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State of Maine
House of Representatives
121st Legislature
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HOUSE ADVANCE JOURNAL AND CALENDAR
Thursday, January 16, 2003
SUPPLEMENT NO. 3

ORDERS

(4-1) On motion of Representative NORBERT of Portland, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 87)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rules 302 and 505 to read:

Rule 302. Membership.

Each of the joint standing committees consists of 13 members, 3 from the Senate and 10 from the House of Representatives, except for those committees on which tribal representatives are named as a 14th member. The first Senate member named is the Senate chair. The first House member named is the House chair. The Senate chair shall preside and in the Senate chair's absence, the House chair shall preside and, thereafter, as the need may arise, the chair shall alternate between the members from each chamber in the sequence of their appointment to the committee. The sequence of appointment for the biennium is as announced by the presiding officers in each chamber. Every member of the Senate and the House of Representatives is entitled to at least one initial committee assignment.

Rule 505. Committee Vote.

Within 35 days, or 40 days for judicial officers, from the date of the Governor's notice of the nomination to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, the committee shall recommend confirmation or denial by majority vote of the committee members present and voting. The vote of the committee may be taken only upon an affirmative motion to recommend confirmation of the nominee, and a tie vote of the committee is considered a recommendation of denial. A vote may not be taken sooner than 15 minutes after the close of the public hearing unless by agreement of all committee members present. Tribal representatives may not vote to recommend or deny confirmation of gubernatorial nominees, and a tribal representative's vote, on its own, is not sufficient to report a bill out of committee. The committee vote must be by the yeas and nays. The chairs of the committee shall send written notices of the committee's recommendation to the President of the Senate.
