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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 25, 2014

Senate called to order by President Justin L. Alford of
Cumberland County.

Prayer by Intern Minister Sharon Piantedosi, Unitarian
Universalist Community Church in Augusta.

MINISTER PIANTEDOSI: We are gathered here this day, a
community of legislators with work before us. We have been
honored and entrusted with the weighty responsibility and we
honor that responsibility with commitment, reason, and foresight.
We are committed to our call to set goals, develop policies, and
express opinions with compassion and justice. We set the pace,
teach each other by example, encourage growth, and all this
sustains a spirit of connection to the greater good. We hold the
lamp that illuminates others' visions. We pledge our service,
listening to each other, and pooling our individual gifts as we work
together to reach the decisions and goals before us, this day and
beyond.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Christopher K. Johnson of
Lincoln County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 20, 2014.

Doctor of the day, Dieter Kreckel, MD of Rumford.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 26

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives
proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be
held at 10:45 this morning in the Hall of the House for the purpose
of extending to the Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saufley, Chief Justice
of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Supreme
Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary, an invitation to
attend and request the Chief Justice make such communication
as pleases her.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Aroostook, Senator
JACKSON to deliver the message to the House of
Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of
Representatives.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1277

**TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH, MAINE
US ROUTE ONE, PO BOX 360
SCARBOROUGH, MAINE 04070-0360**

**RESOLUTION 14-02
Urging the Maine State Legislature
to Provide and Enable Property Tax Relief Programs**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of
Scarborough, Maine, in Town Council assembled, that,

WHEREAS, in 1987 the so-called "Circuit Breaker" program was
established as a way to provide relief for property taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, with the enactment of the state budget in 2013 (PL
2013, chapter 368, Par L), the 126th Legislature terminated the
Circuit Breaker program and installed the Property Tax Fairness
Income Tax Credit, which impose more restrictive income
requirements and significantly limited the maximum rebate; and,

WHEREAS, the more stringent requirements of the new Property
Tax Fairness Tax Credit are likely to limit the number of Maine
residents eligible for the credit and thereby significantly reduce
the amount of property tax relief provided; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the sweeping changes to the program,
Part L of the state budget enacted in 2013 inadvertently removed
the authority for municipalities to sponsor local property tax relief
programs; and,

WHEREAS, LD 1607, An Act To Reinstate Statutory Authority for
Local Property Tax Assistance Programs, was drafted to correct
the error and provide the authority for local property tax relief
programs and is pending in the current legislative session; and,

WHEREAS, in view of the significant reductions in revenue to
municipalities that have occurred or are pending action by this
Legislature (cuts to municipal revenue sharing), which result in
increases in local property taxes, the changes to the Circuit
Breaker program only further burdens the taxpayers of
Scarborough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Town
Council in Town Council assembled as follows:

THAT, it is of critical importance that the Legislature reconsider and create a structure similar to the former Circuit Breaker program, that targets a similar population of Maine property taxpayers; and,

THAT, it is essential that municipalities be granted the authority to operate locally funded property tax relief programs at their discretion; and,

THAT, the Town Council urges the local Legislative delegation to support the reinstatement of a state operated and funded property tax relief program similar to the former Circuit Breaker program and provide full support to the adoption of LD 1607.

Signed and dated this 12th day of February 2014, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manger of Scarborough, Maine.

S/Richard J. Sullivan, Jr.
Council Chair

Attested by:
S/Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

The Following Communication: S.C. 762

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

February 20, 2014

The Honorable Justin L. Alfond
President of the Senate of Maine
126th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Nils R. Whitman, Jr. of Marshfield, for appointment to the Washington County Development Authority.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Patrick of Oxford, Cushing of Penobscot
	Representatives	7	Herbig of Belfast, Campbell of Newfield, Hamann of South Portland, Lockman of Amherst, Mason of Topsham, Mastraccio of Sanford, Winchenbach of Waldoboro
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Cleveland of Androscoggin, Rep. Duprey of Hampden, Rep. Gilbert of Jay, Rep. Volk of Scarborough

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Nils R. Whitman, Jr. of Marshfield, for appointment to the Washington County Development Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/John L. Patrick
Senate Chair

S/Erin D. Herbig
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, Nomination **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 763

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

January 24, 2014

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

The Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 126th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. I appreciate the courtesy of the Legislative Branch of government in inviting me to address the cause of justice in Maine.

I look forward to seeing you on February 25, 2014.

Sincerely,

S/Leigh I. Saufley
Chief Justice

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 764

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

February 18, 2014

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Justin L. Alford
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Alford:

I am writing to inform you that in accordance with 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, the Washington County Development Authority (WCDA) presents the following report to the Legislature.

The Washington County Development Authority has not issued any RFPs, RFBs or RFQs for vendors over \$10,000 or received any contributions above \$1,000.

In 2013 the Washington County Development Authority was hampered by too few Board members able to gather at the same time, making convening a quorum a difficult task. While the WCDA has met and heard from a number of business owners active in the County, making a meaningful mark has eluded us so far.

With the advent of several new Board members confirmed this January, we anticipate a more active year.

Sincerely,

S/Betsy Fitzgerald
Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 765

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 19, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alford, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alford and Speaker Eves:

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

L.D. 1580 An Act To Use the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Provide Inpatient Mental Health Services for Forensic Patients (EMERGENCY)

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Margaret M. Craven S/Rep. Richard R. Farnsworth
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 766

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

February 14, 2014

Honorable Emily Ann Cain, Senate Chair
Honorable Chuck Kruger, House Chair
and Members of the Government Oversight Committee
82 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Justin L. Alford, President of the Senate
and Members of the 126th Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
and Members of the 126th House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995.4, I respectfully submit OPEGA's Annual Report on Activities and Performance for 2013. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as a non-partisan resource is meant to provide support in overseeing and improving the performance of State government. I hope that you and Maine's citizens will continue to view our efforts and results as a worthwhile use of taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

S/Beth L. Ashcroft
Director

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Designate Maine State Housing Authority To Receive Funds from the National Housing Trust Fund" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 714 L.D. 1790

Presented by Senator PATRICK of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, TUTTLE of York, Representatives: HARVELL of Farmington, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Carole Knight Haley, of Rangeley Plantation, who served 53 years as the Town Clerk of Rangeley Plantation. Mrs. Haley was born in Farmington and was married to George Maurice Haley. She worked as a cook from 1971 until her retirement in 1999. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her loving family and friends;

SLS 751

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: PETERSON of Rumford.

READ.

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

Senator **SAVIELLO:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, every town in Maine has an unsung hero, one that does their work quietly in service to the community and to their family. Carole was one of those people. Born in Farmington, married in 1956, she worked locally, and she raised her family, especially her grandchildren. At the same time she was part of the community. She never wanted anyone to go without. She cooked. She was best known for her zucchini relish. She loved the casinos, to play poker, and to buy scratch tickets. She did everything she could to help us balance the budget. She always found time to serve her community. What I'm most impressed with is that she was married for 57 years to her husband, George. She will be sadly missed, this unsung hero of Rangeley Plantation. I ask that the memoriam be read into the record. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber George, David, Paula, Cynthia, and Crystal Haley. They are the family members of the late Carole Knight Haley. They are the guests today of the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello. Will they please stand to accept the warm greetings of the Maine State Senate.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 10:45 this morning for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saufley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary, an invitation to attend and request the Chief Justice make such communication as pleases her.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 13: Fees for Boxing Events and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1224 L.D. 1700

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

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

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Operating-under-the-influence Laws" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1161 L.D. 1590

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-614)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-614)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-614) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career and Academic Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students"

H.P. 1227 L.D. 1716

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-616)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-616)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-616) **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 **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Stop Unlicensed Loan Transactions"

H.P. 1214 L.D. 1691

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-615)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-615)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator **HASKELL** for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Conform the Maine Tax Laws to the United States Internal Revenue Code" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 671 L.D. 1705

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

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **PATRICK** for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2014 and 2015 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 684 L.D. 1725

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-394)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-394) **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 TUTTLE for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Military Bureau Laws" S.P. 648 L.D. 1655

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-395)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-395) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff" S.P. 367 L.D. 1085

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLEVELAND of Androscoggin
JACKSON of Aroostook
YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot

Representatives:

HOBBS of Saco
BEAVERS of South Berwick
DUNPHY of Embden
GIDEON of Freeport
HARVELL of Farmington
LIBBY of Waterboro
NEWENDYKE of Litchfield
TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-396)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

RUSSELL of Portland
RYKERSON of Kittery

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLEVELAND** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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

Senator **JOHNSON:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this is a bill that I, obviously, support greatly. It's a concept that has not gone away. This is something that we need to encourage investment in, renewable technologies and having people be paid for the excess energy they produce. Clearly I've got a lot of work to do in convincing people of the importance of that and that now is the time to act on it. Today will not be that day. I'm sure you'll see this idea back again. It's not one that I've given up on yet. Thank you all.

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

On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **CLEVELAND** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report. (Roll Call Ordered)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive by Encouraging the Processing of Forest Products at Mills in the United States" S.P. 640 L.D. 1649

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
THOMAS of Somerset

Representatives:

GOODE of Bangor
BENNETT of Kennebunk
JACKSON of Oxford
KNIGHT of Livermore Falls
LIBBY of Lewiston
MAREAN of Hollis
MOONEN of Portland
STANLEY of Medway

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-397)**.

Signed:

Senator:

HASKELL of Cumberland

Representatives:
BROOKS of Winterport
TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

SECOND READERS

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

Senate As Amended

Resolve, To Create a State-run Virtual Academy Providing Maine Students with Access to Online Learning through Their Existing School Districts (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 689 L.D. 1736
(C "A" S-392)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

NOMINATION - of Nils R. Whitman, Jr. of Marshfield, for appointment to the Washington County Development Authority

Tabled - February 25, 2014, by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, February 25, 2014, Communication (S.C. 762) from the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.)

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **FLOOD**, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **CAIN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 126th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#424)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

ABSENT: Senator: SHERMAN

EXCUSED: Senators: CAIN, FLOOD

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent and 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Nils R. Whitman, Jr.** of Marshfield for appointment to the Washington County Development Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

At this point, the Senate retired to the Hall of the House, where a Joint Convention was formed.

After Convention

In Senate Chamber

Senate called to order by the President

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission

S.P. 263 L.D. 725
(C "A" S-383)

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Reinstate Statutory Authority for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs

H.P. 1179 L.D. 1607

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 28 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Exempt from Sales and Use Tax Sales of Publications To Be Distributed without Charge and Printed Materials Included in Publications

H.P. 1232 L.D. 1722
(C "A" H-609)

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Acts

An Act To Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts

S.P. 440 L.D. 1278
(C "A" S-384)

An Act To Update Citations of Recodified Federal Regulations in the Maine Consumer Credit Code

S.P. 643 L.D. 1651

An Act To Simplify the Audit Procedures of the Maine Rural Development Authority

S.P. 661 L.D. 1666
(C "A" S-388)

An Act To Make Minor Technical Changes to the Laws Governing the Department of Labor

H.P. 1200 L.D. 1677

An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Consumer Credit Code To Facilitate the Multistate Licensing Process

S.P. 678 L.D. 1712

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Use of Fireworks

S.P. 57 L.D. 168
(C "A" S-380)

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Clarify When Bonds May Be Issued

H.P. 628 L.D. 904
(C "A" H-595)

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolve

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations To Adopt Rules To Define the term "Brand" as It Applies to the Distribution of Malt Liquor and Wine

H.P. 517 L.D. 766
(C "A" H-599)

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/4/14) matter:

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Location of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Collection for Motor Vehicles Owned by Public Utilities"

H.P. 1259 L.D. 1754

Tabled - February 4, 2014, by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, January 30, 2014, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Expand Benefits from Maine's Wind Resource"
H.P. 1282 L.D. 1791

Bill "An Act To Protect Jobs in the Forest Product Industry"
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1283 L.D. 1792

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CLEVELAND** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Modernize and Improve the Efficiency of Maine's Courts"

H.P. 1281 L.D. 1789

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **VALENTINO** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1280 L.D. 1788

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

On motion by Senator **MAZUREK** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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S.P. 263 L.D. 725
(C "A" S-383)

Tabled - February 25, 2014, by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, February 11, 2014, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-383)**)

(In House, February 20, 2014, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On motion by Senator **HILL** of York, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Exempt from Sales and Use Tax Sales of Publications To Be Distributed without Charge and Printed Materials Included in Publications

H.P. 1232 L.D. 1722
(C "A" H-609)

Tabled - February 25, 2014, by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, February 18, 2014, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-609)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, February 20, 2014, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On motion by Senator **HILL** of York, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

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

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

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

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

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

On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **ADJOURNED**, until Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 10:00 in the morning, in memory of and lasting tribute to Carole Knight Haley of Rangeley Plantation.