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In Senate Chamber
Monday
March 31, 2014

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

Prayer by Pastor Lester Dancer, Sheepscot Valley Community
Church in Whitefield.

PASTOR DANCER: I'd like to thank President Alfond and you all
for having me today. Thank you for that. Thank you for the honor
of opening in prayer with you. I have the special pleasure of
serving the Maine people, not only as a pastor but also as
Eligibility Specialist for the Department of Health and Human
Services. What you all do I get to see has an impact every day.
Just know that you are prayed for daily by our church and by the
people in the community of Whitefield, Maine. We appreciate
everything that you all are doing for us. Let us pray together.

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for these men and
women that are here today charged with leading our great state.
Lord, we know that these are troubled times and so many families
are running short of heating oil, medicine, and food. I pray that
You would grant these men and women wisdom, strength,
patience, and protection. I pray that You would be with them and
their families as they make difficult decisions for our state. I pray
for wisdom so they would make informed decisions that will
benefit the people of Maine, not only for the short term but also
generationally. I pray for the wisdom and the spirit of unity and
compromise to achieve things, regardless of party or affiliation.
Father, I've seen disunity ravage Your church. I pray that these
servants would put aside pride and put the people first. I pray,
Lord, for strength, that they would stay the course when they
need to. Any effective leader in difficult times must stand firm so
as to rally those who will follow them. I pray that You grant them
patience for others who might not share their views, that
disagreement would be accompanied by dignity and respect.
Father, I pray for protection. I pray that You shield them from
temptation, that you protect them from pride. I pray against the
enemy, his work and effects. Finally, Lord, I pray for the Mainers
who are struggling to make ends meet, those who are living
paycheck to paycheck, those who don't know how to get the
medicine or the food that they need. I pray for other servants in
state government who go to battle every day to serve this great
state, for my co-workers in DHHS who meet these families every
day, providing for them. Lord, I pray that You provide a special
blessing to those and help to carry their burdens. Lord, I pray that
You give these leaders here today the vision to lead our state into
the future and help them to honor You by serving Your people
well. In Christ's beautiful name that we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Rebecca J. Millett of
Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Friday, March 28, 2014.

Doctor of the day, Ann Dorney, MD of Norridgewock.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Molly Monroe Gallant, of Hallowell, on the occasion of her
retirement after many years of dedicated service to the people of
Maine. Ms. Gallant started work with the Legislature on October
11, 1988 and has held various positions throughout her
nonpartisan legislative career. She began as an office assistant
at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and has worked for
the Office of Legislative Information in various capacities. For a
period of time, Ms. Gallant left the State House to work as the
Assistant to the Manager of the City of Gardiner, and then
returned to the Legislature. She leaves legislative service as the
Committee Clerk for the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance
and Financial Services after having worked for 18 legislative
sessions. We send Ms. Gallant our appreciation for her
commitment and public service to the State and to the
Legislature. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement
and send her our best wishes as she enjoys her family, her
garden, her hobbies and her travels;

HLS 804

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ.

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 just briefly speak to the
wonderful attributes of Molly Gallant, who has been our clerk in
the Insurance and Financial Services Committee. Molly Gallant
outlives all of us here. She's been here in this capital for the last
26 years. She's really one of the unsung heroines who make this
place work. As we all know, legislator and politicians come and
go, but Molly, with her knowledge of procedures and her gentle
prodding, makes us all look good, which is a wonderful thing. I
think, for us all. She has been one of the people that make this
place work. It is with great sadness but also great pleasure that I
salute both Molly Gallant as well as others who serve in those
positions. Thank you.

PASSED, in concurrence.

The efforts of The Summit Project and its founder, United States Marine Corps Major David J. Cote, of Bangor, to memorialize Maine's fallen service members since September 11, 2001. Beginning on Memorial Day 2014, volunteer hikers will carry memorial stones to the summit of Mt. Katahdin to honor each fallen Maine hero who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation. Each engraved stone will have the initials, birth year, death year, rank and service branch of one of the fallen. The act of carrying memorial stones during tribute hikes across mountains in Maine will become a symbol of solidarity that recognizes the sacrifice of our brave Maine service members and their families. The Summit Project was created to honor the fallen while challenging the living to ensure that the spirit and sacrifice of fallen Maine heroes will not be forgotten. We send our appreciation to the volunteers of The Summit Project and Major Cote for their thoughtful and fitting dedication to the memory of those who have given their lives in service to our Country and we send them our best wishes;

HLS 805

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ.

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

Senator **HASKELL:** Thank you Mr. President. I had the honor yesterday of speaking at the ribbon cutting, as it were, of the Summit Project. I wanted to both help people understand a little bit about it and warn you a little bit about it. That is because if United States Marine Corps Major David J. Cote asks to speak to you and you will want to be setting some time aside. This young man has an extraordinary project ongoing. He is all gas and no brakes when it comes to making sure that this project happens. This is a project which will honor the fallen service members since September 11, 2001 and, beginning on Memorial Day, for each one of those fallen soldiers their family has been asked to find a rock or a stone from a place of importance to them. Then it's marked with that soldier's name and rank and date of birth. There is a group of hikers under Major Cote's insistence and leadership who will be taking those rocks in their backpacks to the top of Mount Katahdin on Memorial Day in order to place them there as a permanent memory for those fallen soldiers. I will tell you that the families and the officers who were there yesterday were remarkable and dedicated, and a great reminder of what was fought and who died for the freedoms that we are enjoying here in this country. I had an opportunity to present this sentiment. If you all hear about the Summit Project I would encourage you to become involved and participate with this great project. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED, in concurrence.

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

March 27, 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 Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable John B. Beliveau, Sr. of Lewiston, for appointment as an Active Retired District Court Judge.

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	3	Valentino of York, Burns of Washington, Tuttle of York
	Representatives	9	Priest of Brunswick, Beaulieu of Auburn, DeChant of Bath, Guerin of Glenburn, Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth, Moonen of Portland, Moriarty of Cumberland, Peavey Haskell of Milford, Villa of Harrison
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Crockett of Bethel

Rep. Mitchell of Penobscot Nation was absent.

Twelve 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 the Honorable John B. Beliveau, Sr. of Lewiston, for appointment as an Active Retired District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Linda M. Valentino
Senate Chair

S/Charles R. Priest
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 857

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - SENATE, MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014 (CORRECTED COPY)

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **TUTTLE**, the York, Senator **HILL**, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **CUSHING**, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **YOUNGBLOOD** 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 **JUDICIARY** 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 (#516)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BOYLE, BURNS, CLEVELAND, COLLINS, CRAVEN, DUTREMBLE, FLOOD, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LACHOWICZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MAZUREK, MILLETT, PATRICK, PLUMMER, SAVIELLO, SHERMAN, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, VALENTINO, VITELLI, WHITTEMORE, WOODBURY, THE PRESIDENT - JUSTIN L. ALFOND

ABSENT: Senators: CAIN, JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: CUSHING, HILL, TUTTLE, YOUNGBLOOD

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being absent and 4 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 the Honorable **John B. Beliveau, Sr.** of Lewiston for appointment as an Active Retired District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 858

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

March 27, 2014

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to appoint Jessica Laliberte of Waterville to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

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

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alfond
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 859

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

March 27, 2014

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

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 713 An Act To Return Local Revenue Sharing to Full Funding (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 940 An Act To Reestablish State-municipal Revenue-sharing as a Compact between the State and Municipal Governments

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dawn Hill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Margaret R. Rotundo
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 860

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

March 27, 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. 1636 An Act To Provide a More Efficient and Reliable System of Nonemergency Transportation for MaineCare Members (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**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Impose Service Charges on Tax-exempt Property Owned by Certain Nonprofit Organizations" H.P. 660 L.D. 936

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

Signed:

Senators:
HASKELL of Cumberland
MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

GOODE of Bangor
BROOKS of Winterport
MOONEN of Portland
STANLEY of Medway
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" (H-622)**.

Signed:

Senator:
THOMAS of Somerset

Representatives:

BENNETT of Kennebunk
JACKSON of Oxford
KNIGHT of Livermore Falls
LIBBY of Lewiston
MAREAN of Hollis

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Provider of Last Resort Service Quality, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 33 L.D. 38

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-727)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CLEVELAND of Androscoggin
JACKSON of Aroostook

Representatives:

HOBBINS of Saco
GIDEON of Freeport
RUSSELL of Portland
RYKERSON of Kittery
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 "B" (H-728)**.

Signed:

Senator:

YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot

Representatives:

BEAVERS of South Berwick
DUNPHY of Embden
HARVELL of Farmington
LIBBY of Waterboro
NEWENDYKE of Litchfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-727)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-727)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLEVELAND** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-727)** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-727)** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Seven members of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplantation Suitability"

H.P. 1172 L.D. 1600

Reported in Report **"A"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-755)**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODBURY of Cumberland

Representatives:

TREAT of Hallowell
BEAUDOIN of Biddeford
BECK of Waterville
COOPER of Yarmouth
MORRISON of South Portland
PRINGLE of Windham

Five members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"B"** that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:

DOAK of Columbia Falls
FITZPATRICK of Houlton
McCLELLAN of Raymond
WALLACE of Dexter

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"C"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-756)**.

Signed:

Senator:

GRATWICK of Penobscot

Comes from the House with Report **"A"**, **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-755)** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-755)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report **"A"**, **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-755)**, in concurrence.

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 speak just very briefly about L.D. 1600. This is an issue we talked about at some detail in the Insurance and Financial Services Committee. The basic background is that if you get certain bad diseases, Lymphoma, Leukemia, etcetera, there are now treatments that are very good with bone marrow transplants. Bone marrow transplants are, needless to say, very complicated. You have to find a good match. It's just like blood transfusions. If you have a blood transfusion that's a poor match you can have very bad allergic reactions that can kill you. Ditto with bone marrow. It turns out that there is a very impressive member of our larger community, Colonel Greg Sanborn, who lives in the western part of the state, who needed a bone marrow transplant and there were simply not enough people available to be tested, hence the family has taken this effort to try to increase the pool of available donors. The background there is that if you need a transplant 30% of people will be able to have a family but the other 70% depend upon some member of the larger community here in the United States who may, by luck, be very close to their specific needs. In the United States, currently, there are roughly 6 million people who have already been tested. This bill will increase that pool so that someone such as Colonel Sanborn could get a bone marrow really very rapidly. He would not have to wait. He might have a transplant from Arizona, from Washington, from Maine. Who knows. The other way it would work in exactly the same way. The bill, as it came out, mandates that insurance companies be required to put up front the cost of \$150 for this test, that the individual agreeing to have their tissue typed in this particular way agrees that there will be a bone marrow donor, and there are

some other specific things that would help enlarge the pool so that individuals such as Colonel Sanborn would be able to get their transplant really very rapidly. This had the majority support of the committee. It does have a price tag of \$48,000 associated with it. On the other hand one can certainly argue that time and lives saved are going to be worth a great deal more than that. I support the Majority Report, Ought to Pass as Amended. Thank you, sir.

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-755) ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-755) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator LACHOWICZ for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Governing the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites"

S.P. 656 L.D. 1662

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-469)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-469) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Support School Nutrition and Expand the Local Foods Economy" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 517 L.D. 1431

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-466)**.

Signed:

Senators:

VITELLI of Sagadahoc
BOYLE of Cumberland
SHERMAN of Aroostook

Representatives:

DILL of Old Town
BLACK of Wilton
HICKMAN of Winthrop
JONES of Freedom
KENT of Woolwich
MAREAN of Hollis
NOON of Sanford
SAUCIER of Presque Isle

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-467)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

CRAY of Palmyra
TIMBERLAKE of Turner

Reports **READ**.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-466)** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-466)** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Implement the National Popular Vote for President"

S.P. 201 L.D. 511

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

Signed:

Senator:

MASON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

BEAULIEU of Auburn
FOWLE of Vassalboro
GIFFORD of Lincoln
KINNEY of Limington
SAUCIER of Presque Isle
TURNER of Burlington

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

TUTTLE of York
PATRICK of Oxford

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
RUSSELL of Portland
SCHNECK of Bangor

Reports **READ**.

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

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

ENACTORS

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

Acts

An Act To Enhance the Sustainability of the Corinna Water District

H.P. 1190 L.D. 1618
(C "A" H-736)

An Act To Include Natural Gas Expansion in the State Energy Plan

H.P. 1193 L.D. 1621
(C "A" H-737)

An Act To Amend Forester Licensing Requirements

S.P. 687 L.D. 1735
(C "A" S-448)

An Act To Amend Laws Relating to Health Care Data

H.P. 1246 L.D. 1740
(C "A" H-733)

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 Provide a Mechanism To Allow Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Weight Limits and Vehicle Dimension Standards To Be Exceeded in Order To Promote Economic Development while Ensuring Public Safety

H.P. 769 L.D. 1076
(S "B" S-444 to C "A" H-642)

On motion by Senator **MAZUREK** of Knox, placed on the **SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **CLEVELAND** for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the So-called Dig Safe Law"

S.P. 638 L.D. 1647

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-471)**.

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

Senator **HASKELL** for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the State's Tax Laws"

S.P. 673 L.D. 1707

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-472)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-472) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1334

**JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING
THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
MAINE AND TAIWAN AND SUPPORTING OUR BILATERAL
TRADE RELATIONS AND TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan, the Republic of China, share a most important relationship supported by our common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law and a free market economy; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou has worked tirelessly to uphold democratic principles in his nation, ensure the prosperity of Taiwan's 23,000,000 people, promote Taiwan's international standing and further improve relations between the United States and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, the United States, and in particular the State of Maine, and Taiwan share a historically close relationship, marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, scientific and technological interests and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan now is a member of the United States Visa Waiver Program, reflecting the friendship, trust and cooperation shared between our 2 countries and making travel between Taiwan and the United States for business and tourism even more convenient; and

WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's 3rd-largest trading partner and Taiwan ranks as the 11th-largest trading partner of the United States with approximately \$85,000,000,000 in 2013 in goods and services traded between the United States and Taiwan, with New England exporting \$1,400,000,000 in goods to Taiwan and Maine exporting \$19,000,000 in goods, including machinery, transportation equipment, computer and electronic products and paper; and

WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific region is the largest market in the world for American exports and many of Maine's exports went to markets in the Asia-Pacific region, the export of Maine goods supports an estimated 21,000 jobs and recent data indicate that 1,347 companies exported goods from Maine; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 18th-largest trading economy in the world and a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, which promotes free trade and economic cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the world's key instrument to deal with climate change, a concerted global effort to combat the challenges posed by climate change requires that Taiwan also be included in the

work of the convention and Taiwan has expressed a keen interest to participate in the global effort to address climate change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, reaffirm the friendship between Maine and Taiwan, the Republic of China, and we continue to support efforts to further strengthen Maine-Taiwan trade relations and support Taiwan's participation in international organizations and agreements, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the members of the Maine Congressional Delegation, Governor Paul LePage, President Ma Ying-jeou of Taiwan and Anne Hung, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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 **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Protect Jobs in the Forest Product Industry" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1283 L.D. 1792

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-758)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-758)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-758) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME**.

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

Senator **CLEVELAND:** Thank you Mr. President. Women and men of the Senate, this is a fairly significant bill which received a fair amount of attention. It's a unanimous bill which I'm very

pleased we were able to get from the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. I wanted to just take a minute to briefly outline the importance of the bill. It does two major things. One is what it does is makes very explicit in the current statute that a process called load shedding, which means that a major industrial manufacturer can go down for a short period of time and that energy is sold onto the grid at periods when there is a high demand and a high price for the fuel. It also makes it explicitly clear that it's the intent and support of the Legislature that the mill in Millinocket, East Millinocket, as well as the power provider, electric hydro power provider, enter into negotiations to find a mutual agreement on how that can be achieved. The second thing that it does is that it amends the current statutes so that it allows that to happen in the current shut down that began on January 23rd. Without this legislation that could not have happened. This permits that to happen on this one time basis for the current shut down period and in the future, under mutual agreement, as well. We hope that the parties will come to a mutual agreement. It's very important. Some 250 jobs are at stake here. We have facilitated direct conversations between the parties on these agreements and we certainly hope and encourage them to find an agreement that both parties can live with and that can put those 250 people back to work.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Protect the State's Authority in Issues Concerning Federal Relicensing of Dams Located in the State"

H.P. 1315 L.D. 1826

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-766)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-766)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-766) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking"

H.P. 1238 L.D. 1730

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-763)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-763)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-763) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Involuntary Commitment Processes"
H.P. 1244 L.D. 1738

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-764)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-764)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-764) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Modernize and Improve the Efficiency of Maine's Courts"
H.P. 1281 L.D. 1789

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-765)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-765)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-765) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator MILLETT for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's 'Pay Forward, Pay Back' Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education

S.P. 667 L.D. 1702

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

Report **READ**.

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

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 Fund Invasive Species Prevention and Control
H.P. 1198 L.D. 1626
(H "C" H-750 to C "A" H-692)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2014-15
H.P. 1294 L.D. 1803
(C "A" H-748)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 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 Amend the Law Concerning the State Cost-share Program for Salt and Sand Storage Facilities
H.P. 1304 L.D. 1817
(C "A" H-751)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 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 Resolve

Resolve, Directing a Study of Social Media Privacy in School and in the Workplace

H.P. 838 L.D. 1194
(S "A" S-447 to C "A" H-640)

On motion by Senator **HASKELL** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE**, pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

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:

Acts

An Act To Improve the Availability of Mail-in Rebates in the State
S.P. 253 L.D. 704
(C "A" S-460)

An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Cost-effective Technologies

H.P. 886 L.D. 1252
(H "C" H-744 to C "A" H-650)

An Act To Clarify the Confidentiality of Wood Processor Report Information

S.P. 660 L.D. 1665
(C "A" S-452)

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An Act To Improve the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program

H.P. 1228 L.D. 1718
(C "A" H-746)

An Act Regarding the Registration of Motor Vehicles of Deployed Members of the National Guard or Reserves of the United States Armed Forces

H.P. 1241 L.D. 1733
(C "A" H-747)

An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

H.P. 1293 L.D. 1801
(C "A" H-742)

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 Expand Coverage of Family Planning Services

H.P. 881 L.D. 1247
(C "A" H-655)

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

An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate

S.P. 622 L.D. 1631
(C "A" S-446)

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

An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation

S.P. 632 L.D. 1641
(C "A" S-433)

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

An Act To Facilitate Informed Planning for Higher Education and Careers

H.P. 1253 L.D. 1746
(C "A" H-743)

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

An Act To Establish the Criminal Law Revision Commission

S.P. 700 L.D. 1765
(H "A" H-741 to C "A" S-426)

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

Resolve

Resolve, To Review and Make Recommendations on Challenges, Gaps and Inefficiencies in Maine's Emergency Crisis Hotline and "Warm Line" Services

H.P. 1165 L.D. 1594
(H "A" H-745 to C "A" H-683)

FINALLY PASSED 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.

Senator **CRAVEN** of Androscoggin 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.

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

On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **ADJOURNED** to Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at 10:00 in the morning.