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121ST MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
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REP. ROBERT W. DUPLESSIE
REP. DAVID E. BOWLES

DAVID E. BOULTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING SUMMARY
November 18, 2003
Approved December 8, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, President Daggett, called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Daggett, Sen. Treat, Sen. Davis, Sen. Gagnon Sen. Woodcock
Representatives:	Speaker Colwell, Rep. Richardson, Rep. Bruno, Rep. Duplessie, Rep. Bowles
Legislative Officers:	Joy O'Brien, Secretary of the Senate 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 Lynn Randall, State Law Librarian Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services

SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2003 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: That the Meeting Summary of October 22, 2003 be accepted and placed on file. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Rep. Richardson, unanimous).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS

- **Executive Director's Report**

David Boulter, Executive Director, reported that the Press Corps have formed a State House Newsperson Association. The Association is comprised of journalists who occupy the 8 offices in the Cross Building. They believe that if they had matters to bring to the Council's attention, it would be more efficient to bring them jointly. The Association expressed its appreciation for the effort and expense that the Legislature has incurred to provide satisfactorily working facilities in the Cross Building. The Association is requesting consideration of designated parking for the press. This item will be put on the State House Facilities Committee's agenda for its next meeting.

No Council action required.

- **Fiscal Report**

Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review referred Council members to information in their packet. Mr. Pennoyer reported on the following:

1. **General Fund and Highway Fund Revenue Variances for October 2003**

General Fund: Total General Fund revenue was under budget by \$2.5 million in October, decreasing the positive variance for the Fiscal Year-to-date to \$18.6 million. Individual Income Tax was under budget by \$4.7 million, but remained over budget for Fiscal Year-to-date. Sales Tax was over budget \$5.7 million through October.

Highway Fund: Total Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$.4 million in October, increasing the positive variance to \$4.1 million through October.

2. **Revenue Forecasting Committee**

The Revenue Forecasting Committee met November 14, 2003 and concluded its fall forecast. The Committee made a slight positive upward forecast in FY 04 and FY 05 biennium for the General Fund by approximately \$6.8 million. However, for the Highway and Fund for a Healthy Maine, it made downward projections. Those funds are presently out of balance and adjustments will need to be made during the Second Regular Session.

No Council action required.

- **Office of Information Services' Report**

Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services, reported that on October 27, 2003 the Attorney General's Office sent a letter to Hewett-Packard informing the company that the installed version of HP's bill drafting software remained unacceptable to the Legislature and directed HP to provide to the Legislature their plan for meeting the Legislature's requirements. Mr. Mayotte received HP's reply on November 17, 2003 and has forwarded that correspondence to the Attorney General's Office. HP has agreed to address several of the issues, but the

Legislature remains unsatisfied with HP's response to the issue of performance speed of the application. Mr. Mayotte will be meeting with the Attorney General's Office and Executive Director Boulter to review the appropriate response to HP's letter.

No Council action required.

- **Office of Policy and Legal Analysis**

David Elliott, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, reported that the legislative studies are underway. 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 on October 29, 2003 to review the performance of office directors Grant Pennoyer, David Elliott, Lynn Randall and Paul Mayotte.

The Personnel Committee approved a step increase for Director Grant Pennoyer, as his work anniversary date was prior to the legislative freeze on step increases.

Paul Mayotte and Lynn Randall have completed 3-year terms and are subject to reappointment. The Personnel Committee recommended approval of a new 3-year term for each of those individuals.

Motion: That upon the unanimous recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Paul Mayotte be reappointed to a 3-year term as Director of the Office of Legislative Information Services, the date of reappointment being retroactive to March 16, 2003. (Motion by Rep. Richardson, second by Sen. Davis, unanimous).

Motion: That upon the unanimous recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Lynn Randall be reappointed to a 3-year term as Law Librarian, the date of reappointment being retroactive to June 16, 2003. (Motion by Rep. Richardson, second by Sen. Davis, unanimous).

- **State House Facilities Committee**

The State House Facilities Committee did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

President Daggett asked if there was objection to taking two items out of order. Hearing none, the Chair then move to **New Business, Items 5 and 6.**

Item #5: Suggested Procedure for Deciding Appeals

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

- A. The Legislative Council will review appeals alphabetically by sponsor.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on an appeal of a bill request that was denied, 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 appeals 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. Legislators who appeal a decision of the Legislative Council will be given a brief opportunity to make their case to the Council. A time limit of 2 minutes will be observed for Legislators making an appeal. Only legislators may address the Legislative Council on an appeal.
- E. Discussion of a bill request 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. If a bill was turned down because it is closely related to another legislative request or to a carryover bill, the burden is on the Sponsor to convincingly distinguish his or her bill request from the closely related one. [Note: The Chair made a revision to the suggested protocol.]

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the suggested protocol, A-E, for deciding legislative appeals as set forth in the "Deciding Appeals of Legislative Bill Requests Turned Down by the Council" document dated November 18, 2003. (Motion by Sen. Gagnon, second by Rep. Bowles, unanimous).

Item #6: Consideration of Legislators' Appeals of Council Action on Bill Requests and

The Council then proceeded to consider and vote on the 66 bills that had been appealed.

The Council authorized 21 appeals for introduction in the 2nd regular session of the 121st Legislature on November 18, 2003. The bills authorized by the Council for introduction in the 2nd regular session at the October 22, and November 18, 2003 Council meetings are included on the attached list.

RECESS

The Council recessed at 12:20 p.m. on the motion of the Chair.

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:13 p.m. and continued with the remaining items on the agenda.

Item #1: Requests For Extension of Study Reporting Deadlines

President Daggett questioned whether committees would likely meet session deadlines for reporting out study-related legislation if the pending requests for extensions of the reporting deadlines were granted. Other members of the Council voiced the same concern, but were concerned that some studies might not be able to complete their work by the deadline due to late convening of the studies. There was general agreement that if extensions are granted, they be only until January 9, 2004.

The Council took the following action on the extension requests:

- **Task Force to Study the Parity and Portability of Retirement Benefits for State Law Enforcement Officers** (from December 3, 2003 to January 31, 2004)

Motion: That the request for an extension of the study reporting deadline be approved from December 3, 2003 to January 9, 2004. (Motion by Speaker Colwell, second by Sen. Gagnon, approved 7-3).

- **Commission to Study Obesity and Methods to Decrease the Cost of Health Care and Increase the Public Health** (from December 3, 2003 to December 31, 2003)

Motion: That the request for an extension of the study reporting deadline be approved from December 3, 2003 to December 31, 2003. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Speaker Colwell, approved 6-3).

- **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study New Payment Models for the Logging Industry** (from December 3, 2003 to April 1, 2004) (Note: The Legislation made no provision for the Legislative Council to grant an extension).

Motion: That the Legislative Council send a letter to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggesting if they wish to extend the deadline for completion of the study, they should seek to introduce a joint order to that effect upon the convening of the 2nd regular session. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Speaker Colwell, unanimous 9-0).

- **Commission to Study the Scope & Quality of Citizenship Education** (from December 3, 2003 to January 16, 2004)

Motion: That the request for an extension of the study reporting deadline be approved from December 3, 2003 to January 9, 2004. (Motion by Speaker Colwell, second by Sen. Treat, failed 5-4).

- **Task Force to Study the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and Adolescents** (from December 3, 2003 to January 23, 2004)

Motion: That the request for an extension of the study reporting deadline be approved from December 3, 2003 to January 9, 2004. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Speaker Colwell, approved 7-2).

Rep. Duplessie then moved for reconsideration of the Commission to Study the Scope and Quality of Citizenship Education's request for an extension of the reporting deadline. (Motion by Rep. Duplessie, second by Rep. Richardson, unanimous).

Motion: That the request for an extension of the study reporting deadline be approved from December 3, 2003 to January 9, 2004. (Motion by Rep. Duplessie, second by Speaker Colwell, approved 6-3).

Item #2: Submission of Work Plans and Proposed Budgets for Approval:

David Elliott explained to the Legislative Council that most legislation authorizing studies contains a provision that directs the study entity to submit a work plan and a budget to the Legislative Council for approval.

The work plans and proposed budgets submitted for approval are:

- **Commission to Improve Community Safety and Sex Offender Accountability**
Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the work plan and proposed budget. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous).
- **Committee to Study the Implementation Privatization of the State's Wholesale Liquor Business**

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the work plan and proposed budget. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous).

- **Commission to Study the Scope and Quality of Citizenship Education**

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the work plan and proposed authorized budget not to exceed \$3,585. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous).

Item #3: Request for Extension of Report Date and One Additional Meeting

- **Commission to Improve Community Safety and Sex Offender Accountability** (from December 3, 2003 to December 31, 2003).

The costs for the requested additional meeting would be within the existing budgeted resources of the Commission.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the requests for one additional meeting and for an extension of the reporting deadline from December 3, 2003 to December 31, 2003. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous).

Item #4: Request to Establish an Early Deadline for Submission of Major Substantive Rules

David Elliott reported to the Council that certain agencies are required to submit proposed major substantive rules to the legislature during the session for review and authorization. The relevant statute establishes a deadline for submission of proposed rules that is 45 days prior to the statutory adjournment date. The law authorizes the Council to change the deadline if an earlier legislative adjournment date is anticipated.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize February 20, 2004 as the deadline for submission of major substantive rules. (Motion by Sen. Treat, second by Rep. Duplessie, unanimous).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

President Daggett thanked Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes, and the entire Revisor's office staff for their diligent work on the bill requests so they could be acted upon by the Legislative Council in a timely fashion.

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m. (Motion by Sen. Gagnon, second Treat, unanimous).

Progress Report on Legislative Studies
(Studies authorized or undertaken following the 121st Legislature/1st Regular Session)
Status as of 11/13/03 11:08:45 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	Mon., December 1 st 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Room 126, SH	12/03/03	3 meetings held; Dec. completion anticipated.
Equity in Mortgage Volume Fees, An Act to Ensure (LD 969 – P.L. 2003, c. 462)		Thurs., November 20 th 10:00 a.m. Room 208, CSOB	12/03/03	
Financing of Long-term Care, Resolve Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to Address (Resolve 2001, c. 114)	Continuation		11/06/03	Commission has not met; plan to leave the financing issue for consideration by the LTC Oversight Committee created this year.
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	Will not meet this interim; report due next year. Applying for Health Access Foundation grant.
Logging Industry, Study New Payment Models for the (JSO, HP 724)	9/12/03		12/03/03	2 meetings held. Presiding Officers have authorized ACF Committee to report 1/20/04.
Maine's Freedom of Access Laws, Resolve to Study Compliance with (LD 1079 – Resolve 2003, c. 83)		Wed., November 19 th 1:30 p.m. Room 438, SH	12/03/03	
Needs of Deaf and Hard-of – hearing Children and Adolescents, Resolve to Study (LD 553 – Resolve 2003, c. 84)		Thurs., November 20 th 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Room 127, SH	12/03/03	
Obesity and Methods to Decrease the Cost of Health Care, Resolve to Study (LD 471 – Resolve 2003, c. 95)			12/05/03	Outside funding not accepted by Council; extension requested.
Prepare Maine's Students for Active Citizenship, Resolve to (LD 425 – Resolve, 2003, c. 85)	11/5/03	Wed., Dec. 3rd 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.. Room 438, SH	12/03/03	Outside funding accepted by Council; 1 st meeting held; extension request likely.
Recodification of Title 12 (substantive and technical pieces) (LD 1600 – P.L. 2003, c. 414)	Continuation		12/15/03	Basic recod enacted last year. This year's bill addressing technical and substantive changes is in initial draft stage.
Recodification of Title 7, Joint Order Directing (JSO, SP 586)			01/15/05	Recod due next year; initial outline being developed.

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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	1st meeting held; final meeting will be in the spring.
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)	11/10/03	Mon., December 15 9:00 a.m. Room 220, CSOB	12/03/03	1 st meeting held; extension requested.
State's Wholesale Liquor Business, Joint Order to Study Implementation of Privatization of the (JSO, SP 552)	9/25/03	Thurs., November 20 th 1:00 p.m. Room 436, SH	12/03/03	2 meetings held; recommendations to be finalized at 11/20 meeting.
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	Thurs., December 4 1:00 p.m. Room 126, SH	11/03/03	1 st meeting held; plan developed to solicit design or funding.
Worker's Compensation Board, Review the Budget Process of the (LD 35 – P.L. 2003, c. 425)	8/20/03	Mon., November 17 th 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Room 220, CSOB	12/03/03	2 meetings held.
Youth in Maine, Presiding Officers Task Force on Creating a Future for (P.O. Order)	9/5/03	Fri., November 14 th 10:00 am.- 2:00 p.m. Room 202, CSOB	12/08/03	1st meeting held and 2 public hearings held; recommendations to be finalized at 11/14 meeting.

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ACCEPTED BILL REQUESTS AS OF 11/18/03
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SPONSOR: Rep. Annis LR 2224
of Dover-Foxcroft ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Authorize the Deorganization of the Town of
Atkinson

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 2285
of Gorham ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Repeal the Taxation of Personal Property Valued
Over \$1,000

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 2303
of Sanford ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Clarify Property Eligible for Reimbursement
of Property Taxes under the Business Equipment Tax
Reimbursement Program

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Bowles LR 2392
of Sanford ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Permit the Photocopying of Driver's Licenses in
Financial Transactions

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
Resolve, To Establish the Commission to Study Access to
Prescription Medication for Persons with Mental Illness

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

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SPONSOR: Sen. Brennan LR 2538
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of 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 Clarify Financial Management Procedures at the
Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

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 Accurate 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 Disease

SPONSOR: Sen. Bryant LR 2584
of Oxford ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Amend the Fees Paid to Attorneys for Lump-sum
Settlements in Workers' Compensation Cases

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 2243
of Millinocket ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Obtain Severance Pay for the Employees of Great
Northern Paper Company

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SPONSOR: Rep. Clark LR 2244
of Millinocket ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Ensure the Safe Operation of Trains

SPONSOR: Rep. Clark LR 2252
of Millinocket ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Exempt Unemployment Benefits from State Income
Tax

SPONSOR: Rep. Clough LR 2294
of Scarborough ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Provide for Fair Treatment of Taxpayers

SPONSOR: Rep. Clough LR 2433
of Scarborough ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Waive Fees for Background Checks for Certain
Emergency Medical Services Personnel

SPONSOR: Rep. Collins LR 2320
of Wells ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Streamline the Collection Process for Sanitary
Districts

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

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

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SPONSOR: Rep. Colwell LR 2454
of Gardiner ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Restore Funding for 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 Mercury-added Novelties

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: Rep. Curley LR 2380
of Scarborough ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Provide for the Safe Disposal of Household
Hazardous Waste

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
Communication Center

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

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

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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 Certain Maine
Businesses and Consumers

SPONSOR: Sen. Davis, Sr. LR 2238
of Piscataquis ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Make Retirement Benefits More Equitable by
Imposing a Surcharge on Income from Congressional
Retirement Benefits

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 2564
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Concerning Disability Retirement Benefits under
the Maine State Retirement System

SPONSOR: Rep. Dudley LR 2570
of Portland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Permit the Filling of a Prescription Refill Prior
to the Expiration of the Prescription

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Dunlap LR 2401
of Old Town ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, Requiring the Department of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife 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. Edmonds LR 2242
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Ensure the State's Commitment to Former Students
Who Were Physically or Sexually Abused at the Governor
Baxter School for the Deaf or the Maine School for the Deaf

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
To Preserve the Heritage of Municipalities

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 and Reporting
Deadlines of the Campaign Reports and Finances Law

ACCEPTED BILLS

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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

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 State Vietnam Veterans' Memorial
in Capitol Park

SPONSOR: Rep. Jackson LR 2385
of Fort Kent ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Provide Residents of the United States with
Timber Harvesting Jobs on Land Managed by the Department of
Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands

SPONSOR: Rep. Jackson LR 2390
of Fort Kent ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, To Increase the Types of 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 Regarding
Balloon Payments

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SPONSOR: Rep. Ledwin LR 2255
of Holden ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Rename the Former Vocational-Technical Secondary
Education Schools, Now Called Applied Technology Centers,
Applied Career Technology Centers

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

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Lessard LR 2234
of Topsham ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Expand Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans to
Cooperative Housing

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Marrache LR 2217
of Waterville ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Protect Communities in the Kennebec Valley
Economic Development District

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 2473
of Sagadahoc ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Clarify the Sales Tax Exemptions Regarding
Assisted Housing Programs

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. McKee LR 2395
of Wayne ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act Regarding Powers of Attorney

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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 Collections

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

SPONSOR: Rep. Paradis, Jr. LR 2573
of Frenchville ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife To Increase the Number of Moose Permits in
High-accident Areas

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 2266
of Calais ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Repeal the Exemption Provision for Certain
Imported Lobster under the Laws Governing Lobster
Measurement

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SPONSOR: Rep. Perry LR 2528
of Calais ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor and the
Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office
of Substance Abuse To Study the Prevalence of Drug and
Substance Abuse

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 Line 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 Land
and Interest in Land for Conservation, Water Access,
Outdoor Recreation, Wildlife and Fish Habitat and Farmland
Preservation and To 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

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 Expand Maine's Homestead Exemption for the Blind

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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 Provide an Income Tax Modification for the
Empowerment Zone Employment 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
of Auburn ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Regarding Child Support Collection Practices

SPONSOR: Rep. Simpson LR 2356
of Auburn ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the Definition of "Electrical Installations"
in the Laws Governing Electricians

SPONSOR: Rep. Smith LR 2526
of Van Buren ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Discourage Misuse of Protection-from-abuse
Proceedings

SPONSOR: Sen. Stanley LR 2363
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Allow Towns To Consolidate for the Purpose of
Establishing a Voting Place

SPONSOR: Sen. Stanley LR 2370
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Require That a Directory Listing of a Commercial
Toll-free Number Include an Address

SPONSOR: Sen. Stanley LR 2376
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Promote Equity in Property Ownership

SPONSOR: Sen. Strimling LR 2428
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Amend the "Freedom of Access Laws" To Exclude
Public Employees' Home Addresses

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SPONSOR: Sen. Strimling LR 2597
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Increase Access of Domestic Violence Victim
Support Agencies to Certain Information

SPONSOR: Rep. Thomas LR 2480
of Orono ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend
Its Rules Regarding Child Development Services for
Children of Kindergarten Age

SPONSOR: Rep. Thompson LR 2282
of China ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Provide Equity in Veterans' Property Tax
Exemptions

SPONSOR: Rep. Trahan LR 2455
of Waldoboro ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to the Discharge of a
Firearm near a Dwelling

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: Sen. Turner LR 2279
of Cumberland ACCEPTED ON: 11/18/03
An Act To Establish Harbormaster Standards and Course
Requirements

SPONSOR: Rep. Twomey LR 2437
of Biddeford ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Prohibit Certain Information Gathering Methods by
Credit Bureaus

SPONSOR: Rep. Usher LR 2399
of Westbrook ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount
of \$3,000,000 To Build a Warehouse To Stimulate and Support
Maine's Manufacturing, Transportation and Harbor Industries

SPONSOR: Rep. Usher LR 2525
of Westbrook ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
Resolve, To Establish a Demonstration Project To Introduce
Grass Carp to Inland Waters

SPONSOR: Rep. Watson LR 2235
of Bath ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Include Disability Retirement Income in
Retirement Income Eligible for Tax Exemption

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SPONSOR: Sen. Weston LR 2319
of Waldo ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Exempt Classic Auto Dealers from Dealer Plate
Restrictions

SPONSOR: Rep. Woodbury LR 2598
of Yarmouth ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act Requiring Long-range Budget Planning

SPONSOR: Sen. Youngblood LR 2416
of Penobscot ACCEPTED ON: 10/22/03
An Act To Authorize the Town of Verona To Change Its Name
