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8th Legislative Day
Tuesday, January 29, 2013

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.
Prayer by Reverend Andrew Stinson, Second Congregational Church, Warren.
National Anthem by Martin Swinger, Augusta.
Pledge of Allegiance.
Doctor of the day, Steven Diaz, MD, FACEP, Waterville.
The Journal of Thursday, January 24, 2013 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 22)

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

January 23, 2013
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 319, §3371 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to appoint Representative R. Wayne Werts of Auburn as a legislative member to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission.
If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 23)

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

January 23, 2013
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 319, §3371 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to re-appoint the following members to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission:
Representative Michel A. Lajoie of Lewiston
Representative Dean A. Cray of Palmyra
If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 24)

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

January 23, 2013
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, Chapter 10, §227 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to re-appoint Representative Kenneth Wade Fredette of Newport as a legislative member of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission.
If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 25)

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

January 23, 2013
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 371-A, §7030 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to re-appoint the following to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women:
Eloise Vitelli of Arrowsic
Elizabeth Ward Saxl of Manchester
If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 27)

**MIDCOAST REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
2 PEGASUS STREET
BRUNSWICK, MAINE 04011**

January 22, 2013
Honorable Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Subject: Government Accountability Report (5 MRSA §12023)
Dear President Alford and Speaker Eves:

In compliance with the requirements of the Government Accountability and Oversight Law for quasi-independent State entities (5 MRSA §12023), I am submitting this report on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA). MRRA was created in 2006 by the Maine Legislature (5 MRSA §13083-G) as a municipal corporation charged with the responsibility to implement the reuse master plans for Naval Air Station Brunswick (NAS Brunswick) and the Topsham Annex, which closed as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. The Authority is entrusted with the acquisition and management of properties within the geographic boundaries of NAS Brunswick. The enabling statute creating MRRA established very detailed description of its powers and duties. MRRA began its operation on September 27, 2007 when the newly appointed Board of Trustees called to order its first meeting and hired Steven H. Levesque as its new Executive Director.

The Board of Trustees adopted policies early on to assure accountability and transparency for all of the actions of the agency, including the adoption of Bylaws, Mission and Goal Statements for all standing committees of MRRA, a Personnel Policy, a Purchasing Policy, a Conflict of Interest Policy, an Accounting Policy and Procedures Manual, Annual Work Plans, Annual Operating Budgets and annual Five Year Capital Improvement Budgets. It provides for an annual independent audit of our Financial Statements and Single Audit Act report for federal grant auditing purposes.

Consistent with the Act's requirements, the list below is provided to report on policies required by §12022:

1) **Consistency with Authorizing Law.** The Board of Trustees adopted a set of Bylaws on September 27, 2007 limiting its authority to that provided by law. They have only been amended once, March 16, 2010. Mission and Goal Statements have been prepared and adopted by the Board for all Standing Committees of MRRA establishing the authority and mission of each committee. The Board also adopts Annual Work Plans, Operating Budgets, and Five Year Capital Improvement Plans to carry out the mission and activities of MRRA which must reflect the goals, mission and authority of the agency.

2) **Compliance with Financial Policies and Procedures.** The Board adopted a Purchasing Policy on February 19, 2008. The policy has been amended three times (June 17, 2008, March 15, 2011 and July 25, 2012). An Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual was adopted by the MRRA Board of Trustees on May 20, 2008 and has been amended three times (October 22, 2009, September 20, 2011 and July 25, 2012). The Bylaws also provide for a Treasurer and a Finance Committee. The Finance Committee meets monthly and reviews the monthly budget report, Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation Statement, and a detailed transaction report for the month. Each quarter the Finance Committee also reviews a detailed transaction report of all business attraction, meeting and travel expense reports. All financial statements are also provided to the Board of Trustees.

3) **Selection of Vendors.** The Board adopted a Purchasing Policy on February 19, 2008. The policy has been amended three times (June 17, 2008, March 15, 2011 and July 25, 2012). The Policy requires that the agency will acquire all equipment, materials, and services in a manner that results in the most efficient delivery of services considering cost and value received. Purchases will be made within budget limits and to meet goals and objectives approved in MRRA's budget. Potential purchases that are not within budget limits will be pre-approved through a budget amendment process.

4) **Contributions.** Membership dues and fees are annually considered by the Board of Trustees through the annual operating budget adoption process. All membership dues and fees are tracked through a separate line item in our annual operating budget, Dues and Memberships 50402. The only donations made by MRRA to outside organizations comes from a requirement of the United States Navy and Air Force as a condition of participating in an air show. Some portion of the proceeds from the Great State of Maine Air Show must be used for a community purpose. For the two shows that MRRA has hosted it established a publicly noticed competitive grant application process for regional not for profit entities to submit grant proposals. In 2011, MRRA gave out \$25,000 in donations to ten organizations. In 2012 MRRA made twelve grants totaling \$10,000.

5) **Travel, Meals and Entertainment.** The Board of Trustees adopted a Personnel Policy on December 17, 2007. It has been amended three times (November 17, 2009, December 15, 2009 and February 8, 2011). The Personnel Policy contains a Business Expenses and Travel Reimbursement policy that governs and limits travel, meal and business expenses necessary to accomplish the agency's mission and activities, along with documentation of expenses. Travel and business attraction proposed budgets are reviewed by the Finance Committee and considered annually by the Board. All of these expenses are tracked through individual line items. Each month the Finance Committee receives a detail transaction report on all expenses. Each quarter, the Finance Committee also reviews a detail transaction budget report solely on business attraction activities, travel, training and meeting expenses.

6) **Lobbyist.** MRRA does not employ or contract for a lobbyist.

I would also note that on January 15, 2013 MRRA submitted a thirteen page detailed narrative and financial report on the activities of MRRA for calendar year 2012 to Governor Paul LePage consistent with the requirements of 5 MRSA §13083-S.

Sincerely,
S/Steven H. Levesque
Executive Director

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 30)
**MAINE MUNICIPAL AND RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
COOPERATIVE AGENCY**

January 25, 2013
Honorable Justin L. Alfond
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Re: Quasi-Independent State Entity Report of

Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency
Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:
DIRIGO, the Association of the state consumer and member owned utilities, formed the Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency (MMRECA) as a vehicle for promoting joint action among the state's eight consumer owned utilities. The officers of DIRIGO serve as the officers of MMRECA. The members of DIRIGO participating in MMRECA

activities fund all costs of those activities. MMRECA receives no State funding. DIRIGO sees an inherent value in maintaining MMRECA even though it has not been active in the past years. The electric utility "business" was historically stagnant, but with the ever continuing changes that have taken place and that are likely to occur in the future, DIRIGO believes it needs all of the mechanisms available to it to meet any new challenges and be able to provide the best possible service to our consumer owners and members.

In compliance with 5 M.R.S.A. §12023 MMRECA provides the following response. The MMRECA did not adopt policies regarding vendor selection, contributions, and travel, meals and entertainment. MMRECA commits that it will put in place such policies prior to engaging in associated activities. MMRECA has not retained a lobbyist.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,
S/Scott M. Hallowell
MMRECA

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 31)
**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
323 STATE STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131**

January 15, 2013
Honorable Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alford and Speaker Eves:

On behalf of the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees, and pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, please accept this letter as our report on the adoption and implementation status of written policies and procedures required by 5 M.R.S.A. §12022, as well as a description of the measures the Board intends to use to monitor compliance with those policies and procedures.

At its meeting on November 28, 2012, the Trustees adopted revised and/or new policies and procedures in the subject matters required by 5 M.R.S.A. §12022. The Maine Community College System has now implemented these policies and procedures. The Board intends to monitor compliance by initially approving the pertinent budgets; periodically reviewing the budgets; periodically receiving reports from the System President; using annual outside auditors; and, using ad hoc internal auditing. I am hopeful this letter meets with your approval. If we may provide any additional information or supporting documentation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,
S/John Fitzsimmons
President

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 26)
**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

January 21, 2013
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
RE: 5 M.R.S.A. §12023

Dear Speaker Eves:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to report on the Academy's adoption and implementation of written policies and procedures required by 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, and to describe the measures our Board will use to monitor compliance with those policies and procedures.

At its meeting on November 9, 2012, the Trustees approved the new and amended policies and procedures required by the new law. The Academy has now implemented these policies and procedures, and the Trustees will oversee the implementation by approving and periodically reviewing budgets, periodically receiving updates from the Academy President, and using our annual auditors. I have enclosed a copy of the Board's resolution attendant to this matter.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
S/Dr. William J. Brennan
President

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 28)
**SMALL ENTERPRISE GROWTH FUND
PO BOX 63
NEWPORT, MAINE 04953**

January 23, 2013
Honorable Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: P. L. 2011, c. 616, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-independent State Entities

Dear President Alford and Speaker Eves:

In compliance with the above law and 5 MRSA, §12023 requiring certain state entities to prepare and submit reports to the Legislature by February 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the Small Enterprise Growth Board ("SEGB"), the governing body of the Small Enterprise Growth Fund ("SEGF" or "Fund"), by unanimous vote at its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at the Brunswick Business Center, Brunswick, Maine, approved and authorized updated policies and procedures, specifically for the following four areas, to ensure that all activities and expenditures of the Fund are limited to those necessary to accomplish the Fund's mission and to carry out the Fund's duties consistent with the authorizing law:

- 1) Selection of Vendors
- 2) Contributions
- 3) Travel Meals and Entertainment
- 4) Lobbying

The Policies and Procedures are attached in their entirety. The SEGB ensures that the Board Members and the Fund

Manager, the managing director, will comply with all financial policies and procedures by performing the following minimum reviews:

- Annually, prior to the new fiscal year, the Fund Manager and the SEGB Audit Committee thoroughly review the Fund's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Upon satisfactory completion of the review, the Committee makes a recommendation to the full Board for a vote approving the proposed budget, and
- Monthly, a review of the Fund's financial reports and expenditures by the Fund Manager and Board Treasurer, followed by presentation of the same to the full Board at its monthly meeting and a recommendation for a vote of approval of expenditures as presented. All submissions for expense reimbursement by the Fund Management Team are submitted to the Board Treasurer for review and approval.

If you have any questions or need further information, we will be happy to honor your request.

Respectfully submitted,
S/Matthew Hoffner
Chair

Small Enterprise Growth Board
S/John F. Burns, CFA
Fund Manager
Small Enterprise Growth Fund

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 29)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION**

January 24, 2013
Honorable Justin L. Alfond
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to 10 MRSA §11, the 2012 Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.maine.gov/legis/opla.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Roger L. Sherman, Co-Chair
S/Rep. Joyce Maker, Co-Chair

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills, Resolve and Resolution were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Sale, Purchase and Use of Fireworks in the State"

(H.P. 93) (L.D. 111)

Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, LIBBY of Lewiston, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, WERTS of Auburn, Senator: CRAVEN of Androscoggin.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Educators for Maine Program"

(H.P. 94) (L.D. 112)

Sponsored by Representative NELSON of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CASAVANT of Biddeford, JOHNSON of Greenville, MAKER of Calais, WELSH of Rockport.

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Maine College Savings Program"

(H.P. 95) (L.D. 113)

Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: JOHNSON of Greenville, MAKER of Calais, NELSON of Falmouth, Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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

(H.P. 96) (L.D. 114)

Sponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: COTTA of China, DUNPHY of Embden, HARVELL of Farmington, KESCHL of Belgrade, LIBBY of Waterboro, McCLELLAN of Raymond, Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, HASKELL of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Secure the Safety of Electrical Power Transmission Lines"

(H.P. 106) (L.D. 131)

Sponsored by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, COTTA of China, DUNPHY of Embden, FITZPATRICK of Houlton, JONES of Freedom, PEOPLES of Westbrook, Senator: BURNS of Washington.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Resolve, To Provide Organic Infant Formula through the Maine Women, Infants and Children Program

(H.P. 107) (L.D. 132)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CASSIDY of Lubec, DORNEY of Norridgewock, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GIDEON of Freeport, MORRISON of South Portland, PETERSON of Rumford, STUCKEY of Portland, Senator: LACHOWICZ of Kennebec.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Allow an Operator of a Motor Vehicle To Show Proof of Insurance by Electronic Means"

(H.P. 108) (L.D. 133)

Sponsored by Representative FITZPATRICK of Houlton.

Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, CHASE of Wells, McELWEE of Caribou, POULIOT of Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea, WILLETTE of Mapleton, WILSON of Augusta.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Require All Government Documents To Be Posted on the Internet"

(H.P. 110) (L.D. 135)

Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Winterport.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, JONES of Freedom, MORRISON of South Portland, SCHNECK of Bangor, STANLEY of Medway, WINCHENBACH of Waldoboro.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Join in a Prohibition on Motor Fuel Containing Corn-based Ethanol"

(H.P. 97) (L.D. 115)

Sponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BLACK of Wilton, BOLAND of Sanford, CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Easton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, DUNPHY of Embden, ESPLING of New Gloucester, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FITZPATRICK of Houlton, FREDETTE of Newport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILBERT of Jay, GILLWAY of Searsport, GUERIN of Glenburn, HARLOW of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, JONES of Freedom, KINNEY of Limington, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, KRUGER of Thomaston, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LIBBY of Waterboro, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONG of Sherman, MALABY of Hancock, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, NUTTING of Oakland, PARRY of Arundel, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PETERSON of Rumford, REED of Carmel, SAXTON of Harpswell, SHAW of Standish, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TURNER of Burlington, VOLK of Scarborough, WALLACE of Dexter, WILLETTE of Mapleton, WOOD of Sabattus, Senators: COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, PATRICK of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pine Tree Development Zones To Require Payment of a Livable Wage"

(H.P. 98) (L.D. 116)

Sponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representatives: COTTA of China, DION of Portland, McCLELLAN of Raymond, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, VOLK of Scarborough, Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland, VALENTINO of York.

Bill "An Act To Change the Composition of the Board of Dental Examiners"

(H.P. 99) (L.D. 117)

Sponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, CHIPMAN of Portland, COTTA of China, GILBERT of Jay, Senator: HASKELL of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Authenticity of Items Reported To Have Been Crafted by Native Americans"

(H.P. 100) (L.D. 118)

Sponsored by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BERRY of Bowdoinham, EVANGELOS of Friendship, JOHNSON of Greenville, MAKER of Calais, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, NUTTING of Oakland.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature

(H.P. 109) (L.D. 134)

Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Winterport.

Cosponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, PEASE of Morrill, STANLEY of Medway, WINCHENBACH of Waldoboro.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Exempt from the Use Tax \$1,000 of Internet Purchases from Out-of-state Sellers"

(H.P. 101) (L.D. 119)

Sponsored by Representative WILSON of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, FITZPATRICK of Houlton, FREDETTE of Newport, JOHNSON of Eddington, McCLELLAN of Raymond, SANDERSON of Chelsea, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WILLETTE of Mapleton.

Bill "An Act To Connect Benefits Provided under the Circuitbreaker Program with the Payment of Property Taxes"

(H.P. 111) (L.D. 136)

Sponsored by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.

Cosponsored by Representative: KESCHL of Belgrade.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Regional Transit"

(H.P. 102) (L.D. 120)

Sponsored by Representative PEOPLES of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator PLUMMER of Cumberland and Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth, MORRISON of South Portland, PRINGLE of Windham, SANBORN of Gorham.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Operation of Tournament Games by Charitable Organizations"

(H.P. 103) (L.D. 121)

Sponsored by Representative WILSON of Augusta. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Provide Assistance to Municipalities Recovering from a Municipally Significant Disaster"

(H.P. 104) (L.D. 122)

Sponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington.

Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, COTTA of China, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MAKER of Calais, MORRISON of South Portland, NELSON of Falmouth, STANLEY of Medway.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

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

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

ORDERS

On motion of Speaker EVES of North Berwick, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 105) (Cosponsored by President ALFOND of Cumberland and Senator: COLLINS of York)

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ADHERENTS OF FALUN DAFU

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a Chinese practice of gentle exercise and meditation based on the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance; and

WHEREAS, this practice, which transcends all cultural, social, economic and national boundaries, has helped millions of practitioners in over 70 countries create and improve personal well-being and become more productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 the government of the People's Republic of China outlawed the practice of Falun Dafa in that nation and created a campaign of persecution and terror against its peaceful adherents; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese regime commits forced organ harvesting on Falun Dafa prisoners of conscience that results in their deaths; and

WHEREAS, this persecution campaign against practitioners of Falun Dafa denies the basic human rights of freedom of belief, assembly and expression; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, declare our support for the Falun Dafa movement and its followers by proclaiming February 2013 as Falun Dafa Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be displayed at the office of the Secretary of State on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Stabilize Education Funding by Reducing the Impact of Changes in Property Valuation"

(S.P. 51) (L.D. 130)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Anatomical Recovery of Human Bodies and Body Parts"

(S.P. 44) (L.D. 123)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Abolish the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council"

(S.P. 49) (L.D. 128)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Preserve Lender Equity in the Foreclosure Process"

(S.P. 46) (L.D. 125)

Bill "An Act To Give Retroactive Effect to the State Employee Health Commission's Reconsideration of Hospital Ratings"

(S.P. 50) (L.D. 129)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Incorporated Nonprofit Performing Arts Organizations"

(S.P. 47) (L.D. 126)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Public Way' To Include Streets and Highways Owned by Quasi-municipal Corporations or Districts"

(S.P. 48) (L.D. 127)

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

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

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

On motion of Representative DAVIS of Sangerville, the House adjourned at 10:40 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 31, 2013 in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Carlton Day "Bud" Reed, of Woolwich and Lawrence C. "Jake" Jordan, of Sangerville.