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One Hundred and Twenty-Third Legislature First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

4th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, January 9, 2007.

Senate called to Order by President Beth Edmonds of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Reverend Robert G. Harris, Jr., Retired of Farmingdale.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Kevin L. Raye of Washington County.

Doctor of the day, Buell Miller, MD of Cumberland.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 4, 2007.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 29

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 10:00 in the morning.

(4-3) On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, the following Joint Order: S.P. 36

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 314 by inserting after the 2nd indented paragraph a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding any provision of subsections 1 to 4 of this Joint Rule, a policy committee may elect not to participate in either the joint budget hearing or the work session, or both, by so notifying the chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in writing.

(4-4) On motion by Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 37

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 302 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. 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. The percentage of total committee seats held by Senators of each political party must be equivalent to the percentage of seats in the Senate held by that party.