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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

1st Legislative Day
Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, the Representatives-Elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to Order by ROBERT B. HUNT of Yarmouth, Clerk of the House Pro Tempore of the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Legislature.

Prayer by Chaplain Bruce Brown, VFW Post 5744, South Berwick.

National Anthem by Paige Morin, North Berwick.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Hani Jarawan, M.D., Portland.

At this point, pursuant to House Rule 301, the Clerk of the House Pro Tempore addressed the House.

The CLERK PRO TEM: First I would like to welcome you to the Maine House of Representatives. But before we begin, I would like to reflect on the passing of a member of our family. I was not supposed to be the one standing at this rostrum today. Last September, our friend, colleague and mentor Millie MacFarland passed away. Millie was a dedicated public servant, serving the state for over three decades, a dozen of those as Clerk of the House. Millie was knowledgeable, compassionate and hard working. She was the consummate professional and helped shape this institution. Her greatest professional goal was to make sure that this House and its members performed at their best. On any given day, I would walk into the office greeted by a smile, and more often than not, ideas about general operations and procedure, that came to her at three in the morning. Millie was so very kind, and exceptionally patient. She was encouraging, but believe me, you knew when you had done something of which she did not approve. She embodied all the qualities to which we aspire. Behind her Teflon professional exterior, Millie was incredibly friendly, approachable and generous.

As much as she loved this House, and she did, she loved her friends, her family, her son Nick and her fiancé Pat more. Millie left a hole in our hearts that will never be filled. Although she is gone, her memory will live on in the lives she touched. I hope you will join me in a moment of silence as we honor our friend and colleague, Millie.

At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in honor of the Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland, of Augusta.

COMMUNICATION

Following Communication: (H.C. 1)

STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

December 1, 2014

To Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House Pro Tempore in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section 1, hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Representatives-elect to the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature, in accordance

with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 24, 2014:

District 1 Rykerson, Deane, Kittery
District 2 Beavers, Roberta B., South Berwick
District 3 Blume, Lydia, York
District 4 Hymanson, Patricia, York
District 5 O'Connor, Beth A., Berwick
District 6 Eves, Mark Westwood, North Berwick
District 7 Foley, Robert A., Wells
District 8 Babbidge, Christopher W., Kennebunk
District 9 Seavey, H. Stedman, Kennebunkport
District 10 Parry, Wayne R., Arundel
District 11 Fecteau, Ryan M., Biddeford
District 12 Grohman, Martin J., Biddeford
District 13 Hogan, George W., Old Orchard Beach
District 14 Hobbins, Barry J., Saco
District 15 Chenette, Justin M., Saco
District 16 Marean, Donald G., Hollis
District 17 Prescott, Dwayne W., Waterboro
District 18 Mastraccio, Anne-Marie, Sanford
District 19 Noon, William F., Sanford
District 20 Gerrish, Karen A., Lebanon
District 21 Campbell, James J., Sr., Newfield
District 22 Kinney, Jonathan L., Limington
District 23 Shaw, Michael A., Standish
District 24 Bryant, Mark E., Windham
District 25 Corey, Patrick W., Windham
District 26 Sanborn, Linda F., Gorham
District 27 McLean, Andrew J., Gorham
District 28 Sirocki, Heather W., Scarborough
District 29 Vachon, Karen, Scarborough
District 30 Monaghan-Derrig, Kimberly Joan, Cape Elizabeth
District 31 Morrison, Terry K., South Portland
District 32 Hamann, Scott M., South Portland
District 33 Battle, Kevin J., South Portland
District 34 Gattine, Andrew M., Westbrook
District 35 Bates, Dillon, Westbrook
District 36 Harlow, Denise Patricia, Portland
District 37 Farnsworth, Richard R., Portland
District 38 Moonen, Matthew W., Portland
District 39 Russell, Diane M., Portland
District 40 Chipman, Benjamin M., Portland
District 41 Jorgensen, Erik Clark, Portland
District 42 Stuckey, Peter C., Portland
District 43 Dion, Mark N., Portland
District 44 Pierce, Teresa S., Falmouth
District 45 Timmons, Michael J., Cumberland
District 46 Chace, Paul, Durham
District 47 Cooper, Janice E., Yarmouth
District 48 Gideon, Sara, Freeport
District 49 Daughtry, Matthea Elisabeth, Brunswick
District 50 Tucker, Ralph L., Brunswick
District 51 McCreight, Joyce, Harpswell
District 52 DeChant, Jennifer L., Bath
District 53 Pierce, Jeffrey K., Dresden
District 54 Tepler, Denise, Topsham
District 55 Hobart, Brian D., Bowdoinham
District 56 Crafts, Dale J., Lisbon
District 57 Wood, Stephen J., Sabattus
District 58 Lajoie, Michel A., Lewiston
District 59 Rotundo, Margaret R., Lewiston
District 60 Golden, Jared F., Lewiston
District 61 Brooks, Heidi E., Lewiston
District 62 Melaragno, Gina M., Auburn
District 63 Bickford, Bruce A., Auburn

District 64 Sawicki, David P., Auburn
 District 65 Espling, Eleanor M., New Gloucester
 District 66 McClellan, Michael D., Raymond
 District 67 Austin, Susan M., Gray
 District 68 Powers, Christine B., Naples
 District 69 Ginzler, Phyllis A., Bridgton
 District 70 Wadsworth, Nathan J., Hiram
 District 71 Winsor, Tom J., Norway
 District 72 Dillingham, Kathleen Rose Jackson, Oxford
 District 73 Herrick, Lloyd C., Paris
 District 74 Gilbert, Paul E., Jay
 District 75 Timberlake, Jeffrey Lloyd, Turner
 District 76 Hilliard, Gary L., Belgrade
 District 77 Nutting, Robert W., Oakland
 District 78 Nadeau, Catherine M., Winslow
 District 79 Theriault, Timothy S., China
 District 80 Fowle, Lori A., Vassalboro
 District 81 Hickman, Craig V., Winthrop
 District 82 Greenwood, Randall Adam, Wales
 District 83 Grant, Gay M., Gardiner
 District 84 Warren, Charlotte May, Hallowell
 District 85 Doore, Donna R., Augusta
 District 86 Pouliot, Matthew G., Augusta
 District 87 Hanley, Jeffery P., Pittston
 District 88 Sanderson, Deborah J., Chelsea
 District 89 Hawke, Stephanie, Boothbay Harbor
 District 90 Devin, Michael G., Newcastle
 District 91 Evangelos, Jeffrey, Friendship
 District 92 Kruger, Charles B., Thomaston
 District 93 Dickerson, Elizabeth E., Rockland
 District 94 Welsh, Joan W., Rockport
 District 95 Sukeforth, Gary E., Appleton
 District 96 Burstein, Christine S., Lincolnville
 District 97 Herbig, Erin D., Belfast
 District 98 Gillway, James S., Searsport
 District 99 Kinney, MaryAnne, Knox
 District 100 Fredette, Kenneth Wade, Newport
 District 101 Davitt, James E., Hampden
 District 102 Guerin, Stacey K., Glenburn
 District 103 Reed, Roger E., Carmel
 District 104 Wallace, Raymond A., Dexter
 District 105 Stetkis, Joel R., Canaan
 District 106 Short, Stanley Byron, Jr., Pittsfield
 District 107 McCabe, Jeffrey M., Skowhegan
 District 108 Picchiotti, John Joseph, Fairfield
 District 109 Longstaff, Thomas R. W., Waterville
 District 110 Murphy Beck, Henry E., Waterville
 District 111 Farrin, Bradlee Thomas, Norridgewock
 District 112 Skolfield, Thomas H., Weld
 District 113 Buckland, Andrew Russell, Farmington
 District 114 Black, Russell J., Wilton
 District 115 Peterson, Matthew John, Rumford
 District 116 Pickett, Richard A., Dixfield
 District 117 Head, Frances M., Bethel
 District 118 Dunphy, Larry C., Embden
 District 119 Stearns, Paul A., Guilford
 District 120 Higgins, Norman E., Dover-Foxcroft
 District 121 Duchesne, Robert S., Hudson
 District 122 Dunphy, Michelle Ann, Old Town
 District 123 Tipping-Spitz, Ryan D., Orono
 District 124 Frey, Aaron M., Bangor
 District 125 Kornfield, Victoria P., Bangor
 District 126 Schneck, John C., Bangor
 District 127 Goode, Adam A., Bangor
 District 128 Verow, Arthur C., Brewer

District 129 Lyford, Peter A., Eddington
 District 130 Campbell, Richard H., Orrington
 District 131 Ward, Karleton S., Dedham
 District 132 Luchini, Louis J., Ellsworth
 District 133 Chapman, Ralph, Brooksville
 District 134 Kumiega, Walter A., III, Deer Isle
 District 135 Hubbell, Brian L., Bar Harbor
 District 136 Malaby, Richard S., Hancock
 District 137 Lockman, Lawrence E., Amherst
 District 138 Alley, Robert W., Sr., Beals
 District 139 Tuell, William R., East Machias
 District 140 Maker, Joyce A., Calais
 District 141 Turner, Beth P., Burlington
 District 142 Hanington, Sheldon Mark, Lincoln
 District 143 Stanley, Stephen S., Medway
 District 144 Sherman, Roger L., Hodgdon
 District 145 Long, Ricky D., Sherman
 District 146 White, Dustin Michael, Washburn
 District 147 Saucier, Robert J., Presque Isle
 District 148 Edgecomb, Anthony J., Fort Fairfield
 District 149 McElwee, Carol A., Caribou
 District 150 Martin, Roland Daniel, Sinclair Twp.
 District 151 Martin, John L., Eagle Lake

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this first day of December in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen.

S/Matthew Dunlap
 Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

For the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum, a certified roll of the Representatives-Elect was called by the Clerk of the House Pro Tempore of the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Legislature.

A roll call was taken. 149 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were:

Representative-Elect SAWICKI of Auburn
 Representative-Elect KORNFIELD of Bangor

On motion of Representative-Elect DUCHESNE of Hudson, that Representative-Elect LUCHINI of Ellsworth, Representative-Elect HICKMAN of Winthrop, Representative-Elect DAVITT of Hampden, Representative-Elect BLACK of Wilton, Representative-Elect REED of Carmel, Representative-Elect SHERMAN of Hodgdon and Representative-Elect FARRIN of Norridgewock be appointed a Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives-Elect have assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives and request his attendance to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Subsequently, Representative-Elect LUCHINI of Ellsworth reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

The Governor, the Honorable PAUL R. LePAGE, entered and administered to the members-elect and they subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge their official duties.

Governor **LePAGE**: Thank you. Thank you all. Thank you all. Let's get you all seated and ready to take the Oath and move on. First of all, congratulations to all of you. I hope that we can have a very productive next two years. There's an awful lot of work that the state needs to do, and the people of Maine have asked us to do yeomen's work in the next two years. So, to all of you who will be seated today, sharpen your pencils and let's go to work. For all the Representatives to the Legislature, please stand and repeat after me.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, so long as I shall continue a citizen thereof. So help me God.

I, (members stated their names) do swear, that I faithfully discharge to the best of my abilities, the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative of the 127th Legislature of the State of Maine, according to the Constitution and the laws of this state. So help me God.

Congratulations!

The Governor retired.

On motion of Representative KRUGER of Thomaston, that Representative FREY of Bangor, Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Representative BATES of Westbrook, Representative MAKER of Calais, Representative McELWEE of Caribou and Representative HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Speaker.

The CLERK PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I move the name of Mark W. Eves of North Berwick be placed in nomination as Speaker of the House and wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you. Men and Women of the House, I've had the privilege and honor to serve the people of Lewiston in the State Legislature for 16 years. In that time I've served on the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, as Chair and Lead, and as a member. I've worked with many great lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. Mark Eves stands out as one of these lawmakers for his sincerity, his belief in and commitment to the people of Maine, and his ability to listen. His steady hand, calm demeanor, and strong integrity make him the perfect choice to lead the House during this delicate balance of power.

Mark understands how to compromise and work across the aisle even during the toughest negotiations. He is patient and caring and he truly believes we can and must do better for the people we represent. These are the values that guide him, and it was these values he used to negotiate a bipartisan budget four years ago when most pundits and even some lawmakers believed our state would shut down. For Mark, however, failure was never an option. And, he wouldn't allow it. Under Mark's leadership last session and the leadership of many Republicans and Democrats here today, the Appropriations Committee came to an agreement that helped our nursing homes, helped clear the waitlist for our most vulnerable, and invested in education from pre-K to college. Mark will work with Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and the Governor to move our state forward while protecting working families, seniors, and our natural resources.

Maine families across our state are struggling. Our economy lags behind the nation and our wages are not growing fast enough. We must have leaders who can set aside partisanship

and work with others to get results. Mark is that leader. He understands that we must put partisanship aside to create good paying jobs for Maine people. He did this when he negotiated the bond package, which invests in our economy and helps grow the jobs of our future. Mark has championed bipartisan legislation to strengthen job training for those seeking welfare in our State, and he worked to increase property tax relief for our seniors and middle class families. He has worked to spotlight the challenges facing our aging population, to ensure that seniors like his 91-year-old father can have a more secure retirement. As a leader, Mark has always listened. He's taken my advice and the advice of others. He's given me words of wisdom and sympathy when I most needed them. And, he has always kept his word. This is what you can expect from Speaker Eves.

Mark's experience as a former therapist has served him well. He's a father of three, a dedicated husband, and a son of a military pastor and a school teacher. His commitment to our state and to service to the people of this state starts with his roots in his family and community. I urge you to join me in voting for Mark Eves. He will continue to lead and serve us well. Thank you.

Representative **ROTUNDO** of Lewiston moved that the name of MARK W. EVES of North Berwick be placed in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

The CLERK PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Sanborn.

Representative **SANBORN**: Thank you Mr. Clerk. I proudly rise to second the nomination of Representative Mark W. Eves of North Berwick as Speaker of the House for the 127th Legislature and wish to speak to my nomination.

Mr. Clerk, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Mark Eves and I came into the Legislature together, and I was lucky enough to be his seatmate and serve with him on the Health and Human Services Committee for our first two terms. From the first day on, he has earned my profound respect. I know Mark to have the qualities needed to be a truly great leader. He is, first and foremost, kind, caring, and compassionate. He is a man of great integrity, true to his word, and treats everyone with respect and fairness. I believe Mark's training as a marriage and family counselor brings many strengths that it takes to do the job before him, not the least of which is active listening and understanding.

Mark is a family man who manages to balance his life as a loving father of three young children and the demands and intensity the job of Speaker of the House brings with grace and decorum. Millie MacFarland was, and would truly continue to be, so proud. Mark has given himself, has proven himself, as Speaker of 126th Legislature. He has shown all these great qualities and the good work that Representative Rotundo has spoken to. I ask that the 127th Legislature, in a bipartisan way, bipartisan gesture, support Representative Mark W. Eves for a second term as Speaker of the House, proving to the great State of Maine that we are ready and willing to work together for the greater good of Her people. Thank you.

Representative **SANBORN** of Gorham seconded the motion.

The CLERK PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, I move that the name of Kenneth Wade Fredette of Newport be placed in nomination as Speaker of the House and I wish to speak to my motion.

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Kenneth Wade Fredette for Speaker of the House this morning. First of all, as we go forward into the 127th, we should start out by offering choices to all members of this chamber. Choices for leadership within our individual caucuses have already taken place. And,

today, we vote on who we would like to lead us as an entire Body.

During the last 2 years, we have struggled with gridlock on some of the most contentious policy decisions and some, perhaps, not so contentious that came before us. With a large majority on one side, and a determined minority on the other, the opportunity for bipartisan work on some very important pieces of legislation became lost in a power struggle. As a result, there were some pieces of good legislation that died at the hands of partisan bickering. And if, if we had been able to find the middle ground and work together on these, we would have been of great benefit to the people of this State.

As we open the 127th, we have an opportunity to change the tone and create an opportunity for good work to be done within these walls. We have the opportunity to put someone in place who can provide the much needed voice for our Chamber as a whole to be successful, and negotiate what we need as a Body, excuse me, and would like to see passed with the other Body and the second floor. Today we have the opportunity to show that we are serious when we say we want to avoid gridlock. That we are serious when we want to work across the aisle. And that we are serious when we say we want to work together. I urge you to cast your vote for Representative Fredette for Speaker of the House and lead us in the 127th Legislature. Thank you.

Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea moved that the name of KENNETH WADE FREDETTE of Newport be placed in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

Representative PARRY of Arundel seconded the motion.

Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake moved that nominations cease.

Two ballots were distributed to every Representative with each nominee's name on it.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **OBJECTED** to the ballot process and **REQUESTED** the ballots be reprinted so that both nominees' names appeared on one ballot.

The CLERK PRO TEM: There has been an objection to the ballots the way they have been disseminated, so we are reprinting ballots. Please discard the ballots you have on your desk and as soon as we have new ballots we will distribute them forthwith.

The reprinted ballots were distributed to every Representative.

The CLERK PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative FREDETTE: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, I raise a Point of Order.

The CLERK PRO TEM: The Representative has raised a Point of Order. The Representative may proceed.

Representative FREDETTE: Mr. Clerk, my party, everybody in this room today, swore to take an oath to uphold the Constitution. I believe we all take that oath very seriously. An issue arose today whereby, as a Constitutional issue, a question was raised as to voting members in terms of electing the Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives. As a Constitutional issue, our caucus believes that there are 151 members that are entitled to vote for the Speaker of the House. And under the Maine rules, where I read in regards to representation of the tribes in this Body, I do not see the language whereby they are permitted to vote in that process. And so, we have come to a point where our caucus is confident and wants to move forward in the process that preserves the Constitution. And because we think that that is so important, at this point in time, I would like to move that my name be withdrawn as a candidate for the Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative FREDETTE of Newport questioned the constitutionality of Tribal members voting to elect the Speaker of the House.

Subsequently, the same Representative **WITHDREW** his name in nomination for the Speaker of the House.

The CLERK PRO TEM: The Chair understands that the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, withdraws his name from nomination for Speaker of the House.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative FREDETTE: Mr. Clerk, in regards to this issue, going forward, our caucus believes that it is very important that we have clarity on this issue for future purposes. And so, we believe that this is an issue which should be referred to the Rules Committee to be determined in a process going forward. I've spoken to Representative Eves and he agrees as well that this is an issue that should be referred to, discussed, and decided by the Rules Committee. At this point in time, I would move that one ballot be placed for Mark Eves as Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, and Mr. Clerk, I would move that that motion be decided by a roll call.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport moved that the Committee cast one vote for the House for MARK W. EVES.

The same Representative further **REQUESTED** a roll call on his motion to **CAST** one vote for Mark W. Eves as Speaker.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The CLERK PRO TEM: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to cast one vote for Mark W. Eves as Speaker. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 1

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Noon, Nutting, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Seavey, Shaw, Sherman, Short, Skoffield, Stanley, Stearns, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Verow, Wadsworth, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Black, Buckland, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgcomb, Farrin, Foley, Gerrish, Greenwood, Guerin, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Malaby, McClellan, McElwee, O'Connor, Parry, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stetkis, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Vachon, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Kornfield, Sawicki.

Yes, 113; No, 36; Absent, 2; Excused, 0.

113 having voted in the affirmative and 36 voted in the negative, with 2 being absent, and accordingly one vote was **CAST** for Mark W. Eves as Speaker.

The Honorable ROBERT B. HUNT, Clerk of the House Pro Tempore of the 126th Maine Legislature, administered the

necessary oath of office to qualify the Speaker of the House to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The House was called to order by Speaker Mark W. Eves, of North Berwick.

At this point, pursuant to House Rule 201, the Speaker addressed the House.

Speaker **EVES**: I wanted to, first of all, welcome all of you to legislative time, for those that aren't familiar with it. Here we are. Some things we don't plan and can't foresee, but we are here today, this afternoon, and welcome all the members of the 127th Maine Legislature, families, and guests. Pursuant to House Rule 201, it is my honor and privilege to address the House. First of all, congratulations on all of your victories. Election Day is behind us, and now is the time to govern. I stand before you humbled, to be elected as the 101st and 102nd Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives. It is a good thing that we've had a couple years to practice this. Lots of mistakes have been made, some mallets broken, but I think we're better prepared for it.

As I look across the Chamber today, I see many new and familiar faces, and it's great to see some of the old hats back from both parties. We have the return of the legendary John Martin of Eagle Lake, Representative Bob Duchesne of Hudson, Representative Hogan of Old Orchard Beach, Representative Bryant of Windham, Representative Babbidge of Kennebunk, Representative Martin of Sinclair, Representative Austin of Gray, Representative Bickford of Auburn, Representative Sherman of Hodgdon, Representative Sukeforth of Appleton, and even more. And for those members who served last term, you may remember Jim Campbell and where he sat. And, I got a new seat for Jim. He's right down front, as close as I could get him, and in my closing remarks to the 126th Legislature I made reference to Representative Campbell always making me nervous when he rose to speak. And Representative Campbell, you still make me nervous, but at least I have you closer and I love you.

In all seriousness, in this room today, we do have the best of Maine. We have nurses, small business owners, doctors, veterans, firefighters, and, yes, even some lawyers. We have 46 women, over 30 veterans, 13 educators, three farmers, 10 healthcare professionals, and 19 business people. We have 53 new members who have never served before. And to all of you, I encourage you to develop relationships with each other; to learn from each other in those relationships and those bonds that are forged. That will keep you at the table even when you want to walk away. And if you come into my office, and I hope that you will, I hope that all of you will, either for a cup of coffee or a deep conversation, you will find a picture of Representative Fredette and his family from his Christmas card on my desk. And I keep it there as a reminder that while we don't always see eye to eye, we are both here for the same reason. We both have children and families and neighbors and we both want to see the best for Maine and its people. And I've made countless friends across the aisle. I've been so fortunate to call Representative Carol McElwee of Caribou a close friend, while she and I are from opposite parties and opposite parts of the state, we have always found a way to work together. Thank you, Carol. I've also found, I don't know if you'd consider it friendship or not, but a comradeship with the melee back row back there: Representative Timberlake, Representative Russell, Representative Cray. They chide me often during late nights with notes and loud conversations. I've found that a kind word from the other side of the aisle can really

go a long way. I want to thank you Representative Reed. I keep your note in my desk drawer, and it meant a great deal to me.

I also would be remiss if I didn't thank my leadership team. Representative Jeff McCabe of Skowhegan, down here in the blue tie, I couldn't do it without you. You are like a brother and true friend to me. You insult me and encourage me all in the same breath. Thank you. And then we have Representative Gideon. You are an inspiring speaker with many talents, including the gift of persuasion, savvy and smarts. You truly are the balance that Representative McCabe and I desperately need. And it's wonderful to have strong women leaders this session on both aisles. Republicans have made the good choice of electing Representative Ellie Espling of New Gloucester as Assistant Minority Leader. And as the father of 2 young girls, I am thrilled to see more women running for office and serving in strong leadership roles. Representative Fredette, I am grateful to have you as a leader, and as a partner to work with.

Each and every one of us, regardless of party affiliation, and most likely against the good judgment of our better halves, took time away from our family, our jobs, and all in the hopes of improving the lives of our neighbors. And while we have traveled different roads to get here, and we carry with us different expertise and experiences, we are all linked by a desire to make Maine a better place. This belief, the idea that we can make a difference is what ties us together. And I'm so proud to stand with you.

As the youngest of 7 children, I've had to learn to play well with others, listen and pay attention, and most importantly that good things do come to those who wait; all skills that, come to find out, come in handy as Speaker of the House. My 91-year-old father is an ordained minister who served both in the Army and the U.S. Air Force beginning in World War II as a member of the Greatest Generation. My mother taught school, ran our house, raised the kids. As a kid, I watched my parents stretch a dollar. I've listened to my mom tell the stories of the family's early lives of powdered milk and peanut butter, of treating us to pizza on Friday night by having to cut it in 24 pieces so we could each have more than 2 pieces. I was the youngest, I don't remember all of this, but she swears it's true. We didn't have a lot of money growing up, but my parents gave us the tools we needed to succeed. They taught my brothers and sister and I that when you pull together, and you work together, we can all do better. My mother and father gave me my values, and instilled in me the work ethic that guides me as a father, as a husband, and as Speaker of the House. And like you, I'm sure, I'm so proud of the family that I grew up with, and the family that I've made. They have shaped who I am, and how I lead.

My brother, Daniel, works for Hussey Seating, one of the oldest family-owned businesses in Maine. My sister, Elizabeth, owns her own small business. My oldest brother, Arthur, worked for *Businessweek* for over 20 years until the Great Recession hit when he was laid off with so many others. And like many other laid off workers, he had to go back, learn a new trade, and now he teaches high school science. My brother, Alan, owned and operated the Garden of Eves, a nursery and landscape business for over 30 years. My brother, Jim, served in the U.S. Navy for over twenty. And my brother, David, worked his way up from sweeping floors to banging nails as a framer, to working for general contractors, and now is the President of his own development and construction company. I'm extremely proud of all of my family members, and those that are here today, including your children, please rise and accept the greetings of the House.

My wife, Laura, has given me the confidence and the courage and the unwavering support that keeps me headed in the right

direction. Laura, 14 years ago we fell in love, studying for exams and drinking coffee, and at that time we knew life was going to be good. It was going to be special, and we were going to do it together. But we had no idea that it would end up here. Our three children, Elaina, Lucas, and Naomi, they are the light of the world and the reason we do what we do. You're an amazing mother, my best friend, and the rock of our family. I literally couldn't do it without you, and I wouldn't even try. I would like you and the kids to please stand and be recognized by the House.

Marrying Laura was the best decision I ever made and choosing Maine as the place to start our family was a close second. It's hard not to fall in love with this great state. We have so much to offer the nation and the world; our incredible coastlines, forests, and waterways are unmatched. Our farmers and fishermen are putting our state on the map for our local food economy. Our close-knit communities come together to support each other just like they did this last week during the Thanksgiving Day storm. That's truly the way life should be.

Our small businesses are driving innovation and remaking our economy, while our schools are graduating some of the best trained workers in the country. Our scientists at Jackson Laboratory are working to cure cancer and make Maine an international leader in biomedicine. Our shipyards from Kittery to Bath build the U.S. Navy's most advanced submarines and destroyers. Our lobster is the best of the world. Our blueberries are second to none, and the people are the pride of our state. In my town of North Berwick, our workers at Pratt & Whitney build the engines for the U.S. Military fighter jets. And right down the road at York County Community College, the state has partnered with Pratt & Whitney to train the workforce of the future for good paying jobs at the local manufacturing facility. We have so much to be proud of, and we have so much opportunity to grow our state and to build on our advantages. Right now, Maine does face many challenges. Our economy is not producing enough jobs, our wages are stagnant, and we have the oldest population in the country. While the nation and New England have recovered more than 100 percent of the jobs lost in the recession, Maine has only recovered 58 percent. If we were creating jobs at the same rate as our New England neighbors, we would've created 16,000 additional jobs today. I want you to think about that. That's 1,000 new jobs for each and every Maine county. Think about what that would do for Somerset County or Franklin County or Aroostook County or Washington County; 1,000 jobs per county. Many people are working more than one job to make ends meet. Our mills are closing, our workers in towns across our state are scared.

Not too long ago, being middle class meant being able to take a vacation, being able to send your kids to college and put something away for your retirement. Now, for too many middle class families, a good year means not losing your job, barely keeping enough oil in the tank and being able to pay most of your bills. Middle class families don't know what their futures holds, but they know it can and should be better. They also know in life there is no guarantees. But I think we can all agree that working full time and being responsible should provide a level of security that is currently out of reach for many Maine families.

If you take the risk to start a small business, your success should be determined by your acumen, your work ethic and the demand for your product, not the whims of unregulated banks hundreds of miles away. If you go earn a degree, you shouldn't be saddled with debt before you even land your first job. If you get sick, you should be able to go to the doctor without facing a mountain of medical bills. If you work hard your whole life, you deserve a secure retirement. You should be able to stay in the

community where you raised a generation. This is the American Dream. This is the promise of the middle class. This is what Maine's future should look like.

And this is our challenge. As lawmakers entrusted by the people of Maine, the onus is on all of us to help restore that promise. And, we must come together. It is up to us to help close the Maine jobs gap and create an economy that powers our future. And I believe I have an incredible amount of optimism. I really do. I think we can do this. All the opportunity is right here in our great State. Maine must be leading, not lagging. We must put jobs first. We face a significant jobs gap, and this is not a Republican jobs gap, this not a Democratic jobs gap, this is a jobs gap. And the solutions will not come from one party alone. We must have a jobs first agenda. We must set ideology aside and work together to grow our economy. In fact, I'll be frank, all of us, including myself, we all have a conscious choice to make. Will we work together and put jobs first, or will we choose gridlock? We can choose the gridlock that has left the middle class behind, or we can make an honest effort to put jobs first. We can choose the obstruction that has left the people of our state and nation angry, or we can put jobs first. And I hope you'll join me in rejecting gridlock, join me in putting jobs first. Now is the time to stand up and lead. We cannot allow the partisan battles of the past to dictate our future. We cannot allow progress to be deterred by petty politics. The people are counting on us and we are the people's House, and we must do the people's work.

Regardless of which corner of the state you come from, each and every one of us has been sent here to be the voice of our neighbors and our community. From Kittery to Fort Kent, and Lovell to Lubec, we have collectively knocked on thousands of doors, and spoken to hundreds of our neighbors. We've listened to their stories. We've heard their struggles. And many of us have shared their hopes and fears. By now you've probably spoken with a senior who is struggling to keep up with rising property taxes or the cost of heating oil on a fixed income. Too many seniors have been forced to choose between putting food on the table or filling a prescription bottle.

In my hometown, I think of long term resident and senior Pat Seavey. I've gotten to know Pat over the years while serving our community in the Legislature. Her family lives far away and isn't around to help. Some days, dinner for Pat is literally a can of tuna fish and mashed potatoes. Pat's worked hard her whole life, she's given back to the community, but in her retirement, she faces financial struggles she could never have possibly foreseen. I think about Pat, and I think about her a lot. I also think about Molly Nason, and her sister Ella, and her parents Beth and Steve. Beth is a high school guidance counselor and Steve is a freelance videographer. They provide the best life for their kids, but they know there are no guarantees. And Molly helped out on my campaign, she worked hard, even at the age of 9, because she and her parents believe that they can count on me to support their schools, fight for the families, and try to create a better future. She showed up on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 to load the signs in her car that we'd take to the corner or Elm and Wells Street in North Berwick.

Many of us have sat at the kitchen table with a mother and a father working hard to make ends meet, just trying to save a little at the end of the month. And as candidates knocking on doors, many of us have listened to the worries of the business owners who are working day and night to stay in the black, meet payroll, and grow jobs. Or the millworker who punched a clock for 30 years, and who now needs to go back to school to learn a new trade. We each have our own Molly, Ella, Beth, Steve, our own Pat. These are the stories of our communities. These are the

faces we must remember. You must remember. I must remember. When we take our first vote, and when we take our last vote. When you hit green or red, when you testify on a bill in a public hearing or a work session, these are the people you are fighting for. They don't care, quite frankly, about party label or ideology, they want results, they want action, they want change, they want a better future. They want us to put aside the politics and work together to put jobs first.

My message to you today is to take your two years here in this State House and put jobs first, put your constituents first. Set party politics aside, and remember your roots and your community. We are a part-time Legislature. We are nurses, we are doctors, we are police officers, firefighters, and small business owners who came to make a difference. We can, and I'm entirely optimistic that we will, if we work together. Thank you for this opportunity and this great honor today.

On motion of Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth, that Representative HAMANN of South Portland, Representative TURNER of Burlington, Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield, Representative KINNEY of Limington and Representative COOPER of Yarmouth were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for the Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative **McCABE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that the name of Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth be placed in nomination for the Clerk of the House and I wish to speak to my motion.

This is a much abbreviated speech that I had planned earlier, but I will save you the minutes, the hours, of all the great things I would like to say about Rob Hunt. Rob Hunt is honest, he's fair, he's very well organized, he is probably one of the most serious people I know. He will make us all proud as Clerk of the House. His door will be open to all of us. He has spent the last years learning from Millie MacFarland just all that this job entails and I hope that you'll join me in supporting him today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan moved that the name of ROBERT B. HUNT of Yarmouth be placed in nomination for the Clerk of the House.

Representative MAREAN of Hollis seconded the motion.

Representative HERBIG of Belfast moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Representative PETERSON of Rumford, the Committee cast one vote for the House for ROBERT B. HUNT.

The Speaker of the House administered the necessary oath of office to qualify the Clerk of the House of the 127th Maine Legislature to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, that Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, Representative DOORE of Augusta, Representative MAKER of Calais and Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Clerk of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Short.

Representative **SHORT**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that the name of Jennifer McGowan of Hallowell

be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House, and I would like to speak to my nomination.

Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House, for the last 12 years my wife Debora and I have had the good fortune of being able to call the Town of Pittsfield our home. Pittsfield is a community that has no shortage of people that are dedicated to the well-being of their town and its residents. Pittsfield is also the town where Jennifer McGowan was raised and educated. It is my observation that Jennifer's life experiences have provided her with many qualifications for the position of Assistant Clerk. She has a vast amount of good sense, she is an obliging person, she is skilled in the graces of conversation, a person of dignity, and wise tolerance, and she is an acute observer and a good listener. After graduating from MCI in Pittsfield, Jennifer continued her education at Westbrook College, returning to her home town after graduation. For a number of years there, she served on the school board of MSAD 53. She performed volunteer work on a regular basis in the town, and served as a board member of the local ski club. Today, she resides in Hallowell, where she continues to give back to her community. Our loss in Pittsfield has certainly been their gain in Hallowell. As many of you know, Jennifer grew up in a very political, active family. Her dad Barney and her brother Pat are both former members of the Maine Legislature. Pat was also a two-time candidate for the U.S. Congress. Jennifer was heavily involved in her dad's campaigns, as well as the campaigns of her brother. And being raised in that atmosphere, it comes as no surprise that she is eager and willing to continue to serve the members of this House, and the people of Maine. Jennifer has all the qualities of a leader. She truly cares about Maine people, and has always worked hard to give back to the community. I have no doubt that she will serve as Assistant Clerk to the best of her ability, always representing the people of Maine. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore a great privilege for me to be permitted to offer her name for the office of Assistant Clerk.

Representative SHORT of Pittsfield moved that the name of JENNIFER MCGOWAN of Hallowell be placed in nomination for Assistant Clerk of the House.

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester seconded the motion.

Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship moved that nominations cease.

On motion of Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson, the Committee cast one vote for the House for JENNIFER MCGOWAN.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 6)

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

December 3, 2014
Mr. Normand Arbour
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Normand:

Pursuant to House Rule 201.1 (I) (b), I am pleased to appoint you as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the 127th Legislature.

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On behalf of the entire House membership, I would like to welcome you and wish you well as you carry out your duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 7)

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

December 3, 2014

Lance Willis

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Lance:

Pursuant to House Rule 201.1 (l) (b), I am pleased to appoint you as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the 127th Legislature.

On behalf of the entire House membership, I would like to wish you well as you carry out your duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Clerk of the House administered the necessary oaths of office to qualify the Assistant Clerk of the House, the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of Representative HOBBS of Saco, that Representative MOONEN of Portland, Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro, Representative TEPLER of Topsham, Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, Representative NUTTING of Oakland, Representative BLACK of Wilton and Representative TIMMONS of Cumberland were appointed a Committee to notify the Governor of the organization of the House.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 2)

**STATE OF MAINE
Office of the Secretary of State**

December 1, 2014

To the Speaker of the House in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature:

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election held on the fourth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that the following named persons having received a plurality of the votes cast, appear to have been elected:

District 1

Pelletier, Jeffrey W., Kittery 1,412
Rykerson, Deane, Kittery 2,119

District 2

Beavers, Roberta B., South Berwick 2,233
Moynahan, Jonathan Michael, Eliot 1,793

District 3

Blume, Lydia, York 2,418
Kyracos, Arthur, York 2,310

District 4

Hymanson, Patricia, York 2,202
Moulton, Bradley S., York 2,098

District 5

O'Connor, Beth A., Berwick 1,740
Plante, Joshua Robert, Berwick 1,474

District 6

Eves, Mark Westwood, North Berwick 2,084
Prescott, Todd, South Berwick 1,600

District 7

Foley, Robert A., Wells 2,695
Howard, Joachim H., Wells 1,714

District 8

Babbidge, Christopher W., Kennebunk 2,712
Karytko, Edward, Kennebunk 1,999

District 9

Denk, Diane M., Kennebunk 2,108
Seavey, H. Stedman, Kennebunkport 2,254

District 10

Davidoff, Amy J., Arundel 1,736
Parry, Wayne R., Arundel 2,559

District 11

Davis, Debi A., Biddeford 1,209
Fecteau, Ryan M., Biddeford 2,475

District 12

Aberle, Perry V., Biddeford 549
Grohman, Martin J., Biddeford 1,061
Thompson, Barbra Jean, Biddeford 887

District 13

Hogan, George W., Old Orchard Beach 2,462
MacDonald, Sharri Kim, Old Orchard Beach 1,741

District 14

Hobbins, Barry J., Saco 3,379

District 15

Chenette, Justin M., Saco 2,451
Patterson, Carol A., Saco 1,510

District 16

Marean, Donald G., Hollis 2,784
Usher, Ronald E., Buxton 1,740

District 17

Prescott, Dwayne W., Waterboro 2,931

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<u>District 18</u>			
Frohloff, Gordon E., Sanford	929		
Mastraccio, Anne-Marie, Sanford	1,689		
<u>District 19</u>			
Harrington, Matthew A., Sanford	1,556		
Noon, William F., Sanford	1,698		
<u>District 20</u>			
Gerrish, Karen A., Lebanon	2,070		
Harris-Howard, Bettie K., Lebanon	1,336		
Others	75		
<u>District 21</u>			
Boucher, Frank L., Limerick	1,962		
Campbell, James J., Sr., Newfield	2,121		
<u>District 22</u>			
Kinney, Jonathan L., Limington	2,622		
Mehlhorn, Gregory P., Limerick	1,242		
<u>District 23</u>			
Ordway, Lester S., Standish	1,708		
Shaw, Michael A., Standish	1,903		
Wakefield, Michael, Standish	318		
<u>District 24</u>			
Bryant, Mark E., Windham	2,240		
Welch, Dennis E., Windham	1,567		
<u>District 25</u>			
Butler, Jennie L., Windham	1,592		
Corey, Patrick W., Windham	2,008		
<u>District 26</u>			
Sanborn, Linda F., Gorham	2,136		
<u>District 27</u>			
Kinney, Tyler K., Gorham	1,674		
McLean, Andrew J., Gorham	2,550		
<u>District 28</u>			
Ely, Dwight H., Scarborough	1,934		
Sirocki, Heather W., Scarborough	2,503		
<u>District 29</u>			
Aranson, Paul, Scarborough	2,467		
Vachon, Karen, Scarborough	2,541		
<u>District 30</u>			
Monaghan-Derrig, Kimberly Joan, Cape Elizabeth	3,181		
Wilcox, Pauline S., Cape Elizabeth	1,860		
<u>District 31</u>			
Morrison, Terry K., South Portland	3,882		
<u>District 32</u>			
Hamann, Scott M., South Portland	3,332		
<u>District 33</u>			
Battle, Kevin J., South Portland	1,471		
DeAngelis, Rosemarie, South Portland	1,407		
Reddy, Andrew F., South Portland	329		
<u>District 34</u>			
Gattine, Andrew M., Westbrook	2,262		
Russell, Rose Marie, Westbrook	1,189		
<u>District 35</u>			
Bates, Dillon, Westbrook	2,167		
Downing, Emily Sarah, Westbrook	1,702		
<u>District 36</u>			
Chandler, Samuel K., Portland	479		
Dodge, Richard A., Portland	741		
Harlow, Denise Patricia, Portland	1,840		
<u>District 37</u>			
Farnsworth, Richard R., Portland	3,131		
<u>District 38</u>			
Loring, Thomas Joseph, Portland	595		
Moonen, Matthew W., Portland	3,201		
<u>District 39</u>			
Besanko, Lauren Marie, Portland	1,020		
Russell, Diane M., Portland	2,707		
<u>District 40</u>			
Adams, Herbert C., Portland	959		
Chipman, Benjamin M., Portland	1,567		
Lockman, Mark A., Portland	186		
<u>District 41</u>			
Azzola, James H., Portland	905		
Jorgensen, Erik Clark, Portland	3,122		
<u>District 42</u>			
Lamontagne, Marc M., Portland	1,101		
Stuckey, Peter C., Portland	2,616		
<u>District 43</u>			
Dion, Mark N., Portland	2,985		
Rafferty-Roy, Shannon, Portland	1,482		
<u>District 44</u>			
Payeur, Gregory S., Falmouth	2,440		
Pierce, Teresa S., Falmouth	2,594		
<u>District 45</u>			
Denno, Dale, Cumberland	2,457		
Timmons, Michael J., Cumberland	2,473		
<u>District 46</u>			
Chace, Paul, Durham	2,504		
Graham, Anne P., North Yarmouth	2,304		
<u>District 47</u>			
Cooper, Janice E., Yarmouth	2,768		
Snow, Richard Vinton, Yarmouth	2,238		
<u>District 48</u>			
Gideon, Sara, Freeport	3,226		
Schulz, Paul Benjamin, Pownal	1,589		

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<u>District 49</u>			
Daughtry, Matthea Elisabeth, Brunswick	3,144	<u>District 65</u>	
Stevens, Michael R., Brunswick	1,599	Espling, Eleanor M., New Gloucester	2,465
		Van Wie, Rosa Phillips, New Gloucester	1,701
<u>District 50</u>			
Holbrook, Mark, Brunswick	1,219	<u>District 66</u>	
Tucker, Ralph L., Brunswick	2,772	Fernandes, Mary-Vienessa, Casco	1,274
		McClellan, Michael D., Raymond	2,250
		Willey, Lisa H., Casco	646
<u>District 51</u>			
McCraith, Joyce, Harpswell	2,577	<u>District 67</u>	
Watson, Byron D., Brunswick	2,258	Austin, Susan M., Gray	2,799
		Lewis, Bonnie Titcomb, Raymond	1,432
<u>District 52</u>			
Daniels, Ryan Matthew, Bath	1,257	<u>District 68</u>	
DeChant, Jennifer L., Bath	2,435	Nostin, John M., Naples	2,113
		Powers, Christine B., Naples	2,158
<u>District 53</u>			
Kent, Peter S., Woolwich	2,215	<u>District 69</u>	
Pierce, Jeffrey K., Dresden	2,598	Ginzler, Phyllis A., Bridgton	2,248
		Villa, Lisa Renee, Harrison	1,844
<u>District 54</u>			
Stromgren, Daniel Longley, Topsham	535	<u>District 70</u>	
Talbot, Kim J., Topsham	2,134	Rankin, Helen, Hiram	1,827
Tepler, Denise, Topsham	2,220	Wadsworth, Nathan J., Hiram	2,034
<u>District 55</u>			
Elliott, Alice D., Richmond	1,994	<u>District 71</u>	
Hobart, Brian D., Bowdoinham	2,534	Whitley, Dennise Dullea, Norway	1,621
		Winsor, Tom J., Norway	2,254
<u>District 56</u>			
Crafts, Dale J., Lisbon	3,423	<u>District 72</u>	
		Bradley, James F., Mechanic Falls	1,347
		Dillingham, Kathleen Rose Jackson, Oxford	2,531
<u>District 57</u>			
Tardif, Gerard R., Sabattus	719	<u>District 73</u>	
VerSluis, Katherine E., Sabattus	823	Herrick, Lloyd C., Paris	2,385
Wood, Stephen J., Sabattus	2,677	Kirchherr, Robert, Paris	1,277
<u>District 58</u>			
Jensen, Luke D., Lewiston	1,818	<u>District 74</u>	
Lajoie, Michel A., Lewiston	2,230	Calden, C. Harvey, Jay	1,343
		Gilbert, Paul E., Jay	2,551
<u>District 59</u>			
Rotundo, Margaret R., Lewiston	3,450	<u>District 75</u>	
		Dingman, Charles F., Leeds	1,582
		Timberlake, Jeffrey Lloyd, Turner	2,778
<u>District 60</u>			
Dubois, Leslie T., Lewiston	803	<u>District 76</u>	
Golden, Jared F., Lewiston	1,571	Hilliard, Gary L., Belgrade	2,694
		Tracy, Richard H. C., Rome	1,962
<u>District 61</u>			
Brooks, Heidi E., Lewiston	1,325	<u>District 77</u>	
Cayer, Mark A., Lewiston	1,114	Nutting, Robert W., Oakland	2,225
Others	18	Tibbetts, Alan B., Sidney	1,902
<u>District 62</u>			
Dickey, Brandon Eli, Auburn	562	<u>District 78</u>	
Melaragno, Gina M., Auburn	1,074	Morissette, Susan Ellen, Winslow	1,695
Michael, John M., Auburn	623	Nadeau, Catherine M., Winslow	2,233
<u>District 63</u>			
Bickford, Bruce A., Auburn	2,264	<u>District 79</u>	
Werts, R. Wayne, Auburn	1,837	Evers, Cristina L., China	1,434
		Therault, Timothy S., China	2,405
<u>District 64</u>			
Sawicki, David P., Auburn	2,127	<u>District 80</u>	
Sheats, Bettyann Watson, Auburn	2,062	Bates, Ray L., Windsor	1,788
		Fowle, Lori A., Vassalboro	2,199

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<u>District 81</u>		<u>District 96</u>	
Fellman, Lee T., Readfield	1,649	Burstein, Christine S., Lincolnville	2,326
Hickman, Craig V., Winthrop	2,997	Weston, Peter, Montville	1,949
<u>District 82</u>		<u>District 97</u>	
Greenwood, Randall Adam, Wales	2,276	Brown, Paige Katharine, Northport	947
Sukeforth, Rachel L., Litchfield	1,968	Herbig, Erin D., Belfast	3,076
<u>District 83</u>		<u>District 98</u>	
Ayotte, Curtis C., Farmingdale	1,804	Brooks, Joseph E., Winterport	1,613
Grant, Gay M., Gardiner	2,233	Gillway, James S., Searsport	2,288
<u>District 84</u>		<u>District 99</u>	
Banda, Darrick X., Manchester	2,024	Jones, Brian L., Freedom	1,506
Warren, Charlotte May, Hallowell	2,500	Kinney, MaryAnne, Knox	2,366
<u>District 85</u>		<u>District 100</u>	
Davis, Kimberly Jeanne, Augusta	1,527	Austin, Frederick H., Newport	543
Doore, Donna R., Augusta	2,045	Bright, David L., Dixmont	609
<u>District 86</u>		<u>District 101</u>	
Castellanos, Monica L., Augusta	1,091	Davitt, James E., Hampden	2,009
Pouliot, Matthew G., Augusta	2,243	Duprey, Brian M., Hampden	1,928
<u>District 87</u>		<u>District 102</u>	
Hanley, Jeffery P., Pittston	2,283	Guerin, Stacey K., Glenburn	3,229
Marks, Timothy I., Pittston	2,071	Others	4
<u>District 88</u>		<u>District 103</u>	
Sanderson, Deborah J., Chelsea	3,132	Reed, Roger E., Camel	2,836
<u>District 89</u>		<u>District 104</u>	
Coombs, William H., Edgecomb	1,809	Pearson, David B., Dexter	1,320
Hawke, Stephanie, Boothbay Harbor	2,792	Wallace, Raymond A., Dexter	2,007
<u>District 90</u>		<u>District 105</u>	
Devin, Michael G., Newcastle	2,812	Stetkis, Joel R., Canaan	2,513
Morkeski, Anna, Damariscotta	1,850	Swain, Daniel S., Canaan	1,223
<u>District 91</u>		<u>District 106</u>	
Evangelos, Jeffrey, Friendship	1,992	Short, Stanley Byron, Jr., Pittsfield	1,669
Winchenbach, Ellen A., Waldoboro	1,928	Strom, Scott Walter, Pittsfield	1,534
<u>District 92</u>		<u>District 107</u>	
Kruger, Charles B., Thomaston	2,314	Amadon, Timothy S., Skowhegan	1,322
Sleeper, Sonja, South Thomaston	1,544	McCabe, Jeffrey M., Skowhegan	2,151
<u>District 93</u>		<u>District 108</u>	
Dickerson, Elizabeth E., Rockland	1,750	Kusiak, Karen, Fairfield	1,707
Kalloch, James M., Rockland	1,615	Picchiotti, John Joseph, Fairfield	1,839
<u>District 94</u>		<u>District 109</u>	
Bovasso, Ronald J., Camden	800	Longstaff, Thomas R. W., Waterville	2,781
Casas, Owen D., Rockport	1,619		
Welsh, Joan W., Rockport	2,592		
<u>District 95</u>		<u>District 110</u>	
Neils, Christian William, Appleton	396	Andre, Mark Richard, Oakland	1,198
Parr, Randall A., Appleton	218	Murphy Beck, Henry E., Waterville	1,744
Richardson, Wesley E., Warren	1,475		
Sukeforth, Gary E., Appleton	1,638	<u>District 111</u>	
		Dorney, Ann E., Norridgewock	1,766
		Farrin, Bradlee Thomas, Norridgewock	2,051

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<u>District 112</u>		<u>District 128</u>	
Frost, Jack W., Jr., Anson	1,813	Sheehan, Gail M., Brewer	1,835
Skolfield, Thomas H., Weld	2,240	Verow, Arthur C., Brewer	1,931
<u>District 113</u>		<u>District 129</u>	
Buckland, Andrew Russell, Farmington	2,097	Lyford, Peter A., Eddington	2,827
David, Edward S., Farmington	1,756	Montague, Teresa, Clifton	1,395
<u>District 114</u>		<u>District 130</u>	
Black, Russell J., Wilton	2,777	Campbell, Richard H., Orrington	2,321
Iverson, Guy A., Chesterville	1,263	Deabay, Emery A., Bucksport	1,541
<u>District 115</u>		<u>District 131</u>	
Magee, Terrence L., Woodstock	1,165	Magnan, Veronica Garvey, Stockton Springs	1,569
Peterson, Matthew John, Rumford	2,499	Ward, Karleton S., Dedham	2,747
<u>District 116</u>		<u>District 132</u>	
Gill, Malcolm M., Dixfield	1,968	Ehrlenbach, R. Frederick, Trenton	1,560
Pickett, Richard A., Dixfield	2,076	Luchini, Louis J., Ellsworth	2,508
<u>District 117</u>		<u>District 133</u>	
Head, Frances M., Bethel	2,482	Chapman, Ralph, Brooksville	2,481
Pecunies, Callie, Albany Township	2,190	Walsh, Susan M., Blue Hill	1,849
<u>District 118</u>		<u>District 134</u>	
Dunphy, Larry C., Embden	2,303	Kumiega, Walter A., III, Deer Isle	2,655
Quinn, Matthew J., Cornville	1,338	Stanley, Frank L., Tremont	1,439
<u>District 119</u>		<u>District 135</u>	
Stearns, Paul A., Guilford	3,560	Hubbell, Brian L., Bar Harbor	3,078
<u>District 120</u>		Marshall, Maurice Joseph, Lamoine	
Crossman, Donald James, Milo	1,262		1,488
Higgins, Norman E., Dover-Foxcroft	2,377	<u>District 136</u>	
<u>District 121</u>		Allen, Elizabeth A., Fletcher's Landing Twp.	
Duchesne, Robert S., Hudson	1,835	Malaby, Richard S., Hancock	
Smith, Douglas A., Corinth	1,655	2,269	
<u>District 122</u>		<u>District 137</u>	
Dunphy, Michelle Ann, Old Town	1,885	Emerson, Oscar F., Bradley	
Nuttall, John M., Old Town	1,258	Lockman, Lawrence E., Amherst	
<u>District 123</u>		2,045	
Bracy, Andrew James, Orono	782	<u>District 138</u>	
Tipping-Spitz, Ryan D., Orono	1,807	Alley, Robert W., Sr., Beals	
<u>District 124</u>		Paul, Richard O., Addison	
Civiello, Colby B., Bangor	1,648	1,810	
Frey, Aaron M., Bangor	1,934	<u>District 139</u>	
<u>District 125</u>		Cassidy, Katherine W., Lubec	
Capehart, Gary E., Bangor	1,406	Tuell, William R., East Machias	
Kornfield, Victoria P., Bangor	1,764	2,100	
<u>District 126</u>		<u>District 140</u>	
Damon, Douglas, Bangor	1,050	Clark, Harold Roy, Jr., Calais	
Schneck, John C., Bangor	1,345	Maker, Joyce A., Calais	
<u>District 127</u>		2,280	
Goode, Adam A., Bangor	2,018	<u>District 141</u>	
Lacadie, James V., Bangor	954	Turner, Beth P., Burlington	
		3,279	
		<u>District 142</u>	
		Hanington, Sheldon Mark, Lincoln	
		2,877	
		<u>District 143</u>	
		Perkins, Debbi J., Millinocket	
		Stanley, Stephen S., Medway	
		1,625	
		2,491	
		<u>District 144</u>	
		Sherman, Roger L., Hodgdon	
		2,913	

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District 145
Hines, Glenn M., Hammond 1,066
Long, Ricky D., Sherman 2,503

District 146
Haines, Troy A., Mapleton 1,793
White, Dustin Michael, Washburn 2,070

District 147
Fox, Larry K., Presque Isle 1,532
Saucier, Robert J., Presque Isle 1,562

District 148
Edgecomb, Anthony J., Fort Fairfield 1,589
Ward, Gregory Alan, Limestone 506
Whittemore, Alan D., Limestone 1,213

District 149
McElwee, Carol A., Caribou 3,025

District 150
Lawrence, Craig M., Frenchville 1,100
Martin, Roland Daniel, Sinclair Twp. 2,802

District 151
Martin, John L., Eagle Lake 2,215
Nadeau, Allen Michael, Fort Kent 1,866

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Representatives at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns, and plantations of the State.
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 3)
HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS
88 BELL ROAD
LITTLETON, MAINE 04730

November 12, 2014
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House Pro Tempore
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Pro Tempore Hunt:
This is to certify that Henry J. Bear was elected by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to serve as the Representative to the State Legislature representing the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians for the term of December 2014 to December 2016.
Sincerely,
S/Crystal Tucker
Tribal Clerk

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 4)
INDIAN TOWNSHIP TRIBAL GOVERNMENT
PASSAMAQUODDY
BOX 301,
PRINCETON, MAINE, 04668

October 20, 2014
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House Pro Tempore

2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Pro Tempore Hunt:
This letter is to certify that the Passamaquoddy Tribe duly elected Matthew Dana II, as Passamaquoddy Tribal Representative to the Maine Legislature for a term of four years commencing October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2018.
Tribal elections were held at the Pleasant Point and Indian Township Passamaquoddy Reservations on September 3, 2014 and September 4, 2014. If you need more information, please contact me at (207) 796-6101 or the address above. Thank you.

Sincerely,
S/Denise O. Polches
Tribal Clerk/Census Coordinator
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 5)
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148

December 2, 2014
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Eves:

The following is a summary of the results of the November 4, 2014 Referendum Election, as derived from the accompanying copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Secretary of State's Official Tabulation of the election results, which were signed by the Governor on November 26, 2014.

Question 1: Citizen Initiative
Number of Votes in Favor 281,728
Number of Votes Opposed 323,024
Question 2: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 354,086
Number of Votes Opposed 233,148
Question 3: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 362,237
Number of Votes Opposed 222,576
Question 4: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 367,114
Number of Votes Opposed 218,211
Question 5: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 297,008
Number of Votes Opposed 283,632
Question 6: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 379,606
Number of Votes Opposed 208,105
Question 7: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 344,783
Number of Votes Opposed 238,793

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS

On motion of Speaker EVES of North Berwick, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 3) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals,

AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South Portland, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BEAVERS of South Berwick, BECK of Waterville, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLACK of Wilton, BLUME of York, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, BUCKLAND of Farmington, BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CHACE of Durham, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, CHENETTE of Saco, CHIPMAN of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DAVITT of Hampden, DeCHANT of Bath, DEVIN of Newcastle, DICKERSON of Rockland, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DION of Portland, DOORE of Augusta, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNPHY of Embden, DUNPHY of Old Town, EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, ESPLING of New Gloucester, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Wells, FOWLE of Vassalboro, FREDETTE of Newport, FREY of Bangor, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERRISH of Lebanon, GIDEON of Freeport, GILBERT of Jay, GILLWAY of Searsport, GINZLER of Bridgton, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GOODE of Bangor, GRANT of Gardiner, GREENWOOD of Wales, GROHMAN of Biddeford, GUERIN of Glenburn, HAMANN of South Portland, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittsford, HARLOW of Portland, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, HERBIG of Belfast, HERRICK of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOBART of Bowdoinham, HOBBS of Saco, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFELD of Bangor, KRUGER of Thomaston, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONG of Sherman, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, LYFORD of Eddington, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McELWEE of Caribou, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, NOON of Sanford, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, PETERSON of Rumford, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Dresden, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, POWERS of Naples, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, REED of Carmel, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery, SANBORN of Gorham, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SAWICKI of Auburn, SCHNECK of Bangor, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SHAW of Standish, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHORT of Pittsfield, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STUCKEY of Portland, SUKEFORTH of Appleton, TEPLER of Topsham, THERIAULT of China, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIMMONS of Cumberland, TIPPING-SPIZ of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, VACHON of Scarborough, VEROW of Brewer, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WALLACE of Dexter, WARD of Dedham, WARREN of Hallowell, WELSH of Rockport, WHITE of Washburn, WINSOR of Norway, WOOD of Sabattus, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BAKER of Sagadahoc, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BURNS of Washington, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HASKELL of

Cumberland, HILL of York, JOHNSON of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MASON of Androscoggin, McCORMICK of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, PATRICK of Oxford, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, VALENTINO of York, VOLK of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WILLETTE of Aroostook, WOODSOME of York)

JOINT RESOLUTION TO HONOR

THE MEMORY OF MILLICENT M. MACFARLAND

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that We, the Members of the 127th Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to honor the memory of the Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland, known as Millie, who served the Maine House of Representatives as a dedicated public servant for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. MacFarland was born in Augusta, Maine and was educated in Whitefield schools, graduated from Erskine Academy in South China in 1974 and attended Thomas College and the University of Maine at Augusta, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. MacFarland served the Maine House of Representatives in various capacities for over 30 years, including 8 years as Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives and service in the distinguished position of Clerk of the House of Representatives from 2000 to 2010 and from 2013 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, as Clerk of the House of Representatives, Ms. MacFarland worked closely with the Speaker of the House on issues of parliamentary procedure and administrative matters ranging from scheduling to developing personnel policies of House employees and oversaw the daily operations and workflow of the House under the direction of the Speaker of the House; and

WHEREAS, among her many professional contributions, on the national level Ms. MacFarland was elected by her peers to serve in every leadership post of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, including service as President in 2009, and in 1995 she became the first editor of the Journal of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, a publication that discusses topics such as parliamentary procedures, management and technology in state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Ms. MacFarland was a member of the Mason's Manual Commission, which is a commission entrusted with the copyright of the premier guide on legislative procedure used by legislatures in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ms. MacFarland received the Legislative Staff Achievement Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures for her dedicated and excellent service to the Maine Legislature in 1996, the first year the award was given; and

WHEREAS, from 1996 to 2002, Ms. MacFarland served as either permanent secretary or parliamentarian for the Maine Democratic Party State Convention, and she was active on the Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Committee and the Joseph W. Mayo ALS Scholarship Committee; and

WHEREAS, throughout Ms. MacFarland's tenure, she served with honor and distinction and displayed unflinching professionalism, integrity and expertise, and she exemplified the dedicated public servant with her commitment to the Maine Legislature and to the State of Maine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to pause in a moment of understanding and prayer to inscribe this token of sympathy and condolence to all who share our sorrow at the passing of the Honorable Millicent M.

MacFarland and to honor her memory for her many years of exemplary and loyal service to the Maine Legislature and the State of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the family of Millicent M. MacFarland with the appreciation and affection of the people of the State of Maine.

READ.

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

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Like hundreds of others, I adored Millie MacFarland and respected her deeply. Like hundreds, thousands, of others, I was the great beneficiary of Millie's wonderful tutelage and mentoring. For the knowledge and example she shared with me, I will always be grateful to her. For the extraordinary work she did for the people of Maine, we will all be grateful to her, always. Millie was a very modest person, and I just want to call attention to her enormous professional accomplishments, because she never talked about them. That Millie was respected as one of the finest parliamentarians in the country, the recognition she received for her work continually brought honor to our institution and to our state. Her outstanding work as a public servant lives on in state houses throughout this country. It lives on in this great institution that she loved so much, and it lives on in all of us who are here in Maine. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, Millie came to work at the State House my first term as Speaker roughly 30 years ago, and she, with Ed Pert, started to learn the rules. And she made it her goal to be a rule operator, negotiator; learning them, writing them, and then of course became part of the national organization which is part of NCSL where she excelled in her ability to show others how to do the job. She, in my opinion, was a fantastic servant, for this Legislature and for the state, and frankly for the nation. She was a fantastic individual and it didn't matter what party you were in, she was willing to help, much to my chagrin sometime. But she made it clear that her first duty was to the entire Legislature. Our present Clerk learned from her, and I'm sure he'll strive to someday become as great as Millie. We will miss her, and we know that everyone who served with her has that respect. And, so today we mourn her, but we also appreciate the work she did for the people of Maine.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.
Sent for concurrence.

Subsequently, Representative MOONEN of Portland reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

At this point, the Speaker appointed Representative GIDEON of Freeport to inform the Senate that the House was duly organized for business.

On motion of Representative SANBORN of Gorham, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at his discretion, to permit radio or television

in the Hall of the House of Representatives during joint conventions of the Legislature.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative DeCHANT of Bath, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 2)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be prepared by the Legislative Information Office, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, after adjournment of the present session, a Register of all the Bills and Resolves considered by both branches of the Legislature, showing the history and final disposition of each Bill and Resolve and that there be printed sufficient copies to meet the needs of the Legislature. A copy shall be mailed to each member and officer of the Legislature and the State Law and Legislative Reference Library.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the following House Order: (H.O. 1)

ORDERED, that the House Rules of the 126th Maine House of Representatives shall be the House Rules of the 127th Maine House of Representatives.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, and inquires to why the Representative rises.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that 4-4 is a Joint Order for passage of the House Rules, and it would seem odd to me that we would be passing, in fact, House Rules for the 127th Maine Legislature when we haven't yet established a Rules Committee or had an opportunity to have that Rules Committee meet. And, so I would ask that this matter be Tabled Mr. Speaker.

The same Representative moved that the House Order be **TABLED pending PASSAGE.**

The SPEAKER: A point of clarification from the Chair. The Representative from Newport's motion is in order. Just a point of clarification. We need to adopt the House Order in order to select the committee, so it's a piece of business that needs to happen prior to selecting the memberships of different committees. We really cannot move forward with business unless we adopt this House Order. The Representative has requested that this matter, 4-4, be Tabled.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just point of a clarification then. Is it my understanding that the passage of the Rules will simply allow for the process moving forward and the substance of the Rules would not be in place?

The SPEAKER: So, essentially, the House Order provides a framework and moves forward, carries forward, the Rules from the 126th. There can be amendments to the Rules, by majority vote, and we are going to get that date specific of when that could happen by a majority vote. We believe it's the fourth Friday in January, but we're going to clarify that and make sure that everybody has that accurate information so that we have a framework moving forward. There will be an ability to change, amend, and propose different Rules. The motion on the floor is to Table 4-4. Is it still the request of the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, that item 4-4 be Tabled?

Representative **FREDETTE**: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion to Table 4-4.

Subsequently, the same Representative **WITHDREW** his motion to **TABLE**.

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette has withdrawn his motion to Table 4-4. And just to clarify, it is the fourth Friday in January by which a Rule can be amended or adopted by majority vote. The Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe has presented the House Order. Is it now the pleasure of the House that the House Order receive passage? It's a vote.

Subsequently, the House Order was **PASSED**.

On motion of Representative **PETERSON** of Rumford, the following House Order: (H.O. 2)

ORDERED, that each adjournment of the House be until 10 o'clock of the following morning unless otherwise ordered.

READ and PASSED.

Subsequently, Representative **GIDEON** of Freeport reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative **McCABE** of Skowhegan, the following House Order: (H.O. 7)

ORDERED, that Representative Mark W. Eves of North Berwick be declared Speaker of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 7, 2016; and be it further

ORDERED, that Robert B. Hunt of Yarmouth be declared Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 7, 2016; and be it further

ORDERED, that Jennifer McGowan of Hallowell be declared Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives for a term to expire on December 7, 2016.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative **GIDEON** of Freeport, the following House Order: (H.O. 3)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed to furnish each member of the House with a copy of the Advance Journal and Calendar of the House, said copy to be on the desk of each member or electronically distributed at the opening of each daily session.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative **ROTUNDO** of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 4)

ORDERED, that the remaining subordinate officers of the House be appointed to serve for the present biennium as follows: by the Clerk, a Chief Calendar Clerk, two Advance Journal and Calendar Clerks, an Administrative Assistant, a Journal Copy Clerk, a House Reporter, a Senior Systems Support Coordinator, a Telephone Receptionist, and a Chamber Activities Coordinator; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized to accept resignations and fill any vacancies of said subordinate officers during the biennium.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative **ESPLING** of New Gloucester, the following House Order: (H.O. 5)

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be authorized to invite the clergy of Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner to officiate as Chaplains of the House, or to invite clergy from other areas of the State as requested by any member of the House; and be it further

ORDERED, that all clergy acting as Chaplains of the House shall receive \$30 for each officiation, to be paid on payrolls to be approved by the Clerk of the House.

READ and PASSED.

On motion of Representative **GUERIN** of Glenburn, the following House Order: (H.O. 6)

ORDERED, that the Speaker of the House is authorized, at his discretion, to permit radio or television in the Hall of the House of Representatives while the House is in session.

READ and PASSED.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 1)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 126th Legislature shall be the Joint Rules of the 127th Legislature, except for the following changes:

Joint Rule 202 is amended as follows:

Rule 202. Cloture for Legislators at the First Regular Session.

All requests for bills and resolves submitted by Legislators for a first regular session must be submitted in complete form, as provided in Joint Rule 208, to the Revisor of Statutes by 4:00 p.m. on ~~Friday, January 18, 2013~~ the 3rd Friday in December, except that for the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature, the cloture date is the first Friday in January.

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

READ and PASSED in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 2)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation established by statute, 12 payments on a biweekly basis commencing January 7, 2015, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, respectively.

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

READ and PASSED in concurrence.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 3)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to prepare weekly, from expense accounts to be submitted to him by the members of the Senate and House, expense rosters showing the entitlement of each member for meals allowance and lodging reimbursement and to obtain approval thereof by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, and deliver the same to the State Controller for processing and

payment, in the manner and form recommended by the Joint Interim Committee of the 101st Legislature created to study and report on a method of implementing the administration of the provision of law relating to the mileage and expenses for members of the Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council be authorized and directed to provide the forms necessary for such purpose and provide suitable space in his office for the filing and safekeeping of all such expense accounts and other papers and records pertaining thereto.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 4)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 5)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House respectively, purchase such services, supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate and House, respectively.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 6)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a sufficient number of the Legislative Record for the 127th Legislature be printed, one copy for each of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who so desires, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. The remainder to be deposited with the State Law Librarian for exchange and library use; and be it further

ORDERED, that suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 7)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 9:30 in the morning.

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 8)

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF JOY J. O'BRIEN

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret that We, the Members of the 127th Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to honor the memory of the Honorable Joy J. O'Brien, who served the Senate as a dedicated public servant for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joy J. O'Brien, of Portland, former Secretary of the Senate, was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, grew up in Deering Center in Portland and graduated from

Deering High School and New England College in New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, she began her career working with the New Hampshire Legislature and began her over 42 years of service in Maine in 1980 when she served in the Maine Legislature's Senate Democratic Office as a special assistant; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 she was sworn in as Secretary of the Senate, where she served with commitment and distinction until her passing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Brien was instrumental in the major remodeling of the Senate Chamber, and under her direction the Senate balcony was reopened for public use; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Brien served longer than any other Secretary of the Senate, and she was an excellent parliamentarian, a very skilled administrator and a respected member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; and

WHEREAS, she was indispensable to the workings of the Senate, relied upon by everyone, and her many years of dedicated service to the State of Maine have made a positive and lasting effect upon the Maine State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Joy J. O'Brien will be sadly missed and long remembered by her family, her friends and her colleagues at the Legislature and throughout State Government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to pause in a moment of understanding and prayer to inscribe this token of sympathy and condolence to all who share our sorrow at the passing of the Honorable Joy J. O'Brien and to honor her memory for her many years of exemplary and loyal service to the Legislature and the State of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the family of Joy J. O'Brien with the appreciation and affection of the people of the State of Maine.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.
READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

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

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot of that body, that the Senate had been duly organized by the election of the Honorable MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU of Waldo as President, HEATHER J.R. PRIEST as Secretary and SHAWN RODERICK as Assistant Secretary, and the Senate was ready to transact such business as might come before it.

At this point, a message came from the Senate, borne by Senator MASON of Androscoggin of that body, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held at 6:00 o'clock in the Hall of the House for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, a Secretary of State and a State Treasurer.

Thereupon the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held at 6:00 o'clock and the Speaker appointed Representative McCABE of Skowhegan to convey this message to the Senate.

Subsequently, Representative McCABE of Skowhegan reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The House recessed until 6:00 p.m.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

At this point, the Senate came and a Joint Convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, the Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, in the Chair.

The Convention was called to order by the Chair.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Haskell.

Senator **HASKELL**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chairman, I nominate the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2015 and 2016, and wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and members of the joint caucus. I will be brief. I have a lot of information, but briefly I want to tell you a little bit about Secretary of State Matt Dunlap.

He has an extraordinary educational background. He has some interesting jobs that he's done in the course of his life; he's been a textile worker, fur trapper, a publishing editor, a radio show host, a waiter and a bartender. Really? He's an eclectic individual. He's also an intellectual individual. His degrees in History and in English and in Public Service. His relevant experience. He's served in the House. He understands what our needs are. He knows how to serve the issues that matter to us, because he's been here, and because he's sat on both sides of that issue, both as the Secretary of State.

As Secretary of State he's been very effective in his two terms, and active in the National Association, has held office there, and the convention's coming here – the National Convention, his fingerprints all over that. He's done so much stuff at the Secretary of State's office, it's been good for our state. The central voter registration, voting overseas and military voting, in the November Storm, the utility workers – that kind of stuff. Those are the kinds of relevant work that he's been doing that matters to us and matters to our constituents. He's very active in kids' issues. He was a founding member of the Maine Youth Fish and Game, created the essay contest for American History, Native American History and Culture, the Medal of Honor Project in the Maine Senate, and you are all familiar with the student mock elections, Maine History Day, eighth grade citizenship awards, and all those kinds of issues which help inform our kids about our history and our government and the value of that.

I also want you to know one more thing that I know about Secretary Dunlap, and that's his level of integrity. I've watched

him for a long time. He is a master of being sure that the law is followed to the letter. It's his stock and trade, and he has made decisions that have been displeasing to both sides of the aisle. And I'll tell you he has taken no favorites when it comes to the exercise of his duties and his responsibilities. He's been on the kinds of things that speak to his integrity, the Maine Wabanaki State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This is the first in the world where all of the entities have agreed to the process. That's the kind of a place where we have Matt Dunlap working for us. There's so many other things I could talk about, but this man is a man available to us. He's always in the halls, and always at the end of any phone call you make to him. This man has the heart of a servant. He truly does. Maybe that's from being a bartender, I don't know, but I honestly believe that his heart is in the service of this state and of this Legislature and I urge you to support him for Secretary of State. Thank you Mr. Chair.

On motion of Senator HASKELL of Cumberland, the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town was placed in nomination for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Frey.

Representative **FREY**: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President I second the nomination of the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town for Secretary of State and I wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, Women and Men of this joint session, I am pleased to rise this evening to second the nomination of Matthew Dunlap of Old Town to remain Secretary of State, to continue in that position. Over the last couple years, it has been my delight, to come to know Secretary Dunlap and watch him in action as he masterfully managed the broad responsibilities of the Maine Secretary of State's office. Secretary Dunlap is a dedicated public servant and he has been a faithful steward of the important work that he has been entrusted to do. His prior service in this Legislature and his multiple terms as Secretary of State have provided him with a significant perspective which I believe he regularly relies upon as he promotes the important work of his office. Fortunately, as a result of his years working as Secretary of State, we have a clear understanding of how good and solid a work product Secretary Dunlap can provide. What strikes me most about what Matt has conducted himself as Maine Secretary of State is the respect that he has shown. He has shown respect for the processes that are so important to the functioning of our state, like with elections and making sure that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles runs efficiently. And his genuine, and I do mean genuine concern, for Maine's tangible history that is maintained in the Archives.

He has also shown respect for the Legislature, both the institution and its individual members. He has shown particular attention to the needs that we often approach him with to make sure that we can do better for our constituents. And, most importantly, for our consideration today, he has shown respect for the office that he holds, in acting in a manner that is beyond reproach. Now, I would caution you to be careful about entering into a conversation with him about a matter of historical significance to Maine. A walking encyclopedia of events that, sort of, show what Maine is all about, he will talk your ears off with enthusiasm about those things that are important to our State, and maybe some things that aren't, but he knows them anyway and he'll tell you. I would suggest that that is just another additional reason why he is the person with the passion, the enthusiasm, and the dedication, to serve in this office.

On a more personal note, Matt is a gentleman. He is kind, he is affable, and I have been impressed with his manner as he has always been attentive and responsive to my inquiries. It means a lot, and it speaks to his character. So, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentleman of this joint session, I'd ask you to join me in supporting Matt Dunlap of Old Town for the position of Secretary of State. Thank you Mr. President.

Representative FREY of Bangor seconded the motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Senator KATZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I nominate the Honorable Jonathan T.E. Courtney of Pownal for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2015 and 2016 and wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and Men and Women of the House, pardon me, Men and Women of the Senate, it's an honor to appear before you. My name is Roger Katz and I represent Augusta and four surrounding towns in the Maine Senate. In fact, if you look out that window, you can almost see my house, and I'd like to welcome you at the end of the Session, when I will spend my mileage checks on a six pack of Bud Light, and you're all welcome to come.

I do rise this evening to nominate my former colleague and my friend, Jon Courtney for Maine's next Secretary of State. Let's get the easy part out of the way first. Jon's impressive résumé – small businessman, real estate developer, five terms in this Legislature, a distinguished term as the Majority Leader in the State Senate, a lead role in the Regulatory Fairness and Reform Committee that helped cut through the red tape that was burdening so many of our businesses. A lead in ushering through the state pension reform, helping clean up the Maine Turnpike Authority and bring accountability to the Maine State Housing Authority— these are all things that have Jon Courtney's fingerprints all over them. And Jon is the father of four grown children and grandfather to four.

But what this résumé does not really tell you are the qualities that really define who Jon Courtney is. Those of you who know him know that he is a tireless worker, he's a leader, he's a collaborator, and most importantly, he is a man of integrity. When you think about it, aren't those the exactly the same kinds of qualities we're looking for in a Secretary of State? It is an important job.

This nomination is no knock, whatsoever, on the current occupant of the Office. But it is a call for a time for a new perspective, new ideas, and new enthusiasm, the kinds of perspective, ideas and enthusiasm that Jon Courtney will bring to the Office. When I served with Jon in the State Senate, time and time again, I saw him do not the easy thing, but the right thing, even when it wasn't always popular. He will run the Secretary of State's office with exactly that kind of integrity and honor. I reach out to Democrats, Republicans, Independents and Greens alike, and urge you to join with me in voting for Jon Courtney for Maine's next Secretary of State. Thank you, and thank you Mr. Chairman.

On motion of Senator KATZ of Kennebec, the Honorable Jonathan T.E. Courtney of Pownal was placed in nomination for the office of Secretary of State for the political years 2015 and 2016.

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester seconded the motion.

Senator MASON of Androscoggin moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees are the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town and the Honorable Jonathan T.E. Courtney of Pownal for the office of Secretary of State. The Chair will

appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of the Secretary of State for the State of Maine for the political years 2015 and 2016.

Subsequently, the Chair appointed:

The Senator from Cumberland, Senator HASKELL

The Representative from Bangor, Representative FREY

The Senator from Kennebec, Senator KATZ

The Representative from New Gloucester, Representative ESPLING

The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator MASON

The Chair will announce the result. 184 votes having been cast, 93 votes necessary for choice, the Honorable Matthew Dunlap having received a majority of all votes cast, the Chair declared the Honorable Matthew Dunlap of Old Town duly elected Secretary of State of the State of Maine for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative ROTUNDO: Mr. Chairman, I nominate the Honorable Neria Douglass of Auburn for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2015 and 2016 and wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Chair and Members of the Joint Convention. As Chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, I've had the unique experience of working with Neria Douglass firsthand on critical and complicated financial matters of the State of Maine. Neria has the experience and the much needed financial know-how to do the job right for the people of Maine. She is a certified internal auditor, an attorney at law, former state legislator, and a passionate public servant. Neria understands that strategic economic investment in our state is critical to growing jobs, and she knows how to bring bonds to market in a way that ensures the best deal for our taxpayers. She has been a strong and steady advocate for investing in our state to create jobs and grow a stronger economy at Maine, at a time when our state lags behind the nation. She oversaw the sale of \$127 million worth of bonds, \$50 million more than expected for 45 capital projects across the State, creating jobs and improving infrastructure in many of our districts. Because of her financial skill and tenacity, she was able to secure \$38 million more for eight projects, which mostly involved transportation needs. She delivered on a promise made two years ago to issue the backlog of bonds, and newly approved bonds too. She did not give up or waver in her commitment to do this, or to honor the voters' vision for investments in our state.

Many of us are not excited by the minutia of bond ratings or interest rates, but Neria is fascinated by them. She and the team she put together are skilled and talented at managing huge financial transactions while keeping track of all of the details. She has proven to be astute in her knowledge and understanding of state revenues, expenses and accounts, helping to improve Maine's financial rating from negative to stable. She oversaw the largest one day payment in state history of \$490 million to hospitals across the State. She's also helped legislators return \$11.5 million in unclaimed property to our constituents.

Treasurer Douglass has the experience and knowledge needed to serve as Treasurer. As a former state auditor of eight years, she knows the state finances and programs inside and out. I've known Neria for many years. We were seat mates in the Senate for four years, and during that time, I was continually

impressed by her critical and analytical thinking skills which were apparent in every vote she took in the Senate. For as long as I've known Neria, she has been committed to improving government, making it work better for the people. Her work to grow transparency in state finances has been recognized by the National State Treasurers Association. She's now working on several initiatives to help Maine people and businesses. She's started planning a Debt Affordability Commission to further improve the state's standing with investors and rating agencies. The Commission will assess our financial status and forecast to provide guidelines on minimum and maximum levels of debt that Maine can afford over time. This will better inform our investments as a state.

Neria is also working on an innovative program to help lower bank fees for Maine people and businesses, looking and relying on the experiences of other states across the country. Neria has been a dedicated Treasurer working to ensure the best use of taxpayer dollars, while growing our economy and improving the state's financial standing. She has the right experience, knowledge, and the passion and commitment to serve as our Treasurer. I urge you to join me in supporting her for a second term. Thank you.

On motion of Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, the Honorable Neria Douglass of Auburn was placed in nomination for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Grant.

Representative GRANT: Mr. Chairman, I second the nomination of the Honorable Neria Douglass of Auburn for the office of State Treasurer and wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Joint Convention. I am honored to second the nomination of Neria Douglass as Maine's Treasurer. I believe Treasurer Douglass's qualifications for the job are well known and her service in this position has been outstanding. In the last session, I served on the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future, and one of our most important charges was to develop a job stimulation bond package to recommend to the full Legislature and the Chief Executive. As part of that process, Treasurer Douglass worked with our Committee to help us better understand the bond process and the broader current picture so that we could make sound recommendations. The voters passed all of those bond issues in November. I am confident that within her capacity as our Treasurer she will carry on the economic development work our Committee and this Legislature began last session.

Treasurer Douglass has a record of achievement in several key areas that have already been mentioned. In addition, her leadership and skills have led to an improved rating of our college savings program, and growth in our college savings funds has been impressive, increasing from six to eight billion dollars in the two years she has served as Treasurer. In addition, Maine's pension funds grew and our state's bond outlook rating improved. By any metric, Neria Douglass's service to Maine as our State Treasurer has led to our state's financial improvement. And I am confident that this progress will continue in her next term. I ask you to join me in voting for Neria Douglass as our State Treasurer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Representative GRANT of Gardiner seconded the motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello.

Senator SAVIELLO: Mr. Chairman, I nominate the Honorable Terry Hayes of Buckfield for the office of State

Treasurer for the political years 2015 and 2016 and now wish to speak to my motion.

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentleman of the Legislature, I am Senator Tom Saviello, I represent Franklin County, and to many that know me know that I recognize that area as the center of the Universe. Today I am given the opportunity to nominate my friend and colleague to be the Treasurer of the State of Maine. Why, you ask? Well, to me, it's not about politics, although there are some that say that this is why I nominate her. It's not about partisanship, because although there are always those that will say that, that's not why. Those that really know me, know that politics and partisanship do not sway me. I do not and will do what is the right thing. As she said it herself, she will be the Treasurer, not as a Democrat, not as a Republican, but she will be the Treasurer of the State of Maine.

She has legislative experience and knows how to work with us. She has budgetary and bond experience from that time in the Legislature. She has demonstrated leadership. She's a business owner. She's a teacher and been a mentor to many of you in this Chamber. She is nonpartisan. She listens, networks, and is a creative problem solver. She has an MBA. She is a woman with a family that she recognizes and loves. She has the courage to flow upstream when it's necessary. For those reasons, and knowing that she can work together, I offer her as our next Treasurer and ask for your support. Thank you Mr. President.

On motion of Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin, the Honorable Terry Hayes of Buckfield was placed in nomination for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oakland, Representative Nutting.

Representative NUTTING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I second the nomination of the Honorable Terry Hayes of Buckfield for the office of State Treasurer and wish to speak to my motion.

Men and Women of the House and Senate, I am pleased to rise to second the nomination for the Honorable Terry Hayes. Today I was sworn in as a State Representative for the eighth time. Needless to say, I have got to know a whole bunch of legislators. Tonight I'd like to tell you just briefly about one of them.

During the 123rd Legislature, while I was out of the legislature for two years, the people of Buckfield first sent Terry Hayes to represent them here. In the 124th Legislature, when I returned, I got to know Terry. Terry served her first two terms on the State and Local Government Committees, work that is not usually considered a springboard to leadership. However in the 125th Legislature, she served as the Assistant Democratic Leader, while I served as Speaker of the House. She was fair, she was honest, and she was levelheaded. Although we often had different political views, sometimes really different, she worked with the leaders from both parties to do what was best for her constituents and for the State of Maine. And she worked tirelessly for the people in her Democratic caucus. Although Terry and I had a great working relationship, in the run up to the election in November of 2012 she convinced her son, Harry, a resident of Oakland, to run against me. Imagine. And Terry, I thought we were friends. I know no one who would make a better State Treasurer than Terry Hayes. I hope that you will join me this evening in electing Terry as our State Treasurer. She has earned your vote. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Representative NUTTING of Oakland seconded the motion.

Senator MASON of Androscoggin moved that nominations cease.

The CHAIR: The nominees are the Honorable Neria Douglass of Auburn and the Honorable Terry Hayes of Buckfield for the office of State Treasurer for the political years 2015 and 2016. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of the State Treasurer for the State of Maine for the political years 2015 and 2016.

Subsequently the Chair appointed:

The Representative from Lewiston, Representative ROTUNDO
The Representative from Gardiner, Representative GRANT
The Senator from Franklin, Senator SAVIELLO
The Representative from Oakland, Representative NUTTING
The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator MASON

The Chair will announce the result. 184 votes having been cast, 93 votes necessary for choice, the Honorable Terry Hayes having received a majority of all votes cast, the Chair declared the Honorable Terry Hayes of Buckfield duly elected Treasurer for the State of Maine for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The CHAIR: Nominations are now in order for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND**: Mr. Chair, I nominate the Honorable Janet T. Mills of Farmington for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2015 and 2016 and wish to speak to my motion.

Ladies and Gentleman of the Joint Convention, the hour is late, my voice is failing a bit, and I'm going to be brief. But I want you to know how honored I am to place in nomination the name of Janet Mills for Maine's Attorney General. Her credentials, all she has done, her achievements, her awards, her recognitions, are phenomenal. They are extensive and very impressive. She's a distinguished lawyer. She's a law professor. She was an Assistant Attorney General. She was a distinguished legislator. She was also the first woman Maine Attorney General. Beyond that, she was the first woman District Attorney that was ever elected in Northeast United States. That was in 1980. You have to do the math on that one.

Most of what the Attorney General does, or any constitutional officer in fact, is behind the scenes as things we all don't see. She's managing a large government agency. In fact, it could be called the largest law firm in the State. One of the things that she's done that I've been so impressed with is her prosecution of child sexual predators. Her office has been phenomenal. She's found herself and her office in very difficult situations, things that I couldn't even explain to you today. But because of her role and the role of the Department of Attorney General, the computer crime unit has been able to arrest and prosecute many dangerous people who put the lives of our children at risk. For that I'll be forever grateful to her.

She's not intimidated by power or by position, or by very controversial issues, especially in the area I just mentioned to you. She's performed her job as Maine's Attorney General with distinction. She's met the challenges with dignity, and she's someone you can be proud of. So I'd ask you to join me in supporting and voting for Janet Mills for Maine's Attorney General. Thank you, Ladies and Gentleman.

On motion of Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, the Honorable Janet T. Mills of Farmington was placed in nomination for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bar Harbor, Representative Hubbell.

Representative **HUBBELL**: Thank you Mr. Chair. I second the nomination of the Honorable Janet T. Mills of Farmington for Attorney General and wish to speak to my motion.

Men and Women of the House and Senate, those assembled today in this Chamber well understand Attorney General Mills's qualifications. Fifteen years as District Attorney, many years in private practice, and now as Attorney General heading up what she describes with understandable pride as the largest and best law firm in the state. And currently representing the state in some 7,000 legal matters. But more than just her qualifying experience, what prompts me to rise to second the good Senator from Cumberland's nomination is Attorney General Mills's depth of knowledge, both comprehensive and in painstaking legal detail, her dedication, her fortitude, tenacity, courage, intelligence, humor, and not least her conviction in the aggregative merit of our common human experience. And, her humane wisdom earned through appreciation of arts and literature and undoubtedly garnered during many generations of extended bipartisan family Thanksgiving debates, tempered by joint respect of the example of rectitude set by the Mills's family neighbor, Margaret Chase Smith.

So at this time, when competence, integrity and adherence to the overarching principle of government, according to the rule of law, should continue to be our highest priorities, I wholeheartedly second the nomination of Janet Mills to be our next Attorney General and I ask that you join me in support.

Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor seconded the motion.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Mr. Chair, I nominate William Logan of Augusta for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2015 and 2016 and wish to speak to my motion.

Ladies and Gentleman of the House and the Senate, it's my honor to nominate William Logan for this position. William Logan is someone who practices currently in Newport and in Portland. He is a graduate of Cony High School right here in Augusta. A graduate of Wake Forest with a law degree, and the University of Maine School of Law. He's been practicing law for the past ten years and in that area he has been, as I said, practicing law in Newport and Portland. And I think that's important, because as I have seen, and last night as I had the opportunity to speak to the Chief Justice and the Chief Justice of the district court system, one of the things that I think is important in this state, is that we have a commitment to rural justice in this state, access to rural justice. The understanding of what happens in our district court system, our superior court system, in the day to day basis of what's going on, whether it be family court, criminal matters, foreclosures and what not.

The office of Attorney General, the scope of that will be certainly well beyond that, but Bill is certainly well prepared in that capacity. Currently he serves in a public service capacity, serving on the Right to Know Advisory Commission, and the Commission on the Maine Commission of Indigent Legal Services. I know Bill to be a good friend, a man of integrity and character, and I ask that you support William Logan for the position of Attorney General. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

On motion of Representative FREDETTE of Newport, William Logan of Augusta was placed in nomination for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2015 and 2016.

The CHAIR: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley.

Senator **LANGLEY**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I second the nomination of William Logan of Augusta for Attorney General and wish to speak to my motion.

Good evening, Men and Women of this Joint Convention, I'd like to second the nomination of William Logan for Attorney General. Bill has proven himself as a talented, knowledgeable, and perhaps most importantly trustworthy attorney. His professional and personal integrity are unimpeachable. Anyone who's worked with him can attest to that. He's led an impressive career and is highly respected among his colleagues. As an experienced, practicing attorney, Bill has an extraordinary, wide breadth of knowledge about Maine's laws and justice system. From family law to real estate to election law, Bill is a trusted source of knowledge and advice on any number of legal issues. His understanding of the intricacies of our justice system would be a great benefit to our state.

And Bill is no stranger to public service either. He already serves the people of Maine as a member of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services and the Maine Right to Know Advisory Committees. Both of these panels deal with the issues of great importance to our state. He is a reasonable, trusted voice on these panels and he's respected by folks on both sides of the aisle. It's not often that one is pleased to say that they have encounters with an attorney. But I will say that about the times I have worked with Bill, in seeking out his advice and insight on matters related to the campaigns, he's showed himself to be extremely intelligent, fair-minded, and not only able but willing to explore all sides of an issue. He's precisely the type of person we want as an Attorney General- reasonable, fair, knowledgeable, and an excellent legal mind. I have every confidence that Bill Logan will carry out the duties of Attorney General with the utmost integrity and hope you will join me in voting for him. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock seconded the motion.

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin moved that nominations cease.

The **CHAIR**: The nominees are the Honorable Janet T. Mills of Farmington and William Logan of Augusta for the office of Attorney General for the political years 2015 and 2016. The Chair will appoint a committee to receive, sort and count votes for the office of Attorney General for the State of Maine for the political years 2015 and 2016.

Subsequently the Chair appointed:

The Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DIAMOND**
The Representative from Bar Harbor, Representative **HUBBELL**
The Representative from Newport, Representative **FREDETTE**
The Senator from Hancock, Senator **LANGLEY**
The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON**

The Chair will announce the result. 184 votes having been cast, 93 votes necessary for choice, the Honorable Janet T. Mills having received a majority of all votes cast, the Chair declared the Honorable Janet T. Mills of Farmington duly elected to the office of Attorney General for the political years 2015 and 2016.

On a motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the Governor of the election of Constitutional Officers.

On a motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the Constitutional Officers of their election.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chair declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to its chamber.

(After the Joint Convention)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

On motion of Representative **HUBBELL** of Bar Harbor, the House adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2015, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 7) and in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland, of Augusta, and the Honorable Paul D. McGowan, of York.