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In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
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Pursuant to the provisions of Article 5, Part 1, Section 1 of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senate convened in the Senate Chamber at ten o'clock in the morning and was called to order by President **KEVIN L. RAYE** of Washington County.

Prayer by Rev. Robin Honaker of Pilgrim Community Church in Warren.

REVEREND HONAKER: Let us pray. Holy God, Sovereign Lord, Loving Father, Gracious Creator, we come before You thankful that You love us as we are. We are creatures of Your hand. We are a world formed by Your spirit. You are the potter, we are the clay. With Your sure and loving hands save us through Your infinite grace. Eternal God, from the beginning of time You have called us into communion with You, yet we confess that, like the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused Your loving grace. Teach us to forgive and how to be forgiven. Restore to us the joy of knowing You and recognizing Your reign among us. Redeem us to do Your holy work here and outside these four walls. On this journey of life, O' God, be our compassion and be our guide. Lead and show us where to go and what to do. Wherever we are in this journey from birth to death, grant us Your peace. We thank You for each other, for our variety of thoughts, and for our diversity with our companions in this journey of faith. We pray for all who travel with us; our friends, our families, our co-workers, and those whom we represent. Bring us together to a new world of peace, that we all may be one. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May the whole world be filled with Your glory. Bless the United States. Bless this great state of Maine. Bless us all as we strive to be one nation under God. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Debra D. Plowman of Penobscot County.

Doctors of the day, Nancy Cummings, MD of Wilton and Chris Pezzullo, DO of Cape Elizabeth.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **SULLIVAN** and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

QUORUM CALL

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#341)

PRESENT: Senators: ALFOND, BARTLETT, BRANNIGAN, COLLINS, COURTNEY, CRAVEN, DIAMOND, DILL, FARNHAM, GERZOFSKY, GOODALL, HASTINGS, HILL, HOBBS, KATZ, LANGLEY, MARTIN, MASON, MCCORMICK, PATRICK, PLOWMAN, RECTOR, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SNOWE-MELLO, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, WHITTEMORE, WOODBURY, THE PRESIDENT - KEVIN L. RAYE

EXCUSED: Senators: SULLIVAN

32 Senators having answered the Roll with 1 Senator being excused, the Chair declared a quorum present.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **COURTNEY** of York, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 23

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Paul R. LePage, informing him that a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.
READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from York, Senator **COURTNEY** to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Subsequently, the Senator from York, Senator **COURTNEY** reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **PLOWMAN** of Penobscot, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 24

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that Body that a quorum of Senators is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **PLOWMAN** to deliver the message to the House. The Senator was escorted to the House.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Subsequently, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **PLOWMAN** reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 523

STATE OF MAINE 125TH LEGISLATURE

December 9, 2011

Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 9, 2011, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 9, 2011, as follows:

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Discontinued Town Ways" (S.P. 522) (L.D. 1596) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/David R. Madore
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 581

STATE OF MAINE 125TH LEGISLATURE

December 16, 2011

Hon. Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Hon. Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 16, 2011, 19 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 16, 2011, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend Provisions Limiting the Return to Work after Retirement by Teachers, School Employees and State Employees" (S.P. 542) (L.D. 1632) (Sponsored by Senator HILL of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative NELSON of Falmouth and Senator: KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, FREDETTE of Newport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Create Efficiency in E-9-1-1 Call Centers" (S.P. 524) (L.D. 1614) (Sponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative CRAY of Palmyra and Senators: RECTOR of Knox, THOMAS of Somerset, PLOWMAN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District" (S.P. 530) (L.D. 1620) (Sponsored by Senator HILL 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 Electric Industry Restructuring" (S.P. 532) (L.D. 1622) (Sponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Lessen the Regulatory Burden on Medical Laboratories by Removing Outdated Requirements from the Maine Medical Laboratory Act" (S.P. 534) (L.D. 1624) (Sponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Organization of the Quality Assurance Review Committee" (S.P. 535) (L.D. 1625) (Sponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services To Impose Administrative Sanctions upon Vendors, Providers and Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food Program" (S.P. 536) (L.D. 1626) (Sponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Filing of Birth, Death and Marriage Data" (S.P. 537) (L.D. 1627) (Sponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Limit Payment for Care and Treatment of Residents of State Institutions" (S.P. 538) (L.D. 1628) (Sponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Allow for a Contingency Fee Agreement with a MaineCare Recovery Audit Contractor" (S.P. 539) (L.D. 1629) (Sponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Resolve Conflicts in the Implementation of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code" (S.P. 529) (L.D. 1619) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Concerning Copying Fees for Users of County Registries of Deeds" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 526) (L.D. 1616) (Sponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative MOULTON of York and Senators: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: TURNER of Burlington, WEAVER of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Address Research and Teaching in Maine's Institutions of Higher Education by Amending the Laws Governing the Purchase of Goods and Services by the State Involving Institutions of Higher Education" (S.P. 541) (L.D. 1631) (Sponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Resolve, To Name 2 Bridges in the Town of Harmony (S.P. 525) (L.D. 1615) (Sponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach and Senator: MARTIN of Kennebec, Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, STEVENS of Bangor, HAYES of Buckfield, CLARK of Millinocket, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, CRAY of Palmyra) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Alignment of Truck Weight Limitations on the Interstate with Those Allowed under Federal Law" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 527) (L.D. 1617) (Sponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington, Senator COLLINS of York and Senators: SHERMAN of Aroostook, LANGLEY of Hancock, KATZ of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, THOMAS of Somerset, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, THIBODEAU of Waldo, PATRICK of Oxford, COURTNEY of York, Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, BURNS of Whiting, CUSHING of Hampden, STEVENS of Bangor, FREDETTE of Newport, HARMON of Palermo, MAKER of Calais, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WILLETTE of Mapleton, TURNER of Burlington, RICHARDSON of Carmel, CAIN of Orono, MAZUREK of Rockland, AYOTTE of Caswell, PEOPLES of Westbrook, CRAY of Palmyra, THERIAULT of Madawaska, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, WALLACE of Dexter, DAVIS of Sangerville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Remove a Barrier to Response by Emergency Medical Personnel" (S.P. 531) (L.D. 1621) (Sponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York) (Cosponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton and Senators: HOBBS of York, President RAYE of Washington, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, THOMAS of Somerset, Representative: CUSHING of Hampden) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Simplify Toll Discounts and Amend Certain Powers and Procedures of the Maine Turnpike Authority" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 533) (L.D. 1623) (Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York) (Cosponsored by Representative PEOPLES of Westbrook and Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: MOULTON of York, SARTY of Denmark, CUSHING of Hampden, MAZUREK of Rockland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Clean Election Act" (S.P. 528) (L.D. 1618) (Sponsored by Senator FARNHAM of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group for the Development of a Plan for the Inventory and Proper Care of Veterans' Graves (S.P. 540) (L.D. 1630) (Sponsored by President RAYE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, CUSHING of Hampden, BLACK of Wilton, MORISSETTE of Winslow, WILLETTE of Mapleton, TURNER of Burlington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/David R. Madore
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 583

STATE OF MAINE 125TH LEGISLATURE

December 19, 2011

Hon. Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Hon. Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 21, 2011, 39 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 21, 2011, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Registration of Farmland in 2012 and 2013" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 548) (L.D. 1649) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify Health Insurance Benefits for Disabled Participants in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 550) (L.D. 1651) (Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, HILL of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Health Insurance for Certain State Employees" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 556) (L.D. 1657) (Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senators: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, RICHARDSON of Warren) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide for an Advisory Referendum on the Approval of Tax-exempt Student Loan Revenue Bonds" (S.P. 561) (L.D. 1662) (Sponsored by President RAYE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Senators: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representative: MOULTON of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Authorization for a Court Facilities Bond" (S.P. 566) (L.D. 1667) (Sponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative NASS of Acton and Senator: President RAYE of Washington, Representative: PRIEST of Brunswick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to the Department of Transportation for a Feasibility Study of an East-west Highway" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 570) (L.D. 1671) (Sponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington and Senators: President RAYE of Washington, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, SHERMAN of Aroostook, LANGLEY of Hancock, MARTIN of Kennebec, KATZ of Kennebec, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: CUSHING of Hampden, WALLACE of Dexter, HAYES of Buckfield, CLARK of Millinocket) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Verbal Sexual Solicitation of a Child" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 572) (L.D. 1673) (Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Stalking and Domestic Violence" (S.P. 577) (L.D. 1678) (Sponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Senator: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, ESPLING of New Gloucester, MAKER of Calais, MALONEY of Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea, VOLK of Scarborough, STRANG BURGESS 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 Require the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy To Report the Number of Students Enrolled in Remedial Courses" (S.P. 544) (L.D. 1645) (Sponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono and Senators: HOBBS of York, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, LANGLEY of Hancock, PATRICK of Oxford, COURTNEY of York, Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, NELSON of Falmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Regional School Unit Budget Approval and Validation Process" (S.P. 567) (L.D. 1668) (Sponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond and Senator: MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Expand the Availability of Natural Gas to Maine Residents" (S.P. 543) (L.D. 1644) (Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative BLODGETT of Augusta and Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec, Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Increase Energy Options" (S.P. 575) (L.D. 1676) (Sponsored by President RAYE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Senators: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, RECTOR of Knox, Representatives: MOULTON of York, BURNS of Whiting, CRAFTS of Lisbon, MAKER of Calais, MORISSETTE of Winslow, TURNER of Burlington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Use of Alternative Methods for Biomedical Waste Treatment and Disposal" (S.P. 545) (L.D. 1646) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Site Location of Development Laws Regarding Exemptions for Previously Developed Sites" (S.P. 547) (L.D. 1648) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Conform Maine's Prescription Drug Privacy Laws with the United States Constitution" (S.P. 578) (L.D. 1679) (Sponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Ensure a Reliable Funding Stream for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" (S.P. 551) (L.D. 1652) (Sponsored by President RAYE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville and Senators: MARTIN of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, BLACK of Wilton, HARMON of Palermo, TURNER of Burlington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Guarantee Basic Preventive Dental Health Services for Children in Maine" (S.P. 565) (L.D. 1666) (Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative TREAT of Hallowell and Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, CUSHING of Hampden) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Scope of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association" (S.P. 569) (L.D. 1670) (Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York) (Cosponsored by Senators: President RAYE of Washington, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, LANGLEY of Hancock, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: MORISSETTE of Winslow, McKANE of Newcastle) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Employees of the Small Enterprise Growth Board To Participate in the State's Group Health Plan" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 582) (L.D. 1682) (Sponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox) (Cosponsored by Speaker NUTTING of Oakland and Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, COURTNEY of York, Representatives: CUSHING of Hampden, PRESCOTT of Topsham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Define 'Person Aggrieved' in Proceedings before the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission" (S.P. 546) (L.D. 1647) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Automatic Suspension of Child Support Obligations" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 549) (L.D. 1650) (Sponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Recovery of Debts Owed to the State for Indigent Legal Services" (S.P. 558) (L.D. 1659) (Sponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative NASS of Acton and Senator: KATZ of Kennebec, Representative: PRIEST of Brunswick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Tort Claims Immunity for Out-of-state Regional Transit Organizations That Provide Regular Service in Maine" (S.P. 559) (L.D. 1660) (Sponsored by Senator HILL of York) (Cosponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick and Representative: EVES of North Berwick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Process for Removing a Person from a Dormitory Operated by a Nonprofit Organization and the Municipal Regulation of Such Facilities" (S.P. 568) (L.D. 1669) (Sponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative NASS of Acton and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, KATZ of Kennebec, Representative: PRIEST of Brunswick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Protect Gasoline Marketers from Liability for Selling Federally Mandated Gasoline" (S.P. 557) (L.D. 1658) (Sponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford) (Cosponsored

by Representative NASS of Acton and Senators: SHERMAN of Aroostook, KATZ of Kennebec, THOMAS of Somerset, THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: SARTY of Denmark, CRAY of Palmyra) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Economic and Community Development To Convene a Task Force To Bolster and Expand Exports of Maine Products and Services (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 564) (L.D. 1665) (Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Facilitate the Development of Unoccupied Mills (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 574) (L.D. 1675) (Sponsored by Senator HOBBS of York) (Cosponsored by Senator: SULLIVAN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Establish the Seafood Export Certification Program" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 553) (L.D. 1654) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senators: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, RECTOR of Knox, Representatives: TILTON of Harrington, BEAVERS of South Berwick, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MALABY of Hancock, OLSEN of Phippsburg) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources To Examine the Role of 3rd-party Laboratories in Conducting Testing for the Department (S.P. 573) (L.D. 1674) (Sponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative WEAVER of York and Senators: SULLIVAN of York, GERZOFOSKY of Cumberland, Representatives: Speaker NUTTING of Oakland, BEAVERS of South Berwick, OLSEN of Phippsburg, VOLK of Scarborough, PRESCOTT of Topsham, MCKANE of Newcastle) (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 Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 580) (L.D. 1681) (Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Eddington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Make Fisheries and Wildlife Projects Eligible for Tax Increment Financing" (S.P. 552) (L.D. 1653) (Sponsored by President RAYE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon and Senators: MARTIN of Kennebec, HASTINGS of Oxford, PATRICK of Oxford, WOODBURY of Cumberland, Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, HARMON of Palermo, TURNER of Burlington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create a Sales Tax Exemption for the Sale and Delivery of Off-peak Electricity for Electric Thermal Storage Devices" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 554) (L.D. 1655) (Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative HARMON of Palermo and Senators: HOBBS of York, ALFOND of Cumberland, HASTINGS of Oxford, Representative: BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Circuitbreaker Program To Include Claimants Occupying Property Pursuant to a Trust and To Require Proof of Payment of Rent" (S.P. 579) (L.D. 1680) (Sponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls and Senators: SHERMAN of Aroostook, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, HASTINGS of Oxford, THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: CUSHING of Hampden, MORISSETTE of Winslow) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Registration Exemption of Tractors under the Motor Vehicle Laws" (S.P. 555) (L.D. 1656) (Sponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren and Senators: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, RECTOR of Knox, THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: FITZPATRICK of Houlton, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, McKANE of Newcastle) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Allow Signs along Interstate 95 for the Town of Kittery and Its Businesses and Other Establishments (S.P. 560) (L.D. 1661) (Sponsored by Senator HILL of York) (Cosponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Disabled Veterans To Receive 2 Sets of Special Designating License Plates" (S.P. 571) (L.D. 1672) (Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative CUSHING of Hampden and Senator: HASTINGS of Oxford, Representative: BLODGETT of Augusta) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Modernize Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program" (S.P. 576) (L.D. 1677) (Sponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Laws Governing Agency Liquor Stores" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 562) (L.D. 1663) (Sponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws" (S.P. 563) (L.D. 1664) (Sponsored by Senator FARNHAM of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senators: COLLINS of York, SAVIELLO of Franklin, MASON of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, THIBODEAU of Waldo, COURTNEY of York) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph G. Carleton, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 588

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE**

December 23, 2011

Hon. Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Hon. Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 29, 2011, 4 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 29, 2011, as follows:

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Improve the Method of Classifying Shellfish Harvesting Areas and Providing Notification of Changes" (S.P. 586) (L.D. 1721) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws" (S.P. 587) (L.D. 1722) (Sponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Update the Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services" (S.P. 584) (L.D. 1719) (Sponsored by Senator FARNHAM of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Membership of the Homeland Security Advisory Council" (S.P. 585) (L.D. 1720) (Sponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/David R. Madore
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 628

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

October 19, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton, Jr
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law 2011, Chapter 304, Section 90-T, I am pleased to appoint Michael Cote of Embden to the Regulatory Fairness Board. Mr. Cote will be serving as a public member appointed by the President of the Senate.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 630

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

December 27, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Evert N. Fowle, Jr. of Vassalboro for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 629

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

December 27, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Nancy D. Carlson of Dixfield for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 631

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

December 27, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Judge E. Paul Eggert of Portland for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 632

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

December 27, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Judge Joseph H. Field of Freeport for appointment as an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 633

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE**

December 2, 2011

The Honorable Joseph G. Carleton, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton,

Please be advised that as of December 2, 2011, the Speaker made changes to the following Committees:

Pursuant to his authority under House Rule 201.1 (l)(a), the appointment of Representative Andre E. Cushing, III of Hampden to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development was rescinded and Representative Raymond A. Wallace of Dexter replaced him.

Furthermore, pursuant to his authority under Joint Rule 371, Representative Chuck Kruger of Thomaston was appointed to the

Government Oversight Committee, due to the resignation of Representative Stephen D. Lovejoy of Portland.

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 634

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 9, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 29, USC, Section 2821, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Maine Jobs Council:

Senator Thomas H. Martin, Jr. of Kennebec
Senator Garrett P. Mason of Androscoggin

With these appointments the Senators are serving as members of the Maine State Senate appointed by the Senate President.

If you have any questions regarding these appointments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 635

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 9, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law 2011, Chapter 168, I am pleased to announce the following public member appointments to the Organ Donation Advisory Council:

Karen Knox of Augusta, representing a public member with experience in the field of organ and tissue donation or transplantation

Jerry Bumford of Augusta, representing a public member with experience in the field of organ and tissue donation or transplantation

Jenni Tilton-Flood of Clinton, representing a public member with experience in the field of organ and tissue donation or transplantation

Christopher Pezzullo, DO of Cape Elizabeth, representing a president of a statewide medical society

If you have any questions regarding these appointments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 636

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 16, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA §168-B, I am pleased to appoint the following students to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council:

Dillon Pesce of Lisbon
Samuel Duenas of Cherryfield
Sarah Stanley of Springvale
Olivia Plowman of Hampden
Leah Caverly of Clinton
Zahra Rikan of Biddeford
Jeff Dyke of Windham
Stephen Carr of York

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 637

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 23, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

This correspondence is to inform you that Senator A. David Trahan of Lincoln will be resigning as the State Senator representing Senate District 20 effective December 31, 2011. Attached please find a copy of Senator Trahan's resignation letter I received this morning.

Sincerely,

S/Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate

Accompanying Letter:

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE DISTRICT 20**

December 23, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear President Raye:

Now that I have officially started my new position with the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine and the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation is concluding its work on tax reform, the appropriate time has come for me to step down from the Legislature.

I have been involved with a complex constituent matter which has taken a considerable amount of time to try to bring to resolution. I was hopeful that it would have come to fruition by this point, but the matter still remains unsettled. Unfortunately, I cannot wait

any longer for this issue to be resolved. Therefore, I respectfully request that you accept my resignation as a member of the Maine State Senate effective December 31, 2011.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/David Trahan
State Senator

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 638

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKERS OFFICE**

December 12, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 29 USC 2821 §111, I am pleased to appoint the following Representatives to the Maine Jobs Council:

Representative Pete Johnson of Greenville and
Representative Amy Volk of Scarborough

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 639

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKERS OFFICE**

December 21, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 163 §2003, I am pleased to announce the appointment of the following public member to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board:

Jon Giles of Lewiston as a member of the private sector representing a geographic information vendor

If you have any questions regarding this appointment please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 640

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKERS OFFICE**

December 21, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §227, I am pleased to appoint Daniel V. Deveau of Cyr Plantation to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 643

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

October 14, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve 2011, Chapter 108, I have appointed the following Senators and Public Members to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Affordable Housing.

Senator Thomas H. Martin Jr. of Kennebec, Chair
Senator Nancy B. Sullivan of York

Randall Poulton of Winterport, representing a statewide construction organization
Charles Newton of Brewer, representing an advocate for low-income persons
Wayne Wright of Ellsworth, representing a company producing modular housing
Julia Wilcock of Old Orchard Beach, representing a statewide supportive housing developer
Dennis Marble of Hampden, representing a provider of services to the homeless
Dana Totman of Brunswick, representing the board of trustees of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority

If you have any questions regarding these appointments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 644

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

October 14, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve 2011, Chapter 112, I am pleased to appoint the following public members to the

Commission To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

Shawn Yardley of Bangor, representing municipal public health departments

Susan Tidd of Benton, representing a major voluntary nonprofit health organization

If you have any questions regarding these appointments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 645

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

October 28, 2011

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 163, §2003 I am pleased to announce the appointment the following public members to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board.

William Hanson of Hampden, representing a statewide association representing real estate and development interest
Brian Norris of Holden, representing a geographic information vendor
Steven Weed of Lamoine, representing a public member

If you have any questions regarding these appointments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 648

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 3, 2012

Honorable Joseph G. Carleton
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Carleton:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I am pleased to appoint Senator Courtney to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, effective immediately. With this appointment the Senator from York, Senator Courtney, will be replacing the former Senator from Lincoln, Senator Trahan and serving as the Senate Chair of the Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 641

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

November 3, 2011

Honorable Kevin L. Raye, President of the Senate
Honorable Robert W. Nutting, Speaker of the House
125th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye and Speaker Nutting:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 876 An Act To Convert Vacant Commercial
Property to Occupied Commercial Property

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. A. David Trahan
Senate Chair

S/Rep. L. Gary Knight
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 642

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

December 29, 2011

The Honorable Kevin Raye
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Raye:

I am pleased to submit to you the report on the Maine Livable Wage in 2010, calculated pursuant to MRSA Title 26, §1405. This report includes summary tables with livable wages for households in the State's counties, metropolitan statistical areas and as a statewide average by family size. The estimates are based on an annual basic needs budget for the following family sizes:

Single person;
Single parent and one child;
Single parent and 2 children;
Two parents, with one earner and 2 children; and
Two parents, with 2 earners and 2 children.

Also included are detailed tables for each geographical region and a description of the methodology used for determining the basic needs budget used in calculating the livable wage.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Chris Boudreau, Director of the Maine Department of Labor Center for Workforce Research and Information at 621-5186.

Sincerely,

S/Robert J. Winglass
Commissioner

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 646

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MAINE STATE POLICE**

September 15, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senate President:

It is my privilege to submit to you and the members of the 125th Legislature the "2010 Crimes in Maine Annual Report" pursuant to section 1544 of Title 25 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. This report is the product of the cooperative collection and submission efforts of more than 134 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies in Maine to the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit of the Maine State Police.

Uniform Crime Reporting data provides law enforcement administrators, lawmakers, special interest groups and the general public with valuable information that supports the formulation of public safety in the areas of law enforcement and crime prevention. It is encouraging to note that the 2010 statistics continue to show that Maine is one of the safest places in the nation to live. This fact is related directly, I believe in no small part, to the spirit of hard work and cooperation that exists within Maine's law enforcement community and its many partners in the public and private sectors.

We are sincerely grateful for the continued participation by Maine's police chiefs and sheriffs in the valuable program.

Sincerely,

S/Colonel Robert Williams
Chief, Maine State Police

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 647

**STATE OF MAINE
125TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

December 22, 2011

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Raye:

The following is a summary of the results of the November 8, 2011 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 237,024
Number of Votes Opposed 155,156

Question 2: Citizen Initiative
Number of Votes in Favor 176,718
Number of Votes Opposed 215,115

Question 3: Citizen Initiative
Number of Votes in Favor 143,127
Number of Votes Opposed 248,467

Question 4: Constitutional Amendment
Number of Votes in Favor 197,026
Number of Votes Opposed 175,112

Sincerely,

S/Charles E. Summers, Jr.
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

At this point, a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative CURTIS of Madison, informing the Senate that a Quorum of Representatives was assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before that Body.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2012 and 2013 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds"
S.P. 593 L.D. 1733

Presented by Senator RECTOR of Knox.
Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator RECTOR of Knox, REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Rescue Children Who Are Being Sexually Abused and To Make Improvements to the Sex Offender Registry and the Investigation of Computer Crimes"

S.P. 591 L.D. 1731

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Speaker NUTTING of Oakland and Senators: COURTNEY of York, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, MASON of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: HASKELL of Portland, PLUMMER of Windham.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Laws"

S.P. 592 L.D. 1732

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Kennebec.
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Unemployment Insurance Laws and Reduce Unemployment Fraud"

S.P. 589 L.D. 1725

Presented by Senator RECTOR of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **RECTOR** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Jobs in the Motor Coach Industry by Providing a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Buses"

S.P. 594 L.D. 1735

Presented by President RAYE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, PARRY of Arundel, WILLETTE of Mapleton, WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Joint Standing Committee on Taxation**

Senator HASTINGS for the **Joint Standing Committee on Taxation**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 199-D asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Require the Review of Proposed Tax Expenditures" S.P. 590 L.D. 1730

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Maine Turnpike Authority**

Senator COLLINS for the **Maine Turnpike Authority**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2013"

S.P. 595 L.D. 1736

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Change Regulation of Forestry Activities"
S.P. 596 L.D. 1739

Presented by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.
Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Remove the Repeal Date for Outcome-based Forestry" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 597 L.D. 1740

Presented by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.
Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Streamline the Paperwork Requirements of the State's Forest Practices Laws"
S.P. 598 L.D. 1741

Presented by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.
Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senator **PATRICK** of Oxford was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Laws Governing the Indian Representatives to the Legislature" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1276 L.D. 1726

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

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee, in concurrence.

Ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Division.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1200

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

November 28, 2011

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On November 28, 2011, 3 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 November 28, 2011, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Concerning the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1592) (Sponsored by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, WILLETTE of Mapleton, WILLETTE of Presque Isle, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Requirements of Income Withholding Orders" (H.P. 1199) (L.D. 1594) (Sponsored by Representative NASS of Acton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Resolve, To Name Route 1-A between Brewer and Ellsworth the Korean War Veterans Highway (H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1593) (Sponsored by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

S/Joseph G. Carleton, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1202

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 5, 2011

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 1, 2011, 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 1, 2011, as follows:

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Impose a Penalty for Making False Claims Regarding Affiliation with a Federally Recognized Tribe" (H.P. 1201) (L.D. 1595) (Sponsored by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

S/Joseph G. Carleton, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1205

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 12, 2011

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 9, 2011, 2 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 Committee on December 9, 2011, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Juvenile Case Records" (H.P. 1203) (L.D. 1597) (Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Court's Authority To Grant Credit Given for Jail Time toward Payment of Fines" (H.P. 1204) (L.D. 1598) (Sponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

S/David R. Madore
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1207

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 13, 2011

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 12, 2011, 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 12, 2011, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Amend Deferred Disposition under the Maine Juvenile Code" (H.P. 1206) (L.D. 1599) (Submitted by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

S/David R. Madore
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1210

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 14, 2011
The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 14, 2011, 2 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 14, 2011, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, To Amend the Resolve Establishing the Task Force on Franco-Americans (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1209) (L.D. 1601) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Provide That Persons Hiring Assistants To Provide Home Care for Relatives Are Not Employers for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation Laws" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1208) (L.D. 1600) (Sponsored by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton) (Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and Representatives: Speaker NUTTING of Oakland, SARTY of Denmark) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

S/David R. Madore
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1234

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 19, 2011

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 16, 2011, 23 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, 2011, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Remove the \$100 Reporting Fee for Fertilizer and Agricultural Liming Materials Sold" (H.P. 1211) (L.D. 1602) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Waterboro) (Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAY of Palmyra, MAKER of Calais, McCABE of Skowhegan, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Relating to Concealed Firearms Locked in Vehicles" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1212) (L.D. 1603) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TURNER of Burlington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Increase to a Class C Crime the Failure To Report a Missing Child within 24 Hours" (H.P. 1223) (L.D. 1633) (Sponsored by Representative OLSEN of Phippsburg) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MAKER of Calais, McCABE of Skowhegan, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, SANDERSON of Chelsea, VOLK of Scarborough, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish Certain Crimes Relating to Missing or Deceased Children" (H.P. 1224) (L.D. 1634) (Sponsored by Representative BLODGETT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MAKER of Calais, McCABE of Skowhegan, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo, Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, HARLOW of Portland, MALONEY of Augusta, VALENTINO of Saco, VOLK of Scarborough, Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Inmates on Public Works Projects" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1225) (L.D. 1635) (Sponsored by Representative CLARKE of Bath) (Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, FOSSEL of Alna, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, KENT of Woolwich, MacDONALD of Boothbay, OLSEN of Phippsburg) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Relationship between Land Users and Landowners" (H.P. 1222) (L.D. 1613) (Sponsored by Representative CUSHING of Hampden) (Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, NASS of Acton, SARTY of Denmark, TURNER of Burlington, WALLACE of Dexter, Senators: President RAYE of Washington, THOMAS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Extend Certain Insurance Protection to Emergency Responders" (H.P. 1226) (L.D. 1636) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: CLARKE of Bath, GOODE of Bangor, MAKER of Calais, Senator: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Permit Financial Institutions To Share Certain Information for the Purpose of Preventing Electronic Bank Card Losses and Other Fraud" (H.P. 1227) (L.D. 1637) (Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Promote Agricultural Activity in Maine by Limiting the Liability for Agritourism Activities" (H.P. 1214) (L.D. 1605) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Waterboro) (Cosponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, McCABE of Skowhegan, OLSEN of Phippsburg, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Magistrates To Assist the Court in Handling Small Claims and Landlord-tenant Cases" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1215) (L.D. 1606) (Sponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CAREY of Lewiston, CUSHING of Hampden, MALONEY of Augusta, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, TREAT of Hallowell, Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, WOODBURY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Maine Certified Public Accountant Examination" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1216) (L.D. 1607) (Sponsored by Representative CUSHING of Hampden) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: HUNT of Buxton, MAKER of Calais, Speaker NUTTING of Oakland, Senators: COURTNEY of York, KATZ of Kennebec, President RAYE of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Pharmacy Interns" (H.P. 1217) (L.D. 1608) (Sponsored by Speaker NUTTING of Oakland) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representative: CUSHING of Hampden) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Duties and Responsibilities of the Director of the Division for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened" (H.P. 1228) (L.D. 1638) (Sponsored by Representative GILBERT of Jay) (Cosponsored by Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BLODGETT of Augusta, CHIPMAN of Portland, CLARK

of Millinocket, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, WALLACE of Dexter) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Bait Used in Maine's Fishery" (H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1609) (Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Allow the Adjutant General To Address a Joint Session of the Legislature" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1229) (L.D. 1639) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIS of Sangerville, FOSSEL of Alna, KESCHL of Belgrade, PRIEST of Brunswick, WALLACE of Dexter, WINSOR of Norway) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Promote POW/MIA Recognition Day" (H.P. 1230) (L.D. 1640) (Sponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington) (Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, CUSHING of Hampden, MAKER of Calais, MOULTON of York, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, THOMAS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Sale of Wood Pellets" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1219) (L.D. 1610) (Sponsored by Representative MCKANE of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, HARMON of Palermo, Senators: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equal Tax Treatment for Private-pay and MaineCare-participating Providers of Residential Care to Persons Who Are Elderly or Disabled" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1231) (L.D. 1641) (Sponsored by Representative HARMON of Palermo) (Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington and Representatives: CUSHING of Hampden, Speaker NUTTING of Oakland, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, Senators: COURTNEY of York, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, McCORMICK of Kennebec, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police To Review Motor Vehicle Inspection Rules (H.P. 1213) (L.D. 1604) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and Representatives: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAZUREK of Rockland, PEOPLES of Westbrook, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the 2014 World Acadian Congress (H.P. 1220) (L.D. 1611) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator: President RAYE of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Restrict Spending on the Ricker Hill Bridge in the Town of Turner (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1232) (L.D. 1642) (Sponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAY of Palmyra, McCABE of Skowhegan, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: SHERMAN of Aroostook, THOMAS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Relating to the Liquor Laws Governing Off-premises Catering at Planned Public Events or Gatherings" (H.P. 1221) (L.D. 1612) (Sponsored by Representative HARMON of Palermo) (Cosponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: LONGSTAFF of Waterville, McKANE of Newcastle, Speaker NUTTING of Oakland, TURNER of Burlington, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: COURTNEY of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enhance a Community's Ability To Establish or Update Its Veterans Honor Roll" (H.P. 1233) (L.D. 1643) (Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, DAVIS of Sangerville, HARMON of Palermo, SARTY of Denmark, WALLACE of Dexter, WEAVER of York, WILLETTE of Mapleton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

S/David R. Madore
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1268

STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

December 21, 2011

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 21, 2011, 33 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, 2011, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, To Exempt Maple Sugarhouses from the 1,000-foot Setback Requirement of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (H.P. 1241) (L.D. 1689) (Sponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, JOHNSON of Greenville, McCABE of Skowhegan, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WILLETTE of Mapleton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding To Operate the Dolby Landfill in the Town of East Millinocket" (H.P. 1235) (L.D. 1683) (Sponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket) (Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and Representatives: CUSHING of Hampden, DAVIS of Sangerville, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Restore Supplemental Health Insurance Coverage for Disabled Children of State Retirees" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1265) (L.D. 1713) (Sponsored by Representative SARTY of Denmark) (Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CLARK of Millinocket, COTTA of China, CUSHING of Hampden, HARMON of Palermo, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: COURTNEY of York, RECTOR of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program in Penobscot County for Assessment and Treatment of Individuals Arrested for Unlawful Possession of Drugs (H.P. 1253) (L.D. 1701) (Sponsored by Representative STEVENS of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator FARNHAM of Penobscot and Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, CUSHING of Hampden, DAMON of Bangor, GOODE of Bangor, HASKELL of Portland, Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, MASON of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Bail Code To Protect Victims of Domestic Violence" (H.P. 1256) (L.D. 1704) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CUSHING of Hampden, FOSSEL of Alna, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough, WALLACE of Dexter, WINSOR of Norway) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Define, Prevent and Suppress Gang Activity in the State" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1259) (L.D. 1707) (Sponsored by Representative VOLK of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, BURNS of Whiting, MALONEY of Augusta, MOULTON of York, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Mandate the Use of Standardized Risk Assessment in the Management of Domestic Violence Crimes" (H.P. 1263) (L.D. 1711) (Sponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, HASKELL of Portland, PRIEST of Brunswick, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, WOODBURY 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 Modify the Alternative Organizational Structure Budget Approval Process" (H.P. 1248) (L.D. 1696) (Sponsored by Representative BURNS of Whiting) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, HARMON of Palermo, MAKER of Calais, McKANE of Newcastle, TURNER of Burlington, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, President RAYE of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Create the New Gloucester Water District" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1255) (L.D. 1703) (Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and Representative: Speaker NUTTING of Oakland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Biomass and Forest Products Industries by Allowing Biomass Generators To Enter into Short-term Contracts" (H.P. 1258) (L.D. 1706) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Representative: WILLETTE of Mapleton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend the Process for Issuing State Water Quality Certificates to Hydropower Projects That Withdraw Water from Great Ponds" (H.P. 1238) (L.D. 1686) (Sponsored by Representative SARTY of Denmark) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CEBRA of Naples, DAVIS of Sangerville, SHAW of Standish, Senator: HASTINGS of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Status of Patients Held under Involuntary Commitment Applications" (H.P. 1240) (L.D. 1688) (Sponsored by Representative MOULTON of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Case Management Supervision Authority and Ensure Access to Case Management Services" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1244) (L.D. 1692) (Sponsored by Representative EVES of North Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: FOSSEL of Alna, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PETERSON of Rumford, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review Rules Governing Reimbursement to MaineCare Recipients for Transportation to Freestanding Methadone Clinics (H.P. 1246) (L.D. 1694) (Sponsored by Representative BURNS of Whiting) (Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, HANLEY of Gardiner, VOLK of Scarborough, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, President RAYE of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide an Alternative Method of Calculating Minimum Staffing Levels in Nursing Homes" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1252) (L.D. 1700) (Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: EVES of North Berwick, FOSSEL of Alna, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SANBORN of Gorham, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, FARNHAM of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Create the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1257) (L.D. 1705) (Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais) (Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington and Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, ESPLING of New Gloucester, OLSEN of Phippsburg, VOLK of Scarborough, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, MASON of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Restrict Further the Amount of Methamphetamine Precursors That May Be Bought or Sold" (H.P. 1266) (L.D. 1714) (Sponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton) (Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, COTTA of China, DAVIS of Sangerville, FREDETTE of Newport, SANDERSON of Chelsea, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WALLACE of Dexter, Senator: MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act Related to Specialty Tiers in Prescription Medication Pricing" (H.P. 1243) (L.D. 1691) (Sponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Correct Inconsistencies and Ambiguities in the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act" (H.P. 1254) (L.D. 1702) (Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Amend the Uniform Commercial Code Regarding Motor Vehicle Warranties" (H.P. 1236) (L.D. 1684) (Sponsored by Representative CUSHING of Hampden) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: CLARK of Easton, Speaker NUTTING of Oakland, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: COLLINS of York, COURTNEY of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, THOMAS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Liability of 3rd-party Building Inspectors" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1239) (L.D. 1687) (Sponsored by Representative MOULTON of York) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representative: TURNER of Burlington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect the Privacy of Social Workers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1242) (L.D. 1690) (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 Establish Veterans Treatment Courts" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1250) (L.D. 1698) (Sponsored by Representative MALONEY of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, CLARKE of Bath, COTTA of China, GRAHAM of

North Yarmouth, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MOULTON of York, SARTY of Denmark, WEAVER of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Conform Maine Law to Federal Law Regarding Payment of Overtime to Truck Drivers and Driver's Helpers" (H.P. 1237) (L.D. 1685) (Sponsored by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, HAYES of Buckfield, PARRY of Arundel, SIROCKI of Scarborough, VOLK of Scarborough, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, THOMAS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Additional In-store Space for Maine's Businesses by Removing License and Permit Posting Requirements" (H.P. 1247) (L.D. 1695) (Sponsored by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebec, MCKANE of Newcastle, OLSEN of Phippsburg, VOLK of Scarborough, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MARTIN of Kennebec, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Calculation of Population for Purposes of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and Public Safety Answering Point Assessments" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1249) (L.D. 1697) (Sponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator: RECTOR of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Theft and Illegal Sale of Copper and Other Metals" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1260) (L.D. 1708) (Sponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, CHIPMAN of Portland, CUSHING of Hampden, HANLEY of Gardiner, MALONEY of Augusta, VALENTINO of Saco, VOLK of Scarborough, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow for Timely Access to and Enhanced Administration of All Vaccines" (H.P. 1267) (L.D. 1715) (Sponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and Representatives: CUSHING of Hampden, FOSSEL of Alna, MOULTON of York, Speaker NUTTING of Oakland, VOLK of Scarborough, WALLACE of Dexter, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, MARTIN of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend the Limited-entry Program for Taking Lobsters in the Monhegan Lobster Conservation Area" (H.P. 1261) (L.D. 1709) (Sponsored by Representative WEAVER of York) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

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State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding the School Fund in the Town of Burlington" (H.P. 1264) (L.D. 1712) (Sponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington) (Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, FREDETTE of Newport, MAKER of Calais, NELSON of Falmouth, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing Abatements of Property Taxes for Infirmary or Poverty" (H.P. 1245) (L.D. 1693) (Sponsored by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade) (Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CLARK of Easton, FLOOD of Winthrop, FREDETTE of Newport, HARMON of Palermo, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SANDERSON of Chelsea, Senator: THOMAS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create Excise Tax Equity and Consistency for Buses" (H.P. 1251) (L.D. 1699) (Sponsored by Representative KNAPP of Gorham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 1262) (L.D. 1710) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples) (Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: MCKANE of Newcastle, OLSEN of Phippsburg, Senators: COURTNEY of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, THIBODEAU of Waldo, THOMAS of Somerset) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

S/Joseph G. Carleton, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1274

December 27, 2011

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 23, 2011, 3 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 23, 2011, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Capacity To Produce Low-cost Renewable Energy through Hydroelectric Power" (H.P. 1271) (L.D. 1718) (Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Require Funds for Prearranged Funerals To Be Invested Subject to the Requirements of the Maine Uniform Prudent Investor Act and To Update Related Provisions" (H.P. 1269) (L.D. 1716) (Sponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MORISSETTE of Winslow, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Preneed Life Insurance Producer License and Preneed Life Insurance Product for Prearranged Funeral Plans" (H.P. 1270) (L.D. 1717) (Sponsored by Representative MCKANE of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, TUTTLE of Sanford, VOLK of Scarborough, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

S/David R. Madore
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1275

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December 28, 2011

The Honorable Robert W. Nutting
Speaker of the House
125th Legislature

The Honorable Kevin L. Raye
President of the Senate
125th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 27, 2011, 2 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 Committee on December 27, 2011, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1272) (L.D. 1723) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1273) (L.D. 1724) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Clerk of the House

S/David R. Madore
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Ensure That the Public Is Duly Informed When Certain Juvenile Crimes Are Committed"
H.P. 1277 L.D. 1727

Presented by Representative PLUMMER of Windham.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of Nonresident Concealed Handgun Permits"
H.P. 1278 L.D. 1728

Presented by Representative PLUMMER of Windham.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Interception of Oral or Wire Communications of Residents of State Correctional Facilities and Jails"
H.P. 1282 L.D. 1737

Presented by Representative PLUMMER of Windham.
Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Come 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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Adjustments to Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection"
H.P. 1283 L.D. 1738

Presented by Representative HAMPER of Oxford.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Minimum Wage Law as It Relates to People with Disabilities"

H.P. 1279 L.D. 1729

Presented by Representative VOLK of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

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

Representative EDGECOMB submitted the Report of the **Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1281 L.D. 1734

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

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

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

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Laws Governing the Indian Representatives to the Legislature
H.P. 1276 L.D. 1726

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

On motion by Senator COURTNEY of York, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 10:00 in the morning.