **COLLINS** of York, **SULLIVAN** of York, Representatives: **BEAVERS** of South Berwick, **BERRY** of Bowdoinham, **CHASE** of Wells, **DOW** of Waldoboro, **HARMON** of Palermo, **JOHNSON** of Greenville.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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Bill "An Act To Move the Land for Maine's Future Program to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources"  
H.P. 832 L.D. 1120

Presented by Representative **MOULTON** of York. Cosponsored by Representative: **GIFFORD** of Lincoln.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

On motion by Senator **SHERMAN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"  
H.P. 835 L.D. 1123

Presented by Representative **CEBRA** of Naples. Cosponsored by Senator **COLLINS** of York and Senator: **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, Representatives: **HOGAN** of Old Orchard Beach, **MAZUREK** of Rockland, **PARRY** of Arundel, **PEOPLES** of Westbrook, **RIOUX** of Winterport. Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Resolve, To Authorize the Exchange of Certain Lands Owned by the State

S.P. 341 L.D. 1132

Presented by Senator FARNHAM of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representative: WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

On motion by Senator **SHERMAN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Reform the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 342 L.D. 1133

Presented by Senator WOODBURY of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Require Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices"

S.P. 340 L.D. 1131

Presented by Senator WOODBURY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: BERRY of Bowdoinham.

On motion by Senator **McCORMICK** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Protect the Rights of Property Owners"

S.P. 344 L.D. 1135

Presented by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative MORISSETTE of Winslow, Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton and Senator: COLLINS of York, Representatives: O'CONNOR of Berwick, OLSEN of Phippsburg, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

On motion by Senator **HASTINGS** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Determination of Domicile Based on the Geographic Location of an Individual's Bank"

S.P. 339 L.D. 1130

Presented by Senator COURTNEY of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren and Senator: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: DOW of Waldoboro, HARMON of Palermo, HASKELL of Portland, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, VOLK of Scarborough.

On motion by Senator **HASTINGS** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Make Municipal Recounts Consistent with State Recounts"

S.P. 343 L.D. 1134

Presented by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Senators: FARNHAM of Penobscot, PATRICK of Oxford, PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

On motion by Senator **FARNHAM** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass**

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 131: The Maine Federal, State and Local Accountability Standards, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 4 L.D. 12

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.



Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

**READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Sale of Surplus Property to Nonprofit Animal Shelters"

H.P. 295 L.D. 369

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

**READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator SNOWE-MELLO for the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Implementing a Fisheries Permit Banking Program"

S.P. 34 L.D. 61

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**.

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

**READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-5) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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Senator THOMAS for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish Governor William King Day"

S.P. 65 L.D. 214

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-6)**.

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

**READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-6) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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Senator THOMAS for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, To Enhance Economic Development in the City of Eastport by Facilitating the Ability of the City of Eastport To Transfer Ownership of Property (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 177 L.D. 594

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)**.

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

**READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-7) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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**SECOND READERS**

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

**House**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2-C: Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 167 L.D. 190

Bill "An Act To Include Antique Motorcycles on the List of Vehicles That Are Exempt from Inspection" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 188 L.D. 235

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

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**House As Amended**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 316: Long-Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 5 L.D. 13  
(C "A" H-6)

**READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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**Senate**

Resolve, Directing the Conveyance of Conservation Land in Rockport

S.P. 107 L.D. 394

**READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Senate As Amended**

Bill "An Act To Make a Violation of the Laws Governing Seat Belts a Secondary Offense"

S.P. 37 L.D. 64  
(C "A" S-4)

**READ A SECOND TIME.**

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you Madame President. This is the bill, of course, that we talked about yesterday. It was a very close vote in this Body. I think there is a lot of concern, certainly, expressed on both sides. I think it is a good time today to probably run this and see if we can get a final decision. I would say that one of the things we kind of alluded to yesterday was the fact that one of the concerns was the right of the public and the driving. We certainly talked about how driving is not a right. Neither is your license. This is a safety issue. We've done some research since yesterday. It appears, as best we can find, that there has never been a state that has repealed a seatbelt requirement once they have had it to a lesser value, such as a second offense. I think what we've done across this nation in so many states is that we have discovered and really believe this is a safety issue. For us, in the state of Maine, to step back from that would send the wrong message to the very people we are trying to train as we have trained as it comes to other items, such as seatbelt use in general and OUI. It is no longer cool to be an OUI convicted person. That's because of the awareness level. I would certainly ask you today to give this another look. Do not pass it so we can pass the Majority Report and then move on from here. Thank you, Madame President, I appreciate the time.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Collins.

Senator **COLLINS:** Thank you Madame President. Yes, this is indeed my bill, L.D. 64. If this passes muster here in the legislature and is signed by the Governor it will go back to a secondary offense. To my good colleague from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, I just want to mention that there are neighboring states to Maine, mainly the state of New Hampshire, that have no laws whatsoever pertaining to seatbelts. The state of Massachusetts, for example, has no primary law. It's a secondary. It's a secondary law because that is what is most agreeable to the people. The people of Maine have complained to me. I'm sure when we are all doing our campaigns, like last Fall, this has come up about changing it from a primary offense. Obviously there have been many, many, many e-mails and phone calls pertaining to this. All in favor of changing it back to a secondary offense. It seems to be, in my estimation, what the people of Maine want. During the public hearing at the Transportation Committee most people who were opposed to it were part of the lobby. Most people who were for it came from the rank and file of the state of Maine. They gave up a days pay or whatever and came down and testified in favor of changing this law back to a secondary offense. I would encourage you to support the Minority Report and move it on to the other Body. Thank you very much.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Trahan.

Senator **TRAHAN:** Thank you Madame President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to weigh in just for a moment on this issue and why I am going to continue to support my previous position of repealing this mandatory stopping power for the police. When I think of police infringing upon a person's privacy or creating an inconvenience when it comes to traffic issues I expect that what that individual is doing in their automobile, because they are being stopped, might be a risk to somebody else on the road. When you don't have a taillight that is working that can cause an accident. When you have a tire that is wobbling on your automobile that's a risk to the public. This can go on and on. Not wearing a seatbelt is not a risk to the public. It's a risk to the individual who chooses not to wear it. That's called an individual's choice. That is why I support repealing this and going to the secondary violation. That means if you are stopped for another purpose they can give you a ticket for not wearing your seatbelt. It is currently a law that we have to wear our seatbelts. If a person chooses not to do that because of the risk of being fined then that is the way it should be. I don't think doing this is any risk to the public. It's just a risk to the individual. That's where I draw the line. Thank you.

Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland requested a Roll Call.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you Madame President. Just a quick response. The choice truly is individual choice as to whether you want to obey the law, even if it is a secondary offense. The other thing to consider is there are more injuries, more deaths, when people do not wear seatbelts. I think we need to understand that we all pay for that through health care costs. I think it's much larger than just an individual choice. It's not about rights in this

case. It's about the safety of our people and the message we send to our young people. Thank you, Madame President.

On motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator **KATZ:** Thank you Madame President. Men and women of the Senate, when I rise on the other side of an issue than my colleagues the Senator from York, Senator Collins, and Senator from Lincoln, Senator Trahan, I have to question myself as to whether I'm doing the right thing. I have thought about it and I stand none the less. I think there are two things upon which we can agree about seatbelts laws. One is that seatbelts save lives. All you have to do is ask emergency room doctors, police, pathologists, and lawyers who handle these cases and they turn what could have been serious injuries into minor injuries. The second thing I think we can all agree on is that we would prefer that everybody wear seatbelts and I think most of us do. It's at that point that people diverge. The Senator from York, Senator Collins, has cast this as an issue of personal choice and the right to make our own decisions, whether good or bad, for ourselves and that the bill that passed just a couple of years ago is just another example of the State telling people how to live their lives. On the other side is the position taken by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, and others that these do save lives and that this is a proper area for government regulation. I come down with the second camp. For most of us, I think we will wear our seatbelts no matter if there is a law against it or not. It's for the rest of us that these laws are directed. I think that is a certain proportion of the population that isn't afraid of getting caught but they will recognize the law and they will honor the law. It's at that last narrow percentage of people who are afraid of getting caught that this is directed at, people who say that they don't agree that they should wear their seatbelt, that they don't want to wear their seatbelt, and then it is a question of risk analysis about whether they are going to get caught or not. Changing this bill would decrease the chance that people would get caught for not wearing their seatbelt and, in my view, increase the chance of serious injury. I was discussing this bill yesterday with a constituent of mine who is a farmer from Vassalboro. I was the devil's advocate about the effect of the law on people and I was saying to him, "You know what, you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink." He paused for a few minutes and said to me, "You know, in my experience if you lead a horse to water and you stand there long enough eventually that horse is going to drink." We're down at the water right now. Let's not walk away. Thank you, Madame President.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Schneider.

Senator **SCHNEIDER:** Thank you Madame President. I hadn't anticipated speaking, Madame President, but I appreciate the opportunity. Men and women of the Senate, if we ride horses instead of driving vehicles we will probably save lives too. You just go outside your house and you are taking risks. The notion of how far do we go before we intrude on people and their freedoms, to me, that is really what this is about. It's also about civil liberties, which was something that wasn't even mentioned the

other day in this argument. Profiling is something that I don't agree with. The use of a first offense in a seatbelt is a very easy way to pull somebody over. I don't agree with that. Earlier on my colleagues said that perhaps we should just suggest to get rid of the seatbelt law. Frankly, I would be in favor of that. Not because I don't think people should wear their seatbelts. They absolutely should wear their seatbelts and we, as a government, should do everything we can to encourage that without infringing on people's right to choice to put that seatbelt on. I really believe that this is the right direction. I would, personally, like to go further because I find as we move on the government is intruding in our personal freedoms more and more. How far will we go to prevent people from having an injury to themselves? How far will we go? I just think it's getting to be like the frog in the boiling water, the water is getting hotter and hotter. We're just not realizing that we are taking freedoms away. I would hope that you would stick with your previous positions. I know I am going to. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator **SAVIELLO:** Thank you Madame President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm living proof of seatbelts working. As many of you know, I forgot to stop and went through and had my truck roll over three or four times. I literally walked away from the accident. However it was my choice to put on that seatbelt. Some of you remember that I had a bill in recently about smoking. If you smoked you couldn't get MaineCare benefits. I was quickly reminded that we cannot regulate behavior. As that, I cannot change my vote from yesterday because we cannot regulate behavior. It's the right thing to do. It's still a secondary offense. It's not being taken away, but we can't do that. Thank you, Madame President.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Thomas.

Senator **THOMAS:** Thank you Madame President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would like to ask the people of the Senate to think about something I said when this bill came up in the other Body. When did we become everyone's mother? Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The pending question before the Senate is Passage to be Engrossed as Amended. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

#### ROLL CALL (#18)

YEAS: Senators: COLLINS, COURTNEY, DIAMOND, HASTINGS, JACKSON, LANGLEY, MARTIN, MASON, MCCORMICK, RAYE, RECTOR, SAVIELLO, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SNOWE-MELLO, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, TRAHAN, WHITTEMORE, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM - DEBRA D. PLOWMAN

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BARTLETT, BLISS, BRANNIGAN, CRAVEN, FARNHAM, GERZOFKY, GOODALL, HILL, HOBBS, KATZ, PATRICK, ROSEN, SULLIVAN, WOODBURY

Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland requested and received leave of the Senate to change his vote from NAY to YEA.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM DEBRA D. PLOWMAN** of Penobscot County requested her vote be recorded as YEA.

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by  
President Pro Tem **DEBRA D. PLOWMAN** of Penobscot County.

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Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Same Senator moved to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Courtney.

Senator **COURTNEY:** Thank you Madame President. May I pose a question through the Chair.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Senator may proceed.

Senator **COURTNEY:** Thank you Madame President. Is it appropriate to describe the tabling motion prior to making it?

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The motion to table is not debatable. The motion before the Body is the motion by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, to table.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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**ENACTORS**

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

**Act**

An Act To Clarify the Method of Creating or Severing Joint Tenancy

S.P. 25 L.D. 10

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President Pro Tem was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Unfinished Business**

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/8/11) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Extend the Time by Which Certified Plans for a Subdivision Must Be Filed"

S.P. 265 L.D. 861

Tabled - March 8, 2011, by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/15/11) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Allow a Stay of an Administrative License Suspension for Refusal To Submit to a Test"

S.P. 323 L.D. 1090

Tabled - March 15, 2011, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (3/15/11) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Encourage Better Grades for High School Students by Linking Grades with the Granting of a Driver's License"

H.P. 780 L.D. 1045

Tabled - March 15, 2011, by Senator **COLLINS** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, March 15, 2011, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by  
President Pro Tem **DEBRA D. PLOWMAN** of Penobscot County.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act To Require That Law Enforcement Officials Collect DNA Samples from Persons Arrested for Certain Crimes"

H.P. 849 L.D. 1143

Presented by Representative **MALONEY** of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator **MARTIN** of Kennebec, Representatives: **CHIPMAN** of Portland, **ROSEN** of Bucksport and Senator: **MASON** of Androscoggin, Representatives: **CLARKE** of Bath, **HANLEY** of Gardiner.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Require the Opportunity To Recite the Pledge of Allegiance in Schools"

H.P. 842 L.D. 1136

Presented by Representative **O'CONNOR** of Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Senator **COLLINS** of York and Senator: **FARNHAM** of Penobscot, Representatives: **AYOTTE** of Caswell, **FOSSEL** of Alna, **SANDERSON** of Chelsea, **TIMBERLAKE** of Turner, **WILLETTE** of Mapleton.

Bill "An Act To Require Students To Receive Instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the Use of an Automated External Defibrillator prior to Graduation"

H.P. 845 L.D. 1139

Presented by Representative **GRAHAM** of North Yarmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland and Senator: **GERZOFISKY** of Cumberland, Representatives: **BERRY** of Bowdoinham, **CAIN** of Orono, **EVES** of North Berwick, **INNES** of Yarmouth, **MAKER** of Calais.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Conform Business Expense Deductions to Federal Law"

H.P. 843 L.D. 1137

Presented by Representative **KNIGHT** of Livermore Falls.  
Cosponsored by Senator **TRAHAN** of Lincoln and Senator: **GOODALL** of Sagadahoc, Representatives: **CORNELL du HOUX** of Brunswick, **COTTA** of China, **FREDETTE** of Newport, **HANLEY** of Gardiner, **McKANE** of Newcastle, **PARKER** of Veazie, **SANDERSON** of Chelsea.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Unnecessary Expulsion of Landowners from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law Program"  
H.P. 844 L.D. 1138

Presented by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.  
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, FOSSEL of Alna, HARMON of Palermo, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, RUSSELL of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Farm and Open Space Tax Law"  
H.P. 848 L.D. 1142

Presented by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.  
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, FOSSEL of Alna, HARMON of Palermo, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, WINTLE of Garland.

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Dual Liquor License Law"  
H.P. 846 L.D. 1140

Presented by Representative PILON of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Senator: HOBBS of York, Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, CAREY of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland, VALENTINO of Saco.

Bill "An Act To Allow Direct Shipment of Beer and Wine by Retail Licensees"  
H.P. 847 L.D. 1141

Presented by Representative PILON of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Senator: HOBBS of York, Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, VALENTINO of Saco.

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Pursuant to Statute**

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Repeal Inactive Boards and Commissions"  
H.P. 850 L.D. 1144

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12006, subsection 2.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The President Pro Tem requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Washington, Senator **RAYE** to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **PLOWMAN** to her seat on the floor.

Senate called to order by the President.

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Senator **PLOWMAN** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **PLOWMAN**: Thank you Mr. President. Because I was at the rostrum I did not get to speak regarding Sister Solange Bernier who was my French teacher at St. Dominic Regional High School. Her claim to fame was that she took a girl from Birmingham, Alabama and helped her with her French accent. I apologize to anyone if I messed up my French. It's a little rusty. Sister Solange, for four years, was the person who corrected my "y'all" and got me more down the road towards speaking French in a passable manner. I appreciate that she has been inducted to the Franco-American Hall of Fame. She was an incredible woman. Thank you, Mr. President.

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Senator **RECTOR** of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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Senator **COURTNEY** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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Senator **SULLIVAN** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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On motion by Senator **COURTNEY** of York, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 10:00 in the morning.