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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
1st Legislative Day
Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Representatives to the One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to order by MARK W. EVES of North Berwick, Speaker of the House.

Prayer by The Reverend Jane Field, Executive Director, Maine Council of Churches, Portland.

National Anthem by Paige Morin, North Berwick.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctors of the day, Brian Pierce, M.D., West Rockport and Lisa Gouldsbrough, D.O., Biddeford.

Pursuant to his authority under House Rule 401.1, the Chair assigned Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland to seat 93, Representative KINNEY of Limington to seat 150, Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle to seat 73 and Representative SUKEFORTH of Appleton to seat 143, effective immediately.

A roll call was taken. 138 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were:

Representative BATTLE of South Portland
Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield
Representative GILLWAY of Searsport
Representative GOODE of Bangor
Representative GROHMAN of Biddeford
Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford
Representative HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor
Representative HYMANSON of York
Representative McLEAN of Gorham
Representative ORDWAY of Standish
Representative POULIOT of Augusta
Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea
Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough
Representative WINSOR of Norway

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot of that body, announcing a quorum present and that the Senate was ready to transact any business that might properly come before it.

At this point, pursuant to his authority under House Rule 201, the Chair addressed the House.

Speaker **EVES**: Pursuant to House Rule 201 it's my honor and privilege to address the House this morning. I wanted to welcome everybody back, Leader Fredette, Assistant Leader Espling, Leader McCabe, Assistant Leader Gideon and all Members of the 127th Legislature. We are entering into our Second Regular Session. I hope everybody had a good six months off back in your communities with your families. I especially hope that you had a good holiday season and beginning to the New Year.

I have a very short message to all Members today. Having time to reflect back in our communities with our friends and

families, it becomes clearer and clearer to me every day that the people of Maine only want us to do one thing: that is not win political arguments, but that is win jobs for them; that is to win on the drug crisis; that is to win on many of the priorities that all of you bring to this chamber. Tone is always important. I appreciated last session the work that we did together. I anticipate that we'll continue to do work together this session. The issues are too important to let the press releases and the political talking points get in the way. I remind myself that as much as I remind every other Member here of that.

I really hope that we can have a productive session of this second session. With that, my door is always open. Please come visit, whether it's for a cup of coffee or for a deep conversation. Always welcome, and please let us know how we can do our jobs better and make sure that we're all delivering on what our constituents have sent us here to do.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the following House Order: (H.O. 30)

ORDERED, that a Committee of 10 be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Paul Richard LePage, and inform him that a quorum of the House of Representatives was assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed the following Members to the Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House:

Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth
Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville
Representative SAUCIER of Presque Isle
Representative SCHNECK of Bangor
Representative MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston
Representative KINNEY of Limington
Representative TURNER of Burlington
Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford
Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln
Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

On motion of Representative GIDEON of Freeport, the following House Order: (H.O. 31)

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed Representative McCABE of Skowhegan to inform the Senate that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 363)
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

August 21, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:
I write to inform you that I have moved my residence outside of my House district. Given this, I feel that I must resign my seat in the Legislature effective immediately. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve the citizens of House District 23 as their representative. My employer is planning to relocate its headquarters, which made a move out of Standish the right choice for my family. I felt it was best that I vacate the seat as soon as possible so that the residents of the district will have the opportunity to fill the seat before the Legislature reconvenes in January. I also want to thank you for your leadership and the confidence you have placed in me by naming me as the chair of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife committee. It has been a privilege to work with fellow committee members and the Department over the last 7 years. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. I wish you all the best and great success in the second session. Respectfully,
S/Michael Shaw
State Representative, District 23
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 364)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

August 17, 2015
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Governor LePage has set Tuesday, November 3, 2015, as the date for the Special Election to be held in District 19. Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Governor's Proclamation. Please contact the Division of Elections at 624-7650 if you have any questions regarding this election. Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 365)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

September 8, 2015
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Governor LePage has set Tuesday, November 3, 2015, as the date for the Special Election to be held in District 23. Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Governor's Proclamation. Please contact the Division of Elections at 624-7650 if you have any questions regarding this election. Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 366)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

January 6, 2016
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 3, 2015 Special Legislative Elections for Representative Districts 19 and 23 and the November 3, 2015 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 23, 2015.

District 19
DiGregorio, Victor E., Sanford 111
Harrington, Matthew A., Sanford 767
Noon, Jean M., Sanford 754

District 23
Olson, Lynn D., Standish 496
Ordway, Lester S., Standish 629
Pomerleau, Philip N., Standish 344
Wakefield, Michael, Standish 71
Others 11

Question 1: Citizen Initiative
Number of Votes in Favor 119,992
Number of Votes Opposed 98,343

Question 2: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 151,695
Number of Votes Opposed 67,160

Question 3: Bond Issue
Number of Votes in Favor 159,050
Number of Votes Opposed 59,595

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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

December 4, 2015

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

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRSA, Section I, 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 20, 2015:

DISTRICT 19 Matthew A. Harrington, Sanford

DISTRICT 23 Lester S. Ordway, Standish

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

S/Matthew Dunlap

Secretary of State

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

At this point, the Speaker announced the presence in the Hall of the House of:

Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford and
Representative ORDWAY of Standish

Pursuant to his authority under House Rule 401.1, the Chair assigned:

Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford to Seat 81 and
Representative ORDWAY of Standish to Seat 149

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Sanford, Representative HARRINGTON and the Representative from Standish, Representative ORDWAY, and they were added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Newfield, Representative CAMPBELL, and he was added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

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

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1001)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

November 23, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

127th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On November 23, 2015, 2 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on November 23, 2015, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 30: Prior Approval Process and Stop Work Orders, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 999) (L.D. 1458) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Delay Any New Statewide Assessment Test" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1000) (L.D. 1459) (Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, GIDEON of Freeport, HANLEY of Pittston, MAKER of Calais, McCABE of Skowhegan, O'CONNOR of Berwick, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1003)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 4, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

127th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 4, 2015, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 4, 2015, as follows:

Judiciary

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Counsel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1002) (L.D. 1460) (Submitted by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1007)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 17, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

127th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 17, 2015, 3 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 17, 2015, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Allow Members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program To Reapply for Disability Retirement Benefits after Denial and To Allow the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Offer Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage" (H.P. 1004) (L.D. 1463) (Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells) (Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, HANLEY of Pittston, HARRINGTON of Sanford, ORDWAY of Standish, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, VACHON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Revise the Educational Personnel Certification Statutes and To Direct the Department of Education To Review Department Rules Regarding Educational Personnel Certification" (H.P. 1005) (L.D. 1464) (Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FOWLE of Vassalboro, LAJOIE of Lewiston, McCLELLAN of Raymond, ORDWAY of Standish, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PIERCE of Falmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services" (H.P. 1006) (L.D. 1465) (Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, DION of Portland, FOWLE of Vassalboro, MAKER of Calais, SHORT of Pittsfield, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1038)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 21, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

127th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 21, 2015, 28 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 21, 2015, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Allow the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Transfer Ownership of Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Equipment to Incorporated Nonprofit Snowmobile Clubs" (H.P. 1008) (L.D. 1485) (Sponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton) (Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, KINNEY of Knox, PICKETT of Dixfield, STETKIS of Canaan) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve, To Reauthorize the Issuance of Certain Bonds for Land Conservation Projects (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1009) (L.D. 1486) (Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLACK of Wilton, BLUME of York, CHENETTE of Saco, CHIPMAN of Portland, COREY of Windham, DOORE of Augusta, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, GILLWAY of Searsport, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HAMANN of South Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, KINNEY of Knox, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, MAKER of Calais, MAREAN of Hollis, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, ORDWAY of Standish, PIERCE of Falmouth, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STETKIS of Canaan, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Washburn, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, WOODSOME of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers" (H.P. 1035) (L.D. 1512) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: DAVITT of Hampden, DOORE of Augusta, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York, MAKER of Calais, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, NADEAU of Winslow, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, POULIOT of Augusta, RYKERSON of Kittery, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, PATRICK of Oxford, WOODSOME of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws on Protection from Abuse and Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1010) (L.D. 1487) (Sponsored by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MAKER of Calais, McCLELLAN of Raymond, PIERCE of Falmouth, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program in Maine" (H.P. 1011) (L.D. 1488) (Sponsored by Representative DION of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator GERZOSKY of Cumberland and Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GATTINE of Westbrook, LAJOIE of Lewiston, PIERCE of Falmouth, Senator: WOODSOME of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify Expenditures Regarding Androscoggin County" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1012) (L.D. 1489) (Sponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Arts Commission" (H.P. 1013) (L.D. 1490) (Sponsored by Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DeCHANT of Bath, HANLEY of Pittston, MAKER of Calais, POULIOT of Augusta, STETKIS of Canaan, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: EDGECOMB of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Trained, Nonmedical Employees in Schools To Administer Emergency Medications" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1014) (L.D. 1491) (Sponsored by Representative CHENETTE of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, ESPLING of New Gloucester, GATTINE of Westbrook, GIDEON of Freeport, NADEAU of Winslow, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Education Standards in Maine" (H.P. 1015) (L.D. 1492) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FOLEY of Wells, HANLEY of Pittston, HOBART of Bowdoinham, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, STETKIS of Canaan, WHITE of Washburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Arts Commission" (H.P. 1016) (L.D. 1493) (Sponsored by Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DeCHANT of Bath, HANLEY of Pittston, MAKER of Calais, POULIOT of Augusta, STETKIS of Canaan, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: EDGECOMB of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Allow the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District To Establish and Maintain a Capital Reserve Fund" (H.P. 1018) (L.D. 1495) (Sponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow

(Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: BECK of Waterville, DOORE of Augusta, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, SHORT of Pittsfield, THERIAULT of China) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Revise Oil Spill Reporting Standards" (H.P. 1017) (L.D. 1494) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, CHIPMAN of Portland, JORGENSEN of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery" (H.P. 1019) (L.D. 1496) (Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HARRINGTON of Sanford, KINNEY of Knox, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, TUELL of East Machias, WHITE of Washburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1020) (L.D. 1497) (Sponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, FOLEY of Wells, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MAKER of Calais, WHITE of Washburn) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Medicaid Managed Care Ombudsman Services" (H.P. 1021) (L.D. 1498) (Sponsored by Representative VACHON of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, COREY of Windham, FOLEY of Wells, GERRISH of Lebanon, GINZLER of Bridgton, HEAD of Bethel, HYMANSON of York, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McELWEE of Caribou, ORDWAY of Standish, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, VALENTINO of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Increase the Safety of Social Workers" (H.P. 1022) (L.D. 1499) (Sponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, CHENETTE of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook, GIDEON of Freeport, HOBBS of Saco, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Protect and Promote Access to Sport Shooting Ranges" (H.P. 1023) (L.D. 1500) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: GROHMAN of Biddeford, MAREAN of Hollis, ORDWAY of Standish, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senators: BURNS of Washington, DIAMOND of Cumberland, VOLK of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Disqualification for Unemployment Benefits during Stoppages of Work" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1024) (L.D. 1501) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan) (Cosponsored by Senator

CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: HARRINGTON of Sanford, ORDWAY of Standish, SIROCKI of Scarborough, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Provide Flexibility in the Designation of the Closed Period for Elver Harvesting" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1025) (L.D. 1502) (Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BATTLE of South Portland, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create a Class II Limited Lobster and Crab Fishing License and Improve the Limited-entry System" (H.P. 1026) (L.D. 1503) (Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BATTLE of South Portland, BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Establish November 1st as Veterans in the Arts and Humanities Day" (H.P. 1027) (L.D. 1504) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DEVIN of Newcastle, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Biddeford, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GROHMAN of Biddeford, LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Student Loan Repayment by Allowing Graduates To Claim Educational Opportunity Tax Credits on Eligible Portions of Consolidated Loans" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1028) (L.D. 1505) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BLUME of York, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, HEAD of Bethel, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, ROSEN of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Additional Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Tax Legislation Concerning Pension Income" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1029) (L.D. 1506) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, NUTTING of Oakland, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Person Whose Operator's License Is Suspended Due to Failure To Pay Child Support To Drive to and from a Place of Employment" (H.P. 1030) (L.D. 1507) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senator EDGECOMB of Aroostook and Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, ORDWAY of Standish, PICKETT of Dixfield, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, TUELL of East Machias, VACHON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding the Distribution and Off-site Storage of Spirits by Licensed Reselling Agents" (H.P. 1031) (L.D. 1508)

(Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GIDEON of Freeport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, McCABE of Skowhegan, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Simplify the Filing of Campaign Independent Expenditure and 24-hour Reports" (H.P. 1032) (L.D. 1509) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Disclosure of Financial Activities by Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees" (H.P. 1033) (L.D. 1510) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Retailers To Return Promotional Alcoholic Beverages to Wholesalers" (H.P. 1034) (L.D. 1511) (Sponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1039)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 22, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

127th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 22, 2015, 2 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 22, 2015, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Clarify Laws Relating to Affiliate Ownership of Electric Generation" (H.P. 1036) (L.D. 1513) (Sponsored by Representative DION of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representative: BEAVERS of South Berwick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Conform Maine Law to the Requirements of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation" (H.P. 1037) (L.D. 1514) (Sponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Senators: DILL of Penobscot, McCORMICK of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for

introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 367)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

October 28, 2015
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Robert S. Duchesne of Hudson as House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife effective immediately. Representative Duchesne is replacing former Representative Michael A. Shaw who has resigned his position as a State Representative. Should you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 368)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

December 7, 2015
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Jeff M. McCabe of Skowhegan to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, effective immediately. Representative McCabe will fill the vacancy left by the passing of Representative William F. Noon of Springvale. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 369)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

January 6, 2016
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority, I have appointed and reappointed the following members to serve on committees, commissions, councils, groups and task forces:
Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee, Joint Order 2015, SP 533
Representative Linda F. Sanborn of Gorham, House Chair
Representative Heidi E. Brooks of Lewiston
Representative Richard S. Malaby of Hancock
Mr. Kevin Lewis of Lewiston
Ms. Christine Alibrandi of Concord, New Hampshire
Ms. Anne Woloson of Augusta
Mr. Gordon Smith of Manchester
Ms. Laurie Kane-Lewis of Leeds
Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force, Public Law 2013, Chapter 593
Representative Richard R. Farnsworth of Portland
Representative Joyce A. Maker of Calais
Ms. Diane Vickrey of Falmouth
Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council Public Law 2015, Chapter 203
Jason Whitney of Augusta
Kevin Lewis of Lewiston
Commission to End Student Hunger, Public Law 2015, Chapter 267, Part CCC
Representative Phyllis A. Ginzler of Bridgton
Representative Charlotte Warren of Hallowell
Betsy Garrold of Knox
William Webster of Lewiston
Commission to Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund, Public Law 2015, Chapter 267, Part GGGG
Representative Craig V. Hickman of Winthrop
Representative John L. Martin of Eagle Lake
Representative Donald G. Marean of Hollis
Thomas Abello of Edgecomb
Greg Shute of Alna
John Bryant of Milford
Honorable A. David Trahan of Waldoboro
State Emergency Response Commission, Title 37-B, MRSA Chapter 13, §792
Captain Michael Nixon of Portland
Commission to Study Difficult-to-place Patients, Resolve 2015, Chapter 44
Representative Drew M. Gattine of Westbrook
Representative Peter C. Stuckey of Portland
Representative Richard S. Malaby of Hancock
Task Force on School Leadership, Resolve 2015, Chapter 46
Representative Victoria P. Kornfield of Bangor
Representative Paul A. Stearns of Guilford
Maggie Allen of Windsor
Mark Hatch of Oakland
Richard Durost of Augusta
Dr. Betsy Webb of Bangor
Bob Stevens of York

Dr. Marc Grousse of Westbrook
Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to
Maine's Veterans, Resolve 2015, Chapter 48
Representative Jared F. Golden of Lewiston, as House Chair
Representative Louis J. Luchini of Ellsworth
Representative Jonathan L. Kinney of Limington
Sheriff Randy Liberty of Clinton
Adrian Cole of Topsham
Working Group to Meet the Needs of Municipal Volunteer
Personnel, Resolve 2015, Chapter 49
Representative Michel A. Lajoie of Lewiston
Representative Timothy S. Theriault of China
Chief Jeffrey Cammick of Dedham
Michael Barker of North Berwick
Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding
these appointments.
Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 379)
**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

October 23, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Eves:
I am notifying you that, pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, I have
forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry the following nomination made to the
Maine Land Use Planning Commission by the Oxford County
Commissioners on October 23, 2015:
Robert A. Everett of Bethel
Pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, this appointment is subject to
confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the committee
having jurisdiction over conservation matters.
Sincerely,
S/Grant T. Pennoyer
Executive Director
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 380)
**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

November 5, 2015
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:
I am notifying you that, pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, I have
forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry the following nomination made to the
Maine Land Use Planning Commission by the Franklin County
Commissioners on October 5, 2015:
William K. Gilmore of Freeman Township

Pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, this appointment is subject to
confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the committee
having jurisdiction over conservation matters.
Sincerely,
S/Grant T. Pennoyer
Executive Director
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 382)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

September 23, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Eves:
In accordance with 38 MRSA §341-C(5), this letter serves notice
to the Legislature that it is necessary to extend Mr. Alvin Ahlers'
term as a member of the Board of Environmental Protection to
ensure fair consideration of the following matter: applications by
the Bureau of General Services and NEWS ME Landfill
Operations, LLC under the Solid Waste Management Act and the
Natural Resources Protection Act to expand the Juniper Ridge
Landfill.
Mr. Ahlers' term is extended from October 2, 2015 until final
Board action on the above-cited matter, unless he is renominated
and confirmed for a second term on the Board.
Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 383)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

October 9, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Eves:
This is to inform you that I am today nominating Susan E. Roy of
Waterville for reappointment to the Maine Commission on
Indigent Legal Services.
Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this reappointment is
contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.
Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 384)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

November 17, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

This is to inform you that, pursuant to Title 3 MRSA §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Susan E. Roy of Waterville for reappointment as a member of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 385)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

December 22, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Brig. General Gerard F. Bolduc of Bangor for appointment as Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Pursuant to Title 37-B, MRSA §3, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 386)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

December 23, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

This is to inform you that, pursuant to Title 3 MRSA §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Brig. General Gerard F. Bolduc of Bangor for appointment as the Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 387)

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

December 31, 2015
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I rescind the appointments of Representative Beth P. Turner of Burlington and Representative William R. Tuell of East Machias as members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government effective immediately.

Furthermore, pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have appointed Representative Lester S. Ordway of Standish and Representative Matthew A. Harrington of Sanford as members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 388)

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

January 5, 2016
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 37-B, MRSA §792, I have reappointed Chief William Hussey of Peru to the State Emergency Response Commission effective immediately. Chief Hussey will continue to represent volunteer firefighters.

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

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 370)

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

November 19, 2015
Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On October 5, 2015

Honorable Maria A. Woodman, Esq. of Monmouth

Honorable Paul D. Matthews, Esq. of Newcastle

Jed J. French, Esq. of Yarmouth

Michael P. Roberts, Esq. of Bangor

for appointment as Judges to the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Justice Paul A. Fritzsche of Kennebunk

for appointment to Active Retired Status of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §104, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

On October 8, 2015

Richard A. Cook, Ph.D. of Hermon

for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Pursuant to Title 7, MRSA §2952, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Brian H. Noyes of Freeport

for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §17102, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Nicole L. Boucher of Lebanon

for appointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

David R. Ferguson, Esq. of Limerick

for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §8204, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Jonathan B. Mapes of Springvale

for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38, MRSA §341-C, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Jerry W. Scribner of Belgrade

for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Jeffrey C. Lewis of Ellsworth for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Elizabeth F. Fitzgerald of Machiasport

for reappointment to the Washington County Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-C, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

On October 9, 2015

Sarah E. Newell, Esq. of Winterport for appointment to the Board of Trustees, University of Maine System.

Pursuant to P&SL 1967, Chapter 229, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Admiral Gregory G. Johnson of Harpswell for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, University of Maine System.

Pursuant to P&SL 1967, Chapter 229, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Glenn W. Burroughs of Lewiston

Gary M. Koocher of Portland

for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Pursuant to Title 39-A, MRSA §151, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Peter J. DelGreco of Brunswick

for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13120-D, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Bruce S. Harrington of Fairfield

for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13120-D, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Richard J. Ezzy of Caribou

for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Raymond C. Swenton of Gorham

for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Jennifer S. Bichrest of Topsham

Christopher G. Weiner of Portland

for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 371)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

July 30, 2015

Honorable Paul R. LePage
Governor of Maine
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

I am pleased to submit the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline Semiannual Report for the period January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

A summary of the complaints is attached.

Sincerely,
S/Pola A. Buckley, CPA, CISA
State Auditor

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 372)

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

August 20, 2015

TO: Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
and Democratic and Republican Leaders

FROM: S/Beth Ashcroft, Director

RE: Office of Information Technology Report

Enclosed please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on the Office of Information Technology Follow-Up Review. The report is also available on our website at <http://legislature.maine.gov/oepga/oepga-reports/9149>. The

public comment period on this Report has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 373)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF TAX POLICY
MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
24 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0024**

October 1, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
Members of the 127th Maine Legislature:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13070-J, Maine Revenue Services is required to submit a report to the Legislature identifying the revenue foregone as the result of the Jobs and Investment Tax Credit ("JITC"), the Research Expense Tax Credit ("R&D"), the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit, the Shipbuilding Facility Credit, the Credit for Maine Fishery Infrastructure Investment, and public funds spent on the Business Equipment Tax

Reimbursement ("BETR") program. Attached are four reports that provide you with this information.

The first attachment shows the number of individual and corporate JITC, R&D, and Seed Capital credits for tax year 2013, as well as the value of those credits. Tax year 2013 is the last year for which we have full information on both corporate and individual filers. Statutes governing the release of confidential taxpayer information prevent us from reporting the names of the corporations or individuals that benefited from these tax credits. No taxpayer took advantage of the Credit for Maine Fishery Infrastructure Investment in tax year 2013.

The second attachment explains the Shipbuilding Facility credit. As required by statute, the report provides information on the level of employment, yearly investment and the cumulative amount of investment. Since the inception of the credit, the level of employment has been such that the annual cost to the state treasury has been at least \$3 million per year.

The third attachment is a list of BETR recipients. For purposes of this report, businesses that filed for reimbursement during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 are listed. Recipients filed between August 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 for eligible property taxes paid during calendar year 2013. For that period the state reimbursed \$33,266,266 to 1,414 companies.

Public Law 2009, chapter 337 (LD 1468) amended the definition of "economic development incentive" in §13070-J to include not only the incentives listed above, but "federal and state statutorily defined programs that receive state funds, dedicated revenue funds and tax expenditures as defined by §1666 whose purposes are to create, attract or retain business entities related to business development in the State." The additional incentives identified in this new law can be found in the Maine State Tax Expenditure Report 2016 – 2017 prepared for the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

If you have any questions on this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Michael J. Allen

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 374)

**MAINE HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

October 20, 2015

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

Dear Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to MRSA Title 22, Chapter 413, §2069, on behalf of the Board and staff of the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, I am pleased to provide you with our Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report.

The Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority was established by the legislature in 1972. Since its inception, the Authority has issued in excess of \$4 billion to meet the capital needs of Maine's healthcare and higher educational institutions. During fiscal year 2015, the Authority issued \$123,230,535 under its general tax exempt conduit resolution and \$43,185,000 under its moral obligation reserve fund resolution. These sales were accomplished in 4 series for 2 colleges, 5 hospitals, 1 nursing

home, 2 community mental health institutions, and 1 continuing care retirement community.
In addition, Pursuant to MRSA Title 22, Chapter 413, §2075, paragraph 1C, the Authority certifies that our reserve fund investments exceed the reserve fund requirement at June 30, 2015.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing our commitment of providing the lowest cost financing to the community we serve.

Sincerely,
S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 375)
**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
5 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0949**

November 17, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:
Enclosed please find a copy of the Finance Authority of Maine's Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report as required by 10 MRSA §974. Please let me know if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,
S/Bruce Wagner
Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 376)
**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

December 15, 2015
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President
Maine State Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:
Pursuant to Resolve 2015, c. 47, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is pleased to submit its final report of the Study of the Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.legislature.maine.gov/opla.

Sincerely,
S/Senator Eric L. Brakey
Senate Chair
S/Representative Drew Gattine
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 377)
**CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN
PO BOX 2057
HOPE, MAINE 04847**

December 28, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:
I am pleased to present the thirteenth annual report of the Maine Child Welfare Ombudsman. Pursuant to 22 MRSA §4087-A our office reports to the Governor, the Department and the Legislature each year by January 1. This report reflects our fiscal year from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

I am requesting that you please distribute the enclosed reports to the Representatives under your name.

Through our contract with the Executive Branch, we provide Ombudsman services to individuals involved with Maine's Office of Child and Family Services, Child Welfare Services. We provide information on policy and process to callers, as well as referrals and information about other agencies when appropriate. We also open cases for review to investigate complaints about Maine Child Welfare. We are glad to report that the Ombudsman's Office and the Office of Child and Family Services continue to have an excellent and collaborative working relationship as we work together towards keeping Maine's children safe and reuniting families.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the report or our program. I would be happy to meet and discuss those or any other issue with you.

Respectfully,
S/Christine E. Alberi
Child Welfare Ombudsman

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 378)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

December 30, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:
Pursuant to 5 MRSA §12009, I am submitting to you the report of Board and Commission appointments or reappointments for calendar year 2016. Additionally, I am providing a report that lists appointments or reappointments that have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2015, and where vacancies actually exist on a board or commission that need a new appointment. If you need a breakdown by your appointments only, we can provide this for you as well.

If you have any question concerning these reports or need additional information, please contact me or Cathy Beaudoin in the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions at 624-7748.

Sincerely,
S/Matthew Dunlap

Secretary of State

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 381)

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

January 6, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On December 22, 2015

Thomas J. Nale Sr., Esq. of Waterville

Charles F. Budd Jr., Esq. of Bangor

Cynthia L. Montgomery, Esq. of Palermo

for appointment as Judges to the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Paul E. Mercer of Penobscot

for appointment as Commissioner, Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Pursuant to Title 38, MRSA §341-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

On December 29, 2015

William A. Lee III, Esq. of Waterville

for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Peter M. Leslie of Waterford

Shirrin L. Blaisdell of Manchester

for reappointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §17102, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Colon E. Durrell of Farmington

for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Pursuant to Title 7, MRSA §2952, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Dr. Sheridan R. Oldham of Rangeley

for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Bruce V. Flewelling of Easton

Clark A. Granger, Ph.D. of Woolwich

for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

Pursuant to Title 22, MRSA §1471-B, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Michael J. Cianchette, Esq. of Cumberland

for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Sheryl S. Gregory of Litchfield

for reappointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Colonel Douglas A. Farnham of Bangor for appointment as the Adjutant General and the Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Pursuant to Title 37-B, MRSA §3, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 544)

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE**

November 19, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Honorable Maria A. Woodman, Esq of Lewiston for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Honorable Paul D. Mathews, Esq of Rockland for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Jed J. French, Esq. of Freeport for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Michael P. Roberts, Esq. of Bangor for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of Honorable Paul A. Fritzsche of Alfred for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the nomination of Dr. Richard A. Cook, Ph.D. of Hermon for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the nomination of Brian H. Noyes of South

Freeport for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Nicole Boucher of Lebanon for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of David R. Ferguson, Esq. of Limerick for appointment to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, the nomination of Jonathan B. Mapes of Springvale for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the nomination of Jerry W. Scribner of Belgrade for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the nomination of Jeffrey C. Lewis of Ellsworth for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Elizabeth F. Fitzgerald of Machiasport for reappointment to the Washington County Development Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Sarah E. Newell, Esq. of Winterport for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Gregory G. Johnson of Harpswell for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Glenn W. Burroughs of Lewiston for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Gary M. Koocher of Portland for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Peter J. DelGreco of Brunswick for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Bruce S. Harrington of Fairfield for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Richard J. Ezzy of Caribou for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Marine Resources, the nomination of Raymond C. Swenton of Gorham for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Marine Resources, the nomination of Jennifer S. Bichrest of Topsham for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Marine Resources, the nomination of Christopher G. Weiner of Portland for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the nomination of Robert Everett of

Bethel for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the nomination of William Gilmore of Freeman Township for reappointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

Best Regards,
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from South Portland, Representative BATTLE and the Representative from Gorham, Representative McLEAN, and they were added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Governing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System as They Relate to Wartime Veterans"

(H.P. 1040) (L.D. 1515)

Sponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, FREDETTE of Newport, HOBBS of Saco, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, PICKETT of Dixfield, VACHON of Scarborough.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Allow School Resource Officers To Have Jurisdiction at Off-site Events" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1041) (L.D. 1516)

Sponsored by Representative GROHMAN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, Senator: WOODSOME of York.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Enable an Alternative Organizational Structure To Purchase Group Health Insurance for Its Employees" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1042) (L.D. 1517)

Sponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Ensure Children in the Care of Caretaker Relatives Can Access Fundamental Services"

(H.P. 1043) (L.D. 1518)

Sponsored by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FOLEY of Wells, HANLEY of Pittston, NADEAU of Winslow, POULIOT of Augusta, STETKIS of Canaan, Senator: EDGECOMB of Aroostook.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Laws To Strengthen Charitable Institutions, Encourage Home Ownership and Manage Medical Expenses"

(H.P. 1044) (L.D. 1519)

Sponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FREDETTE of Newport, GIDEON of Freeport, McCABE of Skowhegan, SKOLFIELD of Weld, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: HILL of York, McCORMICK of Kennebec.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Create Equity among Essential Nonprofit Health Care Providers in Relation to the Sales Tax"

(H.P. 1046) (L.D. 1521)

Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, HAMANN of South Portland, SKOLFIELD of Weld, VACHON of Scarborough, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, VOLK of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Military Bureau Laws" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1045) (L.D. 1520)

Sponsored by Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: KINNEY of Limington, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, POULIOT of Augusta, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, TUELL of East Machias.

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Early Processing of Absentee Ballots"

(H.P. 1050) (L.D. 1539)

Sponsored by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 32: Allowances for Waiver Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities or Pervasive Developmental Disorders, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1047) (L.D. 1522)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Representative HERBIG for the **Citizen Trade Policy Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 11, subsection 9, paragraph F asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Amend the Quorum Requirements That Apply to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission"

(H.P. 1049) (L.D. 1538)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1048)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill, "Resolve, Reauthorizing the Balance of the 2009 Bond Issue for Land Conservation Projects," H.P. 996, L.D. 1454, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the Governor's desk to the House.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative GIDEON of Freeport, the House adjourned at 10:54 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 7, 2016.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Health and Human Services

Representative GATTINE for the **Department of Health and Human Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of the Final Repeal of