

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# *The House Calendar*

*The Advance Journal and Calendar of the House of Representatives*

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**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

29th Legislative Day

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Calling of the House to Order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Honorable Sheldon Mark Hanington, Lincoln.

National Anthem by Sanford High School Concert Band.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Paul Cain, M.D., Oxford.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

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*Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House*

*Robert B. Hunt, Clerk*

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**ORDERS**

(4-1) On motion of Representative STANLEY of Medway, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 987) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BICKFORD of Auburn, ESPLING of New Gloucester, HARLOW of Portland, HILLIARD of Belgrade, ORDWAY of Standish, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: MASON of Androscoggin)

**JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR CALLING A CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO LIMIT THE POWER OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, executive orders by the President of the United States have become a vehicle through which the President may overstep the limits of the President's constitutional authority; and

WHEREAS, the concentration of power at the federal level has had the effect of making federal officials less responsive to the will of the people and more readily influenced by lobbyists, wealthy corporations and special interests in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, much of federal law is now made by federal bureaucrats who were never chosen by the people and have no accountability to the people whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, policy decisions made at the state level tend to be more responsive to the needs and desires of the people; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, many of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the states have the ability to restore the responsiveness of government to the people and to restrain abuses of federal power by proposing amendments to the United States Constitution through a limited convention of the states under Article V; and

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution, Article V, the Congress of the United States, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the United States Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments that, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the United States Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature of Maine hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least 2/3 of the several states have made applications on the same subject; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the nation, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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(4-2) On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 30)

ORDERED, that Representative Aaron M. Frey of Bangor be excused April 11 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Chad Wayne Grignon of Athens be excused March 9 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jonathan L. Kinney of Limington be excused April 4 and 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative MaryAnne Kinney of Knox be excused April 4 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Christina Riley of Jay be excused April 4 for personal reasons.

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