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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
August 29, 2013

In compliance with a proclamation of Governor **PAUL R. LEPAGE**, the Senators convened in the Senate Chamber at nine o'clock in the morning and were called to order by President **JUSTIN L. ALFOND** of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Senator Anne M. Haskell of Cumberland County.

SENATOR HASKELL: Thank you. Over the last few days we've all been watching the events of 50 years ago, so I thought it might be appropriate today to bring you a prayer that was actually written in pen by Martin Luther King. Would you join me please.

O God, we thank You for the fact that You have inspired men and women in all nations and in all cultures. We call You different names. Some call you Allah; some call you Elohim; some call you Jehovah; some call you Brahma; some call you the Unmoved Mover, but we know that these are all names for one and the same God. Grant that we will follow You and become so committed to your way and your kingdom that we will be able to establish in our lives, and in this world, a brother and sisterhood, that we will be establish here a kingdom of understanding where men and women will live together as brothers and sisters and respect the dignity and worth of every human being. In the name and spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Patrick S.A. Flood of Kennebec County.

S.C. 548

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of this State should meet in special session to consider legislation concerning the timely issuance of bonds; and

WHEREAS, the funds to be gained from the issuance of said bonds are urgently needed to promote the good order of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature must statutorily enact legislation relating to the issuance of said bonds; and

WHEREAS, the necessity of issuing the bonds created an extraordinary occasion,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **PAUL R. LEPAGE**, Governor of the State of Maine, by the virtue of the power vested in me as Governor by Article V, Part 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Representatives and the Senators to assemble at nine o'clock in the morning in their respective chambers at the Capitol in Augusta on, August 29, 2013, in order to receive communications, and to consider and determine on such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed given Under my hand at Augusta this Twenty-first Day Of August in the Year Two Thousand and Thirteen.

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
TRUE ATTESTED COPY

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook reported the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, had, before the Governor, taken and subscribed to the oaths of office required by the Constitution. Thereupon, Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc was escorted to her seat in the Senate Chamber by the Sergeant-At-Arms.

QUORUM CALL

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#384)

PRESENT: Senators: **BOYLE, BURNS, CAIN, CLEVELAND, COLLINS, CRAVEN, CUSHING, DUTREMBLE, FLOOD, GERZOFISKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KATZ, LACHOWICZ, MASON, MAZUREK, MILLETT, PATRICK, PLUMMER, SAVIELLO, SHERMAN, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, TUTTLE, VALENTINO, VITELLI, WHITTEMORE, WOODBURY, YOUNGBLOOD, THE PRESIDENT - JUSTIN L. ALFOND**

34 Senators having answered the Roll, the Chair declared a quorum present.

Off Record Remarks

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 18

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 Aroostook, Senator **JACKSON** to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Subsequently, the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **JACKSON** 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 **HASKELL** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 19

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 Cumberland, Senator **HASKELL** to deliver the message to the House. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 549

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

August 28, 2013

To Justin Alford, President of the Senate in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the return of the votes cast for State Senate District 19 at the Special Election held on the twenty-seventh day of August in the year two thousand and thirteen;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that Eloise Vitelli of Arrowsic, having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected:

**SPECIAL ELECTION – August 27, 2013
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 19**

Benoit, Paula I, Phippsburg	4,169
Stromgren, Daniel Longley, Topsham	357
Vitelli, Eloise, Arrowsic	4,631

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Senate at the Special Election, as reported to me on the returns from the municipalities in State Senate District 19.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 550

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

July 11, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 10, MRSA, §929-A, and in agreement with Governor LePage, we are pleased to make the following appointments to the Maine Economic Growth Council:

Kathryn M. Weare of Ogunquit
Timothy C. Walton of Fayetteer
Susan M. Corbett of Jonesport
Harold Clossey of Calais
Thomas M. Driscoll of Westbrook
Laurie Lachance of Manchester

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alfond
President of the Senate

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 551

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:
Pursuant to my authority under P.L. 2013, Chapter 368, Sec. S-2 (1), I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Tax Expenditure Review Task Force:

Senator Anne Haskell of Cumberland, Chair
Senator Roger Katz of Kennebec
Merrill Barter of Portland
Geoff Baur of Westbrook
Nelson Durgin of Bangor
Ryan Low of Augusta

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alfond
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 552

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve 2013, Chapter 78, Sec. 2 (1), I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities:

Senator Margaret Craven of Androscoggin
Senator David Burns of Washington

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alfond
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 553

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, HP 1123 (2)(A), I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Commission To Study Transparency, Costs and Accountability of Health Care System Financing:

Senator Geoff Gratwick of Penobscot, Chair
Senator Colleen Lachowicz of Kennebec
Senator James Hamper of Oxford
Senator Richard Woodbury of Cumberland

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 554

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under P.L. 2013, Chapter 368, Sec. GGGGG-2 (1)(K), I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the Task Force on Adult Learners:

Ed Cervone of Augusta

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 555

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order, HP 1136 (1)(G), I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee:

Senator Margaret Craven of Androscoggin, Chair

Senator Rodney Whittemore of Somerset
Kristen Ossenfort of South Portland
Bob Dawber of Portland
John Costin of Kennebunk
Mitchell Stein of Augusta

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 556

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under P.L. 2013, Chapter 368, Sec. K-2 (1)(B), I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Department Task Force to Study the Transition of BETR Program to BETE Program:

Dana Connors of Augusta
Ralph St. Pierre of Augusta

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 557

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

August 21, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order H.P. 1132 (1), I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the State Board of Corrections and the Unified County Corrections System:

Senator Patrick Flood of Kennebec
Lawrence Dawson of Bath
Maurice Ouellette of Alfred
Peter Crichton of Portland
John Lebel of Auburn
Robert Devlin of Augusta

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 558

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

July 11, 2013

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
#3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under P.L. 2012, Chapter 699, I have appointed Mr. Donald Simoneau of Fayette to serve as a member of the Commission to Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machine Facilities. Mr. Simoneau will serve as a representative of veterans' service organizations in the state that conduct beano or games of chance.

Should 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: S.C. 559

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

July 11, 2013

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
#3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under P.L. 2012, Chapter 699, I have appointed Mr. Jack Sours of South Paris to serve as a member of the Commission to Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machine Facilities. Mr. Sours will serve as a representative of Oxford Casino.

Should 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: S.C. 560

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 8, 2013

Honorable Darek M. Grant Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under H.P. 1123, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Commission to Study Transparency, Costs and Accountability of Health Care System Financing:

Rep. Drew Gattine of Westbrook, Chair
Rep. Erik Jorgensen of Portland
Rep. Ann Dorney of Norridgewock
Rep. Dennis Keschl of Belgrade
Rep. Jane Pringle of Windham

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 561

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 8, 2013

Honorable Darek M. Grant Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve 2013, Ch. 77, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Commission to Study Incidence of and Mortality Related to Cancer:

Rep. Paul McGowan of York, Chair
Rep. Megan Rochello of Biddeford
Rep. Carol McElwee of Caribou
Dr. Tracey Weisberg of Scarborough
Ms. Hilary Schneider of Topsham
Dr. Susan Miesfeldt of Scarborough
Dr. Andrew Hertler of Augusta

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

Sincerely,

Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 562

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 8, 2013

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve 2013, Ch. 78, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities:

Rep. Peter Stuckey of Portland, Chair
Rep. Richard Farnsworth of Portland
Rep. Richard Malaby of Hancock

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 563

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 12, 2013

Honorable Darek M. Grant Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law 2013, Ch. 368, Part K, I am pleased to appoint William Cohen of Bucksport to the Department Task Force to Study the Transition of BETR Program to BETE Program.

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 564

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law 2013, Ch. 368, Part S, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Tax Expenditure Review Task Force:

Rep. Adam Goode of Bangor, Chair
Rep. Donald Marean of Hollis
Garret Martin of Newcastle
Charles Lawton of York
Cathy Lee of Westbrook
Lisa Miller of Somerville

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 565

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have rescinded the temporary appointment of Representative Jane P. Pringle of Windham from the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services effective immediately.

Furthermore, Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have reappointed Representative Matthew Peterson of Rumford to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 566

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a) and Joint Rule 371, I have rescinded the temporary appointment of Representative Jeff McCabe of Skowhegan as a member of the Government Oversight Committee effective immediately.

Furthermore, I have reappointed Representative Matthew Peterson of Rumford to the Government Oversight Committee effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, 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: S.C. 567

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Office of the Senate Secretary
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law 2013, Ch. 368, Part GGGG, I have appointed the following to the Task Force on Adult Learners:

Scott Cuddy of Fairfield
Christine Greenleaf of West Gardiner

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 568

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 14, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Order H.P. 1132, I have appointed to following to the Commission to Study the State Board of Corrections and the Unified County Corrections System:

Representative Aaron Frey of Bangor
Captain Marcia Alexander of Augusta
Sheriff Joel Merry of Bath
Greg Zinser of Alfred
Peter Baldacci of Bangor
James Cloutier of Portland

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 569

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

August 16, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under H.P. 1136, I have appointed the following to the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Council:

Honorable Sharon Treat of Hallowell, Chair
Honorable Linda Sanborn of Gorham
Honorable Michael McClellan of Raymond
Mr. Doug Gardner of Portland
Ms. Sara Gagne-Holmes of Augusta
Mr. Kevin Lewis of Lewiston
Ms. Christine Alibrandi of Concord, NH
Mr. Gordon Smith of Manchester

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 570

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Joint Order, SP 31, we are pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Criminal Code Revision Planning Committee:

Elizabeth Ward Saxl of Manchester
Neale Duffett of Portland
Charles Laverdiere of Wilton

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alfond
President of the Senate

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 571

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE**

August 13, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Joint Order, SP 31, we are pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Criminal Code Revision Planning Committee:

- Senator Stan Gerzofsky of Cumberland
- Senator Dawn Hill of York
- Senator David Burns of Washington

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator HILL for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maintenance of State Armories"
S.P. 81 L.D. 245

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-372).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-372) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.**

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senator HILL for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Public Higher Educational Facilities"
S.P. 226 L.D. 636

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-371).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-371) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.**

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senator HILL for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities"
S.P. 377 L.D. 1095

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-373).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-373) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.**

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for a Public-private Partnership for a New Science Facility at the Maine Maritime Academy"
H.P. 182 L.D. 221

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-583)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-583)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-583) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education To Enhance Economic Development"
H.P. 533 L.D. 782

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-584)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-584)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-584) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until 1:00 in the afternoon.

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: S.C. 572

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

August 22, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant;

Pursuant to our authority under Public Law 368, Part AA, we are pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Nonprofit Tax Review Task Force:

Representative Michael Carey of Lewiston
Senator Patrick Flood of Kennebec

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Dawn Hill
Senate Chair

S/Margaret Rotundo
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 573

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

August 5, 2013

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Public Law, Chapter 368, we are pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Nonprofit Tax Review Task Force:

Senator Rebecca Millett of Cumberland
Rep. L. Gary Knight of Livermore Falls

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

Sincerely,

S/Senator Anne M. Haskell
Senate Chair

S/Representative Adam A. Goode
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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:

Bond Issue

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maintenance and Improvement of State Armories and the Purchase of Land for Maine Army National Guard Training

S.P. 81 L.D. 245
(C "A" S-372)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hill.

Senator **HILL:** Thank you Mr. President. I just would like to address my peers here in the Senate and tell them that the Appropriations Committee came together last week and reviewed the many bond bills that we will now be taking up. We unanimously voted them all out of committee. We're very excited about them. They are much needed. I know that each sponsor will speak in more detail to them. I want to just say that, with regard to the armory bill, I'm very thankful to Senator Tuttle for having brought this bond forward. It's \$14 million. It will go to repair and maintenance of armory property and facilities to stay in compliance with State and federal requirements. I think it's a very worthwhile cause and it goes to infrastructure. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Tuttle.

Senator **TUTTLE:** Thank you Mr. President. Members of the Senate, the Senate President called me when the decision was made on the Appropriations Committee and I told him I'd been working on this issue for 30 years. Every now and then you do something that you think is the right thing and I told him that I really felt very strongly and with my heart that it was the right thing to do. The bill, as you know, authorizes a General Fund bond issue for \$14 million to provide funds for repair and maintenance. I chaired the committee in the other Body a few years back. That was 1996. I went to Stephens Avenue, where I was stationed with the 133rd Engineers. It was a number of years later and I still had my name on my old locker from 1981. I said, "Maybe it's time that we get into repairing the armories." I think we're finally doing this. The part of the bond that I particularly was interested in was having a training facility in Maine, with 6,000 acres. When I trained I trained at Gagetown, New Brunswick with a lot of the folks. At the time they were spraying Agent Orange, Agent Black, all kinds of toxic chemicals and never told the soldiers about that. I've lost a lot of buddies in their late 40's and early 50's because of it. In this bond we do have something where we can have the facilities for our soldiers in the state of Maine. It's something I think is a long time overdue. I'm going to be very active in communicating with the general public on how important this issue is and I thank this Body for your support on this most important issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Mason.

Senator **MASON:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I just wanted to stand and say thank you to the Senator from York, Senator Tuttle, for putting this bill forward. This is very, very needed. As a member of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, we were able to take a tour of the

Gardiner Armory, which is right up the road here, and the building is literally falling down around itself. This is a place that we send our men and women, our soldiers, to be prepared for war. They shouldn't have to get ready and come home to a building that really isn't much better than their circumstances are over in the desert in the Middle East. I am very excited about this. Hopefully the voters will approve it in November. I just wanted to stand and voice my support for it and thank the Senator from York, the Chairman of our committee, for bringing this forward and I'm happy to be a co-sponsor of it. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Burns.

Senator **BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to reiterate what I just heard a moment ago. I, too, want to thank the Senator from York. When I recently saw some of the pictures of the deplorable conditions that our Guard Armories are in I was personally ashamed as a Maine Legislator. I think it's far past time that we did something. We shouldn't stop here. We should continue until those facilities are brought up to spec, to the position that they should be in, in respect for our men and women who serve in the military. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Gratwick.

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I wish to rise supporting this particular part of the bond package, but, again, expressing my general disappointment with the larger bond package and its very limited scope. I'm disappointed that we're not getting to talk about other issues that I think were in the bond packages here. I greatly appreciate the hard work of the leadership of the Appropriations Committee and Senator Tuttle for what's going on here. On the other hand, I had greater aspirations and hopes that we would come up with a bond package that was going to take in more that would be beneficial to the state. In particular two things; one, is I think that our research and development has been woefully left out of this. The package put in for \$50 million for the Maine Technical Institute. I think it would have been extraordinarily helpful. As I'm sure people are aware, the Maine Technical Institute and R and D in this state is very important to bring us up to the level of other states.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing, and asks for what reason he rises.

Senator **CUSHING:** Point of Order. Is the current discussion germane to the issue before us?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise the members to confine his or her remarks of the Body to L.D. 245 and the contents of this bill. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Gratwick.

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you Mr. President. I think that R and D can be extraordinarily important. I think that some of the water bonds would be very important. I'm going to vote for this package. On the other hand, I think that there is the potential that we are going to be talking about other bonds in January. We've

been promised and I will depend a great deal on the promise we hear about that in January. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

This being a Bond Authorization Act, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Bond Issue

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in the Maine Community College System

S.P. 226 L.D. 636
(C "A" S-371)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hill.

Senator **HILL:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I have to share with you that I'm particularly excited about this bond because over the course of the last few years the representative and the President of the Community College System have testified before us and they are doing, in my opinion, a wonderful job for people of all ages throughout the state of Maine. They are basically bursting at the seams, which is very exciting. This bond will allow them to start to accommodate many more of Maine's citizen. I think for \$15.5 million we're going to see a huge return on improvements and new construction to infrastructure. This will occur throughout all of the campuses based on a formula that the Community College System had come up with. I think you'll find it's a very fair disbursement of funds and hopefully the public will also vote to pass this. I want to thank Senator Cain for bringing this bond forward. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cain.

Senator **CAIN:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, my remarks that I'll make now almost could apply to three of the five bond bills that come before us today that deal with our higher education institutions. This particular bill focuses on the Maine Community College System. The funds will go to all the campuses in the Maine Community College System and have direct impact on the quality of education being able to be offered there. Some of the money is for renovations of old buildings, some for residents' hall space, some for energy efficiency; all with the goal of keeping our Community Colleges accessible, affordable, and be able to live up to the economic driver expectations that we have of them every single day. Community

Colleges offer something to every part of this state and to earners of every age and any ability that come through their doors. It's my pleasure to ask you to support this bond, to support facility renovations, improvements, and upgrades to all seven of the Community College campuses across our state. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Valentino.

Senator **VALENTINO:** Thank you Mr. President. Members of the Senate, as the Senate Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Development, I strongly support this bond package. This bond provides funds for all seven of the Community Colleges throughout Maine. In my district, this bond package will enable York County Community College to purchase equipment for the newly implemented precision machining programs. This is a program that is high demand and one that the Workforce Committee and this Legislature supported by reducing the backlog of students who were able to enter the program. This bond will further strengthen this program and its connection to local employers. The Workforce Committee and this Legislature will continue to work to further improve and support Maine's workforce and training programs. This bond is a great start and I urge your support.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Lachowicz.

Senator **LACHOWICZ:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I wish to thank my colleague, Senator Cain, for bringing this forward. Kennebec Valley Community College is located right up the road from Waterville. I've taught a class there. It's quite the economic driver in Central Maine. Most of our CMP workers train there because they have a nice lineman program. I can't thank her enough because it is such a training program for many of our young people I've worked with and I can't wait to see what the Kennebec Valley Community College, with their new President, will be doing with the money. Thank you very much. I hope the voters support it.

This being a Bond Authorization Act, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Bond Issue

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Nursing Education To Enhance Economic Development

H.P. 533 L.D. 782
(C "A" H-584)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hill.

Senator **HILL:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise again regarding a bond that I also am very pleased to have come before us. It was very interesting last week when we had some testimony from Ryan Low, who you know is the liaison for the University System. Something he said really struck me. He was describing how many of the facilities are well behind on repair and maintenance just because we have not been able to fund them with an adequate amount of money to look into all of these. What he actually said was, "We no longer pick the projects. In fact, the projects are now picking us." As property owners, you understand that's not the best way to do it. I'm hoping this will be a beginning of them reversing situations so that they start picking the projects. At any rate, this bond for \$15.5 million would, again, be distributed on a formula basis to all six campuses. I think it's a very worthwhile cause. We have a system we're proud of, so let's keep it up. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cain.

Senator **CAIN:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, similar to the prior bill, which we just passed, this money reaches all seven campuses of the University of Maine System. The specific focus of this bill, the specific focus of these investments, relate to science, technology, engineering, and math. When you focus on the various projects that will be upgraded at all seven campuses, you will see they will impact future nurses, scientists, science teachers; making sure our labs are safe for our students as they learn and innovate technology and education for tomorrow. They are upgrading, updating, and making sure they are maximizing every dollar that will be invested in all seven campuses of the University of Maine System to maximize the return on investments that we make and maximize the return on investments that students are making in themselves as they head to our universities across the state. I, again, ask for your support and thank you for your support of science, technology, engineering, and math, STEM education. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **THOMAS:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would like to be able to vote for this bond issue. I cannot because I've become convinced, like so many of my constituents, that the University of Maine has become too much about money and too little about education. We're sending students to campuses of this institution and they take courses and then when they go to another campus they don't get credit for those courses that they've already taken. They are forced to spend time and money to retake those courses when they shouldn't. I'm told there are 1,118 employees of the University System who make over \$100,000 a year. I believe that's too many. I believe that we need to change the culture at the University of Maine and they need to refocus on education and get their focus off money before I can support issues like this. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Valentino.

Senator **VALENTINO**: Thank you Mr. President. Members of the Senate, this past session the Workforce Committee heard how important STEM is to business and economic growth. I'm excited that this bond improves STEM and laboratory facilities across almost all of our public college and university campuses. For example, at the University of Orono 10,000 square feet of classroom and laboratory space that has not been updated since 1972 will now be modernized. These improvements will help students develop skills that are in demand. They will attract new students to Maine colleges and they will help our businesses and our economy grow with the talent they need. The \$35 million for higher education in particular is a significant investment in Maine's people and will help Maine's current and future workers get the skills they need to succeed in today economy. I urge you to support this bond.

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

Senator **JACKSON**: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I guess I disagree with some of the comments that we made. I don't know how many people at any of the universities make \$100,000 a year. I know that someday I'd like to make \$100,000 a year. I don't begrudge anyone that does. I think the opportunity for people to do that probably comes from education. I know that at the university that I'm closest to, the University at Fort Kent, the nursing program is continually flooded with people that want to get in. They want an opportunity to get a better education and make that \$100,000 a year, hopefully. They can't get it because there isn't enough space available for that. A bond like this, I'm very hopeful, can help a place like the University of Maine expand so they can educate more people so more people can reach up and get that good career that many of us are struggling to find.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Millett.

Senator **MILLETT**: Thank you Mr. President. Members of the Senate, as Chair of the Education Committee for the Senate, I have the opportunity to meet with and discuss educational issues with the Chancellor and trustees of the University System and am most confident that we have excellent leadership in these institutions and that they are listening to the people and to our legislative priorities and that they will use the funds very wisely in the pursuit of what is in the best interest of our students who are seeking to better themselves and better the state of Maine. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Johnson.

Senator **JOHNSON**: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen, for me, this is a very important investment in Maine's future. Our capacity to train people in the STEM fields is not only important to their future job earnings, it's also very important to our having the necessary able and trained and capable workforce for us to attract companies that offer those kinds of good paying jobs in this state. It's important to our being able to offer a better future for those students that we ask to go through our school system, and not just for the students themselves. I consider this an excellent matter to put before the people, to make smart

investments in improving the opportunity for all Maine people. Thank you.

This being a Bond Authorization Act, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with 3 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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:

Bond Issue

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for a Public-private Partnership for a New Science Facility at the Maine Maritime Academy

H.P. 182 L.D. 221
(C "A" H-583)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hill.

Senator **HILL**: Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, talking about high salaries is a perfect segue into Maine Maritime College because, as I learned during a visit there last year, which was very exciting, with a number of other legislators, high, five digit, salaries, and more often six digit salaries, are what their graduates are making right out of school. You can't get a better investment, or bang for the buck if you want to think of it that way. They have a beautiful campus and for many, many years they have had no ability to expand. Now, if we can get this bond through for them and the public joins us, they will have a new science facility. I can't encourage people enough to invest in Maine Maritime. It's a real gem in the state of Maine. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cain.

Senator **CAIN**: Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, this is a great day for the Maine Maritime Academy because it wasn't until just a few years ago that the Maine Maritime Academy didn't appear in bond packages. It was only until, I think, two sessions ago that they were ever in a place to come and ask for that kind of investment from the State. It's a big day today. Not only do they have a bond, but they have their own bond and it's to build something new. I think this is a perfect complement to what is a trio of bills investing in higher education and investing in our future. If it were not for the leadership at Maine Maritime and the way that they have focused their efforts and partnered with other educational institutions, universities, and community colleges across their state as well as private industries and non-profits to build their capacity, they in a position to build a

new building. It's very exciting and I think we should all plan a .our when this investment is complete. Thank you, Mr. President. I ask for your support.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Burns.

Senator **BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to go on record in case anybody should suspect that I'm not in favor of higher education. I am, especially when I see the value of my constituent's money that goes into an institution like Maine Maritime Academy or the Community Colleges or other places, when they can get so much out of so little for so many people. That's a project that I support and that's a project that I will also support whenever I see other institutions doing the same thing. I highly support this bond. Thank you, Mr. President.

This being a Bond Authorization Act, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, 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.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Senator **THIBODEAU** of Waldo was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services"

H.P. 1087 L.D. 1515

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-585).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-585).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-585) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services
H.P. 1087 L.D. 1515
(C "B" H-585)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 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.

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:

Bond Issue

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities
S.P. 377 L.D. 1095
(C "A" S-373)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hill.

Senator **HILL:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we're down to our final bond bill today and it's certainly another exciting one. It's \$100 million for transportation. It will cover multi-modal facilities and statewide bridges and roads. I want to thank Senator Flood very much for bringing this bond package forward. I also want to share with you that, as Senator of District 1, at least for the next year before we flip our numbers, I have the privilege of representing the towns along the Piscataqua River. Of course, if you want to get from New Hampshire to Maine in any fast time, and certainly from Massachusetts into Maine, you have to go over either one of our three bridges down there. We've recently had one totally rebuilt and had an opening about a week ago. The Memorial Bridge. That was extremely exciting. It was on time. It's a beautiful looking bridge. It keeps our communities and our states connected. Now we're moving onto the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, which originally they thought would only require repairs but now we realize that, too, has to be replaced. There is

considerable dollars involved in that. Of course, we need to move on to the I-95 bridge. These are all gateway bridges. I realize that if we're going to get people and products into Maine we need these bridges. If we're going to get them into your district we need these bridges. It's so important to have this transportation bond because those bridges, alone, are taking up a considerable amount and yet we have a whole state, a huge state in terms of infrastructure, and many people to take care of. I want to know that we can get this bond through and I'm sure hoping that the people of the state of Maine agree with us and vote it through as well so that we can continue to improve our system and take care of as many parts of the state as possible. I hope this is the beginning to many, many more bonds for transportation. Thank you. I hope you will support this fully.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Flood.

Senator **FLOOD:** Thank you very much Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I am pleased to sponsor this bill and I did want to take the time to thank the leaders in this building, including the Executive and his staff, for negotiating a good package, including this bill. Clearly, it is a good package, given the support of the bills that have come before us today. I did want to say what I thought was particularly strong about this bill was the fact that the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation had keyed up quite a few priorities in this bill so that it made it very clear as to where the priorities were for the department. I think that showed a very organized effort on their behalf. I did also want to thank the Senators from York, Senator Hill and Senator Collins, for being co-sponsors on this bill. I certainly support it and I appreciate the opportunity to speak on it. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cain.

Senator **CAIN:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise to support the final bill in this quintet of bond bills that we've had today. The final one that literally paves the way not just to the close of our special session but paves the way to jobs and work that people in Maine will actually see and feel as they hit fewer potholes, as they hear fewer creaks as they cross the bridges, and as they see more activity on our waterways. I do have to say, Mr. President, that it is also my hope that this bill, in its size and scope and bipartisan support, will pave the way to discussions of future investments in other areas so that businesses across our state can grow to use these roads and bridges, to move materials and goods across the state, and people across Maine can travel to work safely every single day. It is my hope, Mr. President, that, as a Legislature and working with the Chief Executive and the other Body, we will be able to build on this support in the next session to expand our support in our investments to other areas; some mentioned earlier, including R and D and others. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **COLLINS:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I have been lucky enough to be a member of the Transportation Committee my full tenure here in

the Legislature. Right now it's been eleven years that I've been on the committee. I just have to say that we all realize how vitally important the transportation bond is to maintaining Maine's infrastructure, roads, bridges, and highways. Equally important are the people that these projects employ. It's kind of dual facet. It maintains our infrastructure, but also employs the hardworking men and women here in Maine on these projects, regardless of where they are located. The project could be in Madawaska, it could be in Kittery, it could be in Eastport, or it could be in Farmington. They are all equally important to the people who use those roads and bridges across the state of Maine. I encourage the membership and the members of the Senate to vote in the positive for this bond. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Mazurek.

Senator **MAZUREK:** Thank you Mr. President. I just wanted to voice my support for the transportation bond bill. Over the years the people of Maine, at the polls, have shown that they are very supportive of transportation. Every year, every time we have it on the bond they seem to come out in good numbers and support it. I think it's vitally important that, in this world of competition, if we're going to be competitive we've better have the means and the mode so that our industries and our people can be competitive. One of the things that we can provide them is a good infrastructure so that our goods and ideas can get from place to place as quickly and as efficiently as possible. I am fully supportive of this and my only wish is that we had more money to put into infrastructure because it is certainly needed. I hope you all support this with the same enthusiasm that I do. Thank you.

This being a Bond Authorization Act, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, 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.

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

ORDERS

On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 20

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Paul R. LePage informing him that the Senate is ready to Adjourn Without Day.

READ and PASSED.

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

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

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 21

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that Body that the Senate is ready to Adjourn Without Day.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **HASKELL** to deliver the message to the House. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

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

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative **BERRY** of Bowdoinham informing the Senate that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to Adjourn Without Day.

Senator **TUTTLE** of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator **TUTTLE:** Thank you Mr. President. Members of the Senate, we are adjourning at a reasonable time. It's been enjoyable for me, and I think most of us that serve in this Body. I'm reminded of a quote from Saint Paul from the scripture. It says, "We have fought the good fight, we have finished the race, and we have kept the faith." Amen.

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

Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **MAZUREK** of Knox, the Honorable **JUSTIN L. ALFOND**, President of the Senate, declared the First Special Session of the 126th Legislature, **ADJOURNED SINE DIE** at 5:35 in the afternoon.