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121st MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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REP. JOHN RICHARDSON
REP. JOSEPH BRUNO
REP. ROBERT W. DUPLESSIE
REP. DAVID E. BOWLES

DAVID E. BOULTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY
October 22, 2003
Approved November 18, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, President Beverly Daggett, called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 2:50 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Daggett, Sen. Treat, Sen. Davis, Sen. Gagnon
Absent: Sen. Woodcock

Representatives: Speaker Colwell, Rep. Richardson, Rep. Bruno,
Rep. Duplessie, Rep. Bowles

Legislative Officers: Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House
David Shiah, Assistant Clerk of the House
David Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
David Elliott, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes

SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2003 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: That the Meeting Summary of September 29, 2003 be accepted and placed on file.
(Motion by Speaker Colwell, second by Sen. Treat, unanimous).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS

- **Executive Director's Report**

In the interest of time, David Boulter, Executive Director, did not make a report to the Legislative Council.

- **Fiscal Report**

Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, referred Council members to his written fiscal briefing. No oral follow-up report was given at the Council meeting. President Daggett told members that if they had questions about Mr. Pennoyer's fiscal report the Council would be able to address those questions after the consideration of the requests to introduce legislation in the Second Regular Session.

- **Office of Information Services' Report**

In the interest of time, Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services, did not make a report to the Legislative Council.

- **Office of Policy and Legal Analysis**

David Elliott, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis included in the Council members' material a Progress Report on Legislative Studies. No oral follow-up was given.

A copy of the Progress Report on Legislative Studies is attached.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- **Personnel Committee**

Representative Richardson, Chair, Personnel Committee reported that the Committee met earlier in the afternoon. The Committee considered a request by a legislative employee for temporary disability income benefits as provided for under the Legislature's personnel policies and voted unanimously to approve the request.

No further action by the Council is required.

The Personnel Committee also discussed a request that a Jewish holiday be included as state-paid holiday under the Legislature's Personnel Policies and Guidelines. No action on the request was taken and the Committee will continue its discussion at a later meeting.

No Council action required.

- **State House Facilities Committee**

No report

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Authorization for Acceptance of Funds for a Legislative Study (Reconsideration)

- **Resolve To Study Obesity and Methods to Decrease the Cost of Health Care and Increase the Public Health (letter and Certification Relating to Contribution for Study from John A. LaCasse, President and CEO, Medical Care Development)**

Mr. Boulter reminded members that Medical Care Development had initially submitted a certification and statement about contributions for the study and sought the Legislative Council's acceptance of funds from outside sources. Subsequent to the initial discussion and decision of the Council not to accept the funds, Medical Care Development has submitted detailed information that identified the specific contributions and from whom they were received.

Rep. Bowles asked if more information was available for the contributor listed as Kennebunkport - \$1,000. Mr. Boulter said he had no other information; it was presumed the contribution was from the Town of Kennebunkport.

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the funding as identified by Medical Care Development in support of the committee to Study Obesity and Methods to Decrease the Cost of Health Care and Increase the Public Health. (Motion by Speaker Colwell, second by Sen. Treat, 7-2, Rep. Bruno and Rep. Bowles, opposed).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Suggested Procedure for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests

The agenda included a suggested protocol for deciding legislative bill requests. President Daggett summarized the suggested protocol as follows:

- A. The Legislative Council will review bill requests alphabetically by sponsor. An exception to this order of review will be made for bill requests for which an ASL Interpreter is required for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Those bills will be taken out of order at a time during the meeting when an interpreter is available.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on a bill request, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction into the second regular session along with a second to that motion. (Yea is to let in a bill; nay is to reject the bill for introduction).
- C. In order to review all legislative requests in a timely manner, voting will be by a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be made available for public inspection following the meeting.
- D. If a bill request has been identified by the Revisor as requiring a ruling under Joint Rule 217, the Legislative Council may vote to accept that bill for introduction, conditional upon a subsequent ruling by the presiding officers. Absent a vote to accept the bill, the bill is presumed to have been turned down by a unanimous vote of the Legislative Council.

- E. Legislative sponsors and others are welcome to observe the Council's deliberations on the bill requests, but discussion of the requests will be confined to Council Members. Discussion of a bill request among Council Members will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself.
- F. If the Legislative Council turns down a bill request, a Legislator may appeal that decision, and at a subsequent meeting of the Legislative Council, the Legislator may speak briefly to the bill request under appeal.
- G. A legislative request that has been identified by the Revisor's Office as being closely related to another legislative request that was earlier filed (i.e., having been assigned a lower LR number) or to a carryover bill is presumed to have been turned down by a unanimous vote of the Legislative Council.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the suggested protocol, A-G, for deciding legislative bill requests as set forth in the "Review of Legislative Bill Requests" document dated October 22, 2003. (Motion by Speaker Colwell, second by Rep. Richardson, unanimous).

Item #2: Requests to Introduce Legislation for Consideration in the Second Regular Session

The Council then proceeded to consider and vote on 348 bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, above.

RECESS

The Council recessed at 4:12 p.m. on the motion of the Chair.

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 4:25 p.m. and continued with consideration of the remaining bill requests and other items on the agenda.

The Council authorized 109 bill requests for introduction in the 2nd regular session of the 121st Legislature. The bills authorized by the Council for introduction is included on the attached list.

Item #3: Proposed Fee Schedule for Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature

Clerk of the House Millicent MacFarland requested that the Legislative Council approve the proposed document fee schedule for the 2nd Regular Session.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the Fee Schedule for Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature. (Motion by Rep. Bruno, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Davis, second by Sen. Gagnon, unanimous).

Progress Report on Legislative Studies
(Studies authorized or undertaken following the 121st Legislature/1st Regular Session)
Status as of 10/16/03 10:36:06 AM

<u>Study Commission</u>	<u>Date First Convened</u>	<u>Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Comments/Status Of Study Commission</u>
Community Safety and Sex Offender Accountability, Resolve to Improve (LD 372 – Resolve 2003, c. 75)	9/12/03	Monday, October 27 th 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Room 126, State House	12/03/03	1 st meeting held
Equity in Mortgage Volume Fees, An Act to Ensure (LD 969 – P.L. 2003, c. 462)			12/03/03	Appointments complete
Financing of Long-term Care, Resolve Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to Address (Resolve 2001, c. 114)	Continuation		11/06/03	
Health Care System and Health Security Board, An Act to Extend the Authority of the (LD 20 – P.L. 2003, c. 492)	Continuation		11/01/04	
Logging Industry, Study New Payment Models for the (JSO, HP 724)	9/12/03	Friday, October 24 th 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Room 206, CSOB	12/03/03	1 st meeting held
Maine's Freedom of Access Laws, Resolve to Study Compliance with (LD 1079 – Resolve 2003, c. 83)			12/03/03	Awaiting 3 Governor appointments
Needs of Deaf and Hard-of – hearing Children and Adolescents, Resolve to Study (LD 553 – Resolve 2003, c. 84)			12/03/03	Awaiting 1 Senate and 7 House appointments
Obesity and Methods to Decrease the Cost of Health Care, Resolve to Study (LD 471 – Resolve 2003, c. 95)			12/01/03	Outside funding not accepted by Council
Prepare Maine's Students for Active Citizenship, Resolve to (LD 425 – Resolve, 2003, c. 85)			12/03/03	Outside funding accepted by Council; appointments complete
Recodification of Title 12 (substantive and technical pieces) (LD 1600 – P.L. 2003, c. 414)	Continuation		12/15/03	Staff study
Recodification of Title 7, Joint Order Directing (JSO, SP 586)			01/15/05	Staff study

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Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine , Resolve to Reestablish the Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of (LD 1358 – Resolve 2003, c. 89)	Continuation		None Required	1 st meeting held
Retirement Benefits for State, Municipal, and County Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters , Resolve to Study Parity and Portability of (LD 1343 – Resolve 2003, c. 76)			12/03/03	Appointments complete
State's Wholesale Liquor Business , Joint Order to Study Implementation of Privatization of the (JSO, SP 552)	10/16/03		12/03/03	1 st meeting held
Veterans of World War II and Korean War in the State House Hall of Flags , Resolve to Extend the Commission to Recognize (LD 40 – Resolve 2003, c. 77)	Continuation		11/03/03	
Worker's Compensation Board , Review the Budget Process of the (LD 35 – P.L. 2003, c. 425)	8/20/03		12/03/03	1 st meeting held
Youth in Maine , Presiding Officers Task Force on Creating a Future for (P.O. Order)	9/5/03	Friday, October 17 th 10:00 a.m. Brewer High School	12/08/03	1 st meeting held

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SPONSOR: Rep. Annis LR 2411
of Dover-Foxcroft ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Charter of the Dover and Foxcroft Water
District

SPONSOR: Rep. Barstow LR 2286
of Gorham ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Authorize Certain School Children To Carry
Asthma Inhalers on Their Persons

SPONSOR: Rep. Bowles LR 2327
of Sanford ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Requiring Blood Alcohol Testing of all Drivers
Involved in Accidents Resulting in Fatalities

SPONSOR: Rep. Bowles LR 2392
of Sanford ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Regarding Photo Identification

SPONSOR: Rep. Brannigan LR 2334
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Provide an Exemption to the Laws Governing
Patient Confidentiality Regarding Certain Former Patients
of the Augusta Mental Health Institute

SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan LR 2443
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Allow Psychologists to Prescribe Psychotropic
Drugs

SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan LR 2453
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, Regarding the Financing of the Federal No Child
Left Behind Act of 2001

SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan LR 2538
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Transfer a Parcel of Land on Peaks Island to the
Peaks Island Land Preserve

SPONSOR: Sen. Bromley LR 2440
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Encourage the Proper Disposal of Expired
Pharmaceuticals

SPONSOR: Sen. Bromley LR 2444
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Financial Management Procedures of the
Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

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SPONSOR: Rep. Bruno LR 2439
of Raymond ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Promote Strong Economies and Smart Communities
by Supporting the New Century Program

SPONSOR: Rep. Bruno LR 2653
of Raymond ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Provide Vital Records for Adults in Maine

SPONSOR: Rep. Bruno LR 2654
of Raymond ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Clarify the Boundary Line of Third Beach in
Naples

SPONSOR: Rep. Bruno LR 2655
of Raymond ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Promote Fairness for Small Businesses That Serve
Alcoholic Beverages

SPONSOR: Sen. Bryant LR 2220
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Improve Awareness of Meningococcal Meningitis
Vaccination

SPONSOR: Rep. Canavan LR 2210
of Waterville ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Restrict the Use of Credit Scoring by Insurance
Companies

SPONSOR: Rep. Clark LR 2244
of Millinocket ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Prohibit Remote Control Train Crews

SPONSOR: Rep. Collins LR 2323
of Wells ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Require Owners and Operators of Snowmobiles and
All-terrain Vehicles To Carry Liability Insurance

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 2194
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Homeowners

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 2206
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Promote Responsible Pet Ownership

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 2209
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Honor Maine's First Peoples

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SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 2345
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Revise the Frequency of Home Health Licensing
Surveys

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 2346
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Promote Transparency in Budgeting

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 2348
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Coordinate Employment Opportunities

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 2454
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Restore the Violence Intervention and Prevention
Program

SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 2551
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Establish the Maine Jobs Trade and Democracy Act

SPONSOR: Rep. Cowger LR 2228
of Hallowell ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Ban the Sale of Novelties Using Mercury-containing
Batteries

SPONSOR: Rep. Craven LR 2214
of Lewiston ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Require That Rules Pertaining to Reimbursement for
Services for Child Development Services Be Major
Substantive Rules

SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett LR 2215
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Strengthen the Sex Offender Registration and
Notification Act of 1999

SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett LR 2218
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Encourage Cost Savings by State Employees

SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett LR 2241
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Creating the Central Maine Regional Public Safety
Communications Center

SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett LR 2256
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Encourage Efficient Facilities for Persons with
Mental Retardation

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SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett LR 2314
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, To Commission a Portrait of the Honorable George
J. Mitchell to Hang in the State House

SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett LR 2315
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Create the Maine Military Family Relief Fund

SPONSOR: Sen. Daggett LR 2510
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Enhance Home-based Supportive Services To
Promote Independence for Maine Citizens

SPONSOR: Sen. Damon LR 2442
of Hancock ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Streamline the Sales Tax Credit for Worthless
Accounts To Eliminate Unnecessary Burdens on Maine
Businesses and Consumers

SPONSOR: Sen. Davis, Sr. LR 2238
of Piscataquis ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Strengthen State Retirement

SPONSOR: Sen. Douglass LR 2312
of Androscoggin ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Ensure Appropriate Care and Custody of Children
Orphaned by Domestic Violence

SPONSOR: Sen. Douglass LR 2313
of Androscoggin ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Require Criminal History Checks Prior to Placement
of Children by the Department of Human Services

SPONSOR: Rep. Dudley LR 2556
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Ensure Access to Life-sustaining Pharmaceuticals

SPONSOR: Rep. Dudley LR 2570
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Permit the Refilling of a Prescription prior
to the Exhaustion of the Original Prescription

SPONSOR: Rep. Dugay LR 2532
of Cherryfield ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Stock Spring River Lake in Township 10

SPONSOR: Rep. Dunlap LR 2401
of Old Town ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Publish Legal Shooting Times

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SPONSOR: Rep. Dunlap LR 2402
of Old Town ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Reestablish the Great Ponds Act

SPONSOR: Rep. Dunlap LR 2600
of Old Town ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Strengthen the Prohibition Against Night Hunting

SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie LR 2306
of Westbrook ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Increase the Amount of Restitution Allowed for
State and Municipal Fire Service

SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie LR 2398
of Westbrook ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Clarify Law Enforcement Procedures when Fatal
Motor Vehicle Accidents Involve More than One Vehicle

SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie LR 2456
of Westbrook ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act to Revise the Minimum Firefighter Safety Standards

SPONSOR: Rep. Duplessie LR 2587
of Westbrook ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Clarify the Prevailing Wage Law

SPONSOR: Rep. Duprey, Jr. LR 2552
of Medway ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Authorize a Bond Issue for the Renovation of
Millinocket Municipal Airport

SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon LR 2339
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the
Amount of \$1,000,000 to Fund Downtown Revitalization in
Order To Preserve the Heritage of a Municipality

SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon LR 2341
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Regarding the Operation of All-terrain Vehicles
on Private Roads

SPONSOR: Sen. Gagnon LR 2420
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Penalty Provisions of the Campaign
Reports and Finance Laws

SPONSOR: Rep. Goodwin LR 2534
of Pembroke ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Abrogate the Hearsay Rule in Cases Involving
Custody or Protection of Children

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SPONSOR: Sen. Hall LR 2375
of Lincoln ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Guarantee That Consumers Receive Notification of
Insurance Policy Cancellation

SPONSOR: Sen. Hall LR 2542
of Lincoln ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Reimburse School Districts for Children in Group
Care Facilities

SPONSOR: Rep. Hutton LR 2296
of Bowdoinham ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Transportation to
Erect Signs Identifying the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in
Capitol Park

SPONSOR: Rep. Jackson LR 2390
of Fort Kent ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Allow All Legal Fishing on Fish River

SPONSOR: Rep. Jackson LR 2628
of Fort Kent ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Ensure Access To Real Property by Owners

SPONSOR: Rep. Ketterer LR 2603
of Madison ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Prohibit Computer Hackers from Causing Damage to
Maine Residents or Businesses

SPONSOR: Rep. Koffman LR 2387
of Bar Harbor ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Growth Management

SPONSOR: Sen. LaFountain III LR 2481
of York ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Maine Consumer Credit Code

SPONSOR: Rep. Ledwin LR 2255
of Holden ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Rename the Vocational Technical Education Schools
"Career and Technical Education Schools"

SPONSOR: Rep. Lemoine LR 2434
of Old Orchard Beach ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Modify State Investments in Pharmaceutical
Manufacturers

SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman LR 2404
of Augusta ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Provide Assistance to Municipalities Regarding
Downtown Rehabilitation Building Codes

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SPONSOR: Rep. Lerman LR 2469
of Augusta ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, To Require Cost Neutrality and Population
Appropriateness for Assisted Living Medication Courses

SPONSOR: Rep. Marley LR 2239
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Regarding Island Vehicles

SPONSOR: Rep. Marrache LR 2217
of Waterville ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Protect Local Communities

SPONSOR: Sen. Martin LR 2359
of Aroostook ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Establish a Monitoring Program of Maine Lakes
Identified as Having Invasive Aquatic Species

SPONSOR: Sen. Mayo, III LR 2474
of Sagadahoc ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Clarify Membership on Boards of Directors for
Maine Financial Institutions

SPONSOR: Rep. Mills LR 2585
of Farmington ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Clarify the Standards for Granting a Name Change

SPONSOR: Rep. Mills LR 2602
of Farmington ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Relating to 48-hour Accident Reports

SPONSOR: Rep. Mills LR 2265
of Cornville ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Regarding Automobile Dealer Registration Plates

SPONSOR: Rep. Mills LR 2267
of Cornville ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Regarding the Number of Jurors Required To Render
a Verdict in a Civil Trial

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Neil LR 2358
of Saco ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Making Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code
Covering Provisions Dealing with Negotiable Instruments
and Bank Deposits and Collection

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Neil LR 2536
of Saco ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Law Relating to Insurance Contracts

SPONSOR: Rep. Paradis, Jr. LR 2572
of Frenchville ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Control Exclusively Pornographic Establishments

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SPONSOR: Rep. Paradis, Jr. LR 2573
of Frenchville ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03

An Act To Allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife To Increase the Number of Moose Permits in
Critical Zones

SPONSOR: Rep. Pellon LR 2361
of Machias ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Mechanics' Liens

SPONSOR: Rep. Percy LR 2396
of Phippsburg ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03

An Act To Make Polling Places More Convenient

SPONSOR: Rep. Perry LR 2528
of Calais ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor and the Executive
Department, Substance Abuse To Study the Prevalence of Drug
and Substance Abuse in Maine's Workforce

SPONSOR: Rep. Pingree LR 2247
of North Haven ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03

An Act To Ensure the Fair Counting of Votes

SPONSOR: Rep. Pingree LR 2478
of North Haven ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03

An Act To Reduce Contamination of Breast Milk and the
Environment from the Release of Brominated Chemicals in
Consumer Products

SPONSOR: Rep. Piotti LR 2343
of Unity ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03

An Act Concerning the Boundary Lines of the Town of Unity

SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson LR 2281
of Brunswick ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the
Amount of \$150,000,000 To Finance the Acquisition of Lands
and Interests in Lands for Conservation, Water Access,
Outdoor Recreation, Wildlife and Fish Habitat and Farmland
Preservation and Access \$50,000,000 in Matching
Contributions from Public and Private Sources

SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson LR 2419
of Brunswick ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03

An Act To Restore Funding for Certain Nursing Facilities
and Residential Care Facilities

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SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson LR 2544
of Brunswick ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Ensure Adequate Home-based Care Services and
Provide the Most Cost-effective Long-term Care for Maine
Seniors

SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson LR 2559
of Brunswick ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Optional Membership
for Participating Local Districts in the Maine State
Retirement System

SPONSOR: Rep. Richardson LR 2562
of Brunswick ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Correct an Oversight in Maine's Homestead
Exemption for the Blind

SPONSOR: Sen. Rotundo LR 2430
of Androscoggin ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Require Pawnbrokers To Hold Property for at
Least 10 Days

SPONSOR: Rep. Saviello LR 2275
of Wilton ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Random Drug Testing Laws

SPONSOR: Rep. Sherman LR 2331
of Hodgdon ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Require the State To Allow Businesses an Income
Tax Deduction for the Empowerment Zone Credit in the Same
Way It Allows a Deduction for the Work Opportunity Credit

SPONSOR: Rep. Simpson LR 2324
of Auburn ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Prohibit Female Genital Mutilation

SPONSOR: Rep. Simpson LR 2325
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An Act Regarding Child Support Collection Practices

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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Electricians

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of Van Buren ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Discourage Misuse of Protection-from-abuse
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An Act To Allow Towns to Consolidate for the Purpose of
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SPONSOR: Sen. Strimling LR 2428
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Freedom of Access Law To Exclude
Public Employees' Home Addresses

SPONSOR: Rep. Thomas LR 2480
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Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend
Its Rules Regarding Child Development Services for
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of China ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Provide Equity in Veterans Exemptions

SPONSOR: Sen. Treat LR 2548
of Kennebec ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Ensure the Lowest-priced Prescription Drugs for
Maine Seniors

SPONSOR: Rep. Twomey LR 2437
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An Act To Prohibit Tracking by Credit Bureaus through
Telecommunications

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An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount
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Manufacturing, Transportation and Harbor Industries

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An Act To Introduce the Grass Carp to Inland Waters on a
Trial Basis

SPONSOR: Rep. Watson LR 2235
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An Act To Include Disability Pension Income in the
Definition of Eligible Pension Income

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An Act Requiring Long-range Budget Planning

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An Act To Authorize the Town of Verona To Change Its Name
