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Wednesday, January 9, 2013

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

Prayer by Reverend Richard A. Bamforth, Augusta (retired).

National Anthem by Lisa Suarez, Machias.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS
Pursuant to Statute

Workers' Compensation Board

Report of the **Workers' Compensation Board** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 152, subsection 11 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"

(S.P. 9) (L.D. 1)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 10)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 10:00 the morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Shirrin L. Blaisdell, of Manchester, on the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of state service, including many years of service in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and the State Budget Office. During her tenure she has given generously of her talents and strengths. We are very impressed with her professionalism, knowledge and attention to detail. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Blaisdell for her commitment to the State and wish her well in her retirement;

(HLS 24)

Presented by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade.
Cosponsored by Senator FLOOD of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to thank Shirrin for her many years of dedicated and outstanding work on behalf of the people of Maine. As deputy state budget officer, and most recently as acting state budget officer, she has spent hundreds of hours with us in the Appropriations Committee room, often late into the night and often over the weekends. Her excellent work is seen in the care of the detail of the budgets that we have seen over the years, and the biennial and supplemental budgets that we are to receive at the end of this week will be no exception to this. Shirrin, I should also add, came out of retirement so that we could get the budgets this Friday and we are very grateful to her for that. What a stellar public servant Shirrin has been. We will miss her very much, but the high standards she has set in her work and the quality of the work she has done will remain with us. We will all continue to be inspired by the very high level of care and excellence that she has brought to her work. Thank you.

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

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

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the House adjourned at 10:38 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2013 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 10).