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122<sup>ND</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2005**  
**APPROVED NOVEMBER 28, 2005**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Speaker Richardson, called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

## **ROLL CALL**

Senators:	President Edmonds, Sen. Brennan, Sen. Davis, Sen. Gagnon, Sen. Weston
Representatives:	Speaker Richardson, Rep. Cummings, Rep. Bowles, Rep. Duplessie, Rep. Tardy
Legislative Officers:	Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House Michael Cote, Assistant Clerk of the House David Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Patrick Norton, 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary of September 22, 2005 be accepted and placed on file.  
(Motion by President Edmonds, second by Rep. Tardy, unanimous).

Speaker Richardson asked if there was objection to taking 2 items out of order. Hearing none, the Chair then moved to **New Business, Items 4 and 5.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item #4: Suggested Procedures for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests**

The agenda included a suggested protocol for deciding legislative bill requests. Speaker Richardson asked Executive Director Boulter to summarize the suggested protocol, as follows:

1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session must be limited to budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, any action of the Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 are within the purview of the presiding officers, not the Legislative Council.

**Suggested Protocol for deciding legislative bill requests**

- A. The Legislative Council will review bill requests alphabetically by policy area. An exception to this order of review may 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). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative requests in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or 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 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. 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 "Procedures for Review of Legislative Bill Requests" document dated October 27, 2005. (Motion by Rep. Tardy, second by Sen. Weston, unanimous).

#### **Item #5: Requests to Introduce Legislation for Consideration in the Second Regular Session**

The Council then proceeded to consider and vote on 492 bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an automated voting system for the first time.

### **RECESS**

The Council recessed at 12:07 p.m. on the motion of the Chair.

### **RECONVENE**

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 12:29 p.m. and continued with consideration of the bill requests.

### **RECESS**

The Council recessed at 1:00 p.m. on the motion of the Chair.

### **RECONVENE**

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:12 p.m. and continued with consideration of the bill requests.

### **RECESS**

The Council recessed at 1:35 p.m. on the motion of the Chair.

### **RECONVENE**

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:49 p.m. and continued with consideration of the bill requests until all bill requests had been considered.

Of the 492 bill requests, the Council authorized 174 bill requests for introduction in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature. The Speaker thanked the Legislative Information Services Office and the Revisor's Office for the outstanding work of the staff regarding the voting system and the bill requests.

A list of the bills is attached.

## RECESS

The Council recessed at 2:56 p.m. on the motion of the Chair.

## RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:07 p.m. to consider other items on the agenda.

## REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS

### • Executive Director's Report

David Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council, reported the following to the Council.

1. Human Resources Director Debby Olken organized two seminars on insurances and other employee benefits for legislative employees. She has also arranged for an on-site flu shot clinic to be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> for Legislators, legislative staff and their adult dependents. Both events are part of our Human Resources office's outreach efforts to legislators and staff on human resource matters.
2. On November 10, 2005, the Maine Veterans Services will be holding a ceremony to unveil the Korean War plaque that is to hang permanently in the Hall of Flags. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. and legislators are invited to attend. Members of legislative leadership should be receiving an invitation by the end of October.
3. New directional signage is being installed in the State House to help direct visitors to and within the State House. The signage includes a bronze plaque at the east and north stairways to the State House directing visitors to the west (public) entrance.

### • Fiscal Report

Grant Pennoyer, Director, Fiscal and Program Review Office, reported the following to the Council.

#### 1. General Fund and Highway Fund Revenue – September 2005 Variance Report

General Fund revenue was \$41 million over budget for the month of September. After the first quarter of FY 06, the fiscal year-to-date positive variance increased to \$51.5 million. \$27.8 million of this variance was related to a timing issue of Circuit Breaker and BETR payments. Excluding variances related to these tax programs the General Fund revenue was \$23.7 million ahead of budget. Listed below is a summary of each of the major revenue lines:

- Sales and Service Provider Tax revenues under budget by \$2.2 million in September and under budget by \$5.3 million for the first quarter of FY 06.
- Individual Income Tax revenues over budget by \$5.2 million in September and \$4.5 million over budget for the fiscal year-to-date. The timing of payment in the Circuit Breaker and the BETR programs increased the positive variance in the Individual Income Tax, \$25.2 million in September and \$29.3 million for fiscal year-to-date.
- Lottery revenues under budget in September and through the end of the first quarter have a negative variance of \$1.7 million.

- Corporate Income Tax revenues over budget \$9.3 for the month of September and \$12.2 million for the first quarter of FY 06.
- Cigarette and Tobacco tax revenues over budget by \$2.4 million in September and over budget by \$4.8 for fiscal year-to-date.
- There is no revenue budgeted until May for the public utilities tax.
- Insurance company tax revenues under budget in September, increasing the negative revenue variance for the first quarter of FY 06 to \$1.0 million.
- Estate tax revenues over budget by \$1.2 million in September and \$12.5 million over budget for the fiscal year-to-date.
- Property Tax-Unorganized Territory revenues will not have revenue budgeted until October.
- Income from investments over budget by \$0.1 million for fiscal year-to-date.
- Other Revenue under budget \$2.0 million in September, reducing the fiscal year-to-date to \$1.8 million.

The Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$1.3 million and \$0.5 million over budget for the fiscal year-to-date.

#### **September 2005 Cash Pool Average Balances**

The General Fund cash position averaged \$72.6 million in September. Without the Tax Anticipation Notes and Reserve Fund balances, the General Fund cash position would have had a negative average balance of \$121.4 million. While this amount is negative, it has improved over the last year. The equivalent average balance last year was minus \$147.6 million.

#### **General Fund Cash Balances**

The cash balance trend through June 2005 initially suggested that the General Fund balance had peaked and was trending downward. However, the decline was temporary, due largely to the substantial initial lease payment for the wholesale liquor operation received at the end of FY 04 and beginning of FY 05. The General Fund cash balance appears now to be moving upward.

#### **Highway Fund Cash Balances**

The Highway Fund cash balance was trending downward for several months at the end of FY 05. This reduction was largely due to the budgeted transfers to the General Fund, which were recorded in April, 2005. The Highway Fund cash balance appears to be trending upward.

#### **Revenue Forecasting Committee**

The Revenue Forecasting Committee will meet on Monday, November 21, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 228 of the State House.

#### **• Update of Interim Studies**

Patrick Norton, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, referred members to the Progress Report on Legislative Studies in their packet.

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

- **Office of Information Services' Report**

Paul Mayotte, Director, Legislative Information Services Office, reported that the implementation of the new bill drafting system continues. During the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>, staff in the Revisor's Office participated in 2 days of training followed by 1 day of training for the technical staff of the Legislative Services Office. Both offices are working daily on the implementation and resolving issues. The Revisor's Office will be drafting the new bills in the MELD System; the carryover bills and the Appropriation Table bills will be done using the WANG system.

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

- **Personnel Committee**

Rep. Cummings, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Committee had met earlier in the day to consider an employee request for temporary disability income benefits.

The Personnel Committee unanimously approved a request for temporary disability income benefits, consistent with the Personnel Policies and Guidelines for legislative employees for a member of Leadership Staff.

No Council action is required.

- **State House Facilities Committee**

Sen. Gagnon, Chair of the State House Facilities Committee, reported on the committee meeting of October 17, 2005 and the Working Group on Capitol Security meeting also held on October 17th.

A. Policy of the Use of the Hall of Flags

The committee reviewed a revised draft of a policy on the use of the Hall of Flags that had been prepared by staff. After discussion, the committee made several changes to the draft to improve clarity and workability and voted to recommend that the Legislative Council adopt the policy as revised.

B. Handicap access to third floor porch

The committee reviewed the architect's proposal to install a platform on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor porch of the State House to allow wheelchair access. After viewing the porch and the proposal, the committee asked that the platform not be installed until the committee could meet with the architect and the State Historian to discuss any alternatives to the current proposal. The committee will consider and decide the matter by Spring 2006.

### **State House Facilities Committee Working Group on Capitol Security**

The facilities committee's Working Group on Capitol Security also met on October 17, 2005. The meeting yielded a great deal of information about current security procedures and gaps, and Capitol Security's working relationships with other security-related entities. The working group heard presentations by the Building Control Center and the Executive Protection Unit, reviewed the budgets and position counts for Capitol Security and learned about the cost of private security firms now used at selected state facilities. At its next meeting, the working group will consider various options and reorganizations that can improve security in the State House complex.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council adopt the Policy on the Use of the Hall of Flags as recommended by the State House Facilities Committee, the policy to become effective on January 1, 2006. Further, that after 1 year the Legislative Council review the policy to consider revisions that may be warranted to meet operational considerations and the Legislative Council's intent for appropriate uses in the Hall of Flags. (Motion by Sen. Gagnon, second by Rep. Bowles).

**Discussion:** Sen. Weston noted that in the list of exceptions under the policy, Maine Bankers' Day was not listed and requested that it be added to the list. Sen. Gagnon said the committee believed the group could use the facilities in the Cross Building if it wants to serve meals to legislators. He said that the intent of the committee regarding exceptions would be events that are government or civic related. Sen. Weston explained that a distinction can be made between the bankers' day and other lobby group events in that Maine bankers job shadow each legislator for the day and that a meal in the Hall of Flags is an integral part of the job shadowing and banker/legislator intervention for the day. Sen. Weston made the following amendment to the motion:

**Amendment to Motion:** That the Maine Bankers' Day be added as an exception in the Policy on the Use of the Hall of Flags. (Motion by Sen. Weston, second by Rep. Bowles, unanimous).

**Motion:** That the Policy on the Use of the Hall of Flags as amended be adopted. (Motion by Sen. Gagnon, second by Rep. Bowles, unanimous).

## OLD BUSINESS

### Item #1: Health Policy Forum for Legislators

Proposal by the Maine Development Foundation, jointly with Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, Muskie School of Public Service, and the Maine Health Access Foundation.

**Motion:** That the proposal by Maine Development Foundation, et al to hold a one day health policy forum be approved, conditional upon the policy forum being held in conjunction with Bill Signing Day in December 2005 and that the Maine Development Foundation et al reach an agreement with the chair and vice-chair of the Legislative Council on the agenda and schedule. (Motion by Speaker Richardson, second by Sen. Brennan, unanimous).

## NEW BUSINESS

### Item #1: Submission of Study Work Plans and Budgets

- **Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of MaineCare**
- **Commission to Study the Cost of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories**
- **Commission to Study Alternative Voting Procedures, the Citizens Initiative Process and Minor Party Ballot Access**

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approve the respective work plans and budgets for the three studies listed above. (Motion by Sen. Davis, second by President Edmonds, unanimous).



- **Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs**

The Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs requested approval of its work plan and budget. OPLA Director Norton noted that the work plan and budget varies from the enabling Resolve in that the Task Force is seeking to increase the number of public hearings from 1 to 5 or 6 (depending on funding) and number of meetings from 3 to 5-7, some of which would occur during the Second Regular Session. The additional cost for the additional meetings and hearings would be \$8,485, to be paid by Maine Emergency Management Agency. Contrary to earlier representations MEMA now indicates it has capacity to staff the additional meetings and hearings.

Chair Richardson asked if there was a motion to approve the work plan and budget that includes the expanded request of the Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs. The request failed for lack of a motion.

**Item #2: Request for Additional Meetings**

- **Study Commission Regarding Liveable Wages request two additional meetings**

OPLA Director Norton explained that the Commission is requesting \$1,575.00 for two additional meetings. The reporting deadline would not change.

**Motion:** That the Study Commission Regarding Liveable Wages be authorized one additional meeting and the cost for the additional meeting is to be paid from the Legislative Council's study line in its budget. (Motion by Sen. Gagnon, second by President Edmonds, passed 6-4). (Sen. Davis, Sen. Weston, Rep. Bowles and Rep. Tardy opposed).

**Item #3: Fee Schedule for Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature**

Clerk of the House Millicent MacFarland requested that the Legislative Council approve the proposed document fee schedule for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session. The proposal does not increase fees.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approve the Fee Schedule for Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature. (Motion by Rep. Tardy, second by President Edmonds, unanimous).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

The Chair, Speaker Richardson thanked everyone for the great work they did in preparation of the meeting and during the Council meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

That the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. (Motion by President Edmonds, second by Sen. Davis, unanimous).

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**Senator Andrews of York**

LR 2611 An Act To Make the Taxing of Lobster Traps Optional REJECTED

LR 2612 An Act To Provide a Bill of Rights for Condominium Owners REJECTED

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**Representative Ash of Belfast**

LR 2486 An Act To Prevent Dangerous Commercial Drivers on Maine's Highways ACCEPTED

LR 2627 An Act To Protect Consumers from Credit Card and Debit Card Holds ACCEPTED

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**Representative Austin of Gray**

LR 2898 An Act To Protect Volunteer-earned Funds of the Maine Wildlife Park ACCEPTED

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**Representative Babbidge of Kennebunk**

LR 2928 An Act Regarding Establishment of a Minimum Financial Standard Regarding Educational Cost Sharing REJECTED

LR 2972 An Act To Promote Recycling of Cellular Telephones ACCEPTED

LR 2984 An Act Regarding the Sharing of Educational Costs REJECTED

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**Representative Barstow of Gorham**

LR 2510 An Act To Modernize Maine Government REJECTED

LR 2511 Resolve, Establishing a Working Group in the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Education REJECTED

LR 2512 Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Adopt Rules Addressing Health and Safety Issues Relating to the Operation of Wood-burning Furnaces REJECTED

LR 2513 An Act To Exempt Municipalities from Paying Fees for Filing Deeds REJECTED

LR 2514 An Act To Increase the Number of Cumberland County Commissioners from 3 to 7 REJECTED

LR 2526 Resolve, To Study Municipal Services Billing Problems REJECTED

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**Representative Barstow of Gorham**

LR 2533	An Act To Restore Funding to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services	REJECTED
LR 2734	An Act To Ensure Eligibility for Citizens 65 Years of Age and Older to Purchase Dirigo Choice Insurance	REJECTED
LR 2988	An Act To Strengthen County Government	REJECTED

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**Senator Bartlett of Cumberland**

LR 2474	An Act To Create Regional Economic Councils	REJECTED
LR 2492	An Act To Increase the Penalty for the 3rd Offense of Operating after Suspension	REJECTED
LR 2503	An Act To Require Mandatory Training for Law Enforcement Officers and Prosecutors Regarding Interaction with Citizens with Developmental Disabilities	ACCEPTED
LR 2509	An Act To Prohibit the Advertisement of Tobacco and Alcohol within 500 Feet of a School	REJECTED
LR 2599	An Act To Make Changes to the Maine Juvenile Code	REJECTED
LR 2695	An Act To Encourage Energy Independence for Maine	ACCEPTED
LR 2761	An Act To Increase the Availability of Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Options	REJECTED
LR 2931	An Act To Improve the Maine Enterprise Option Program	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Bierman of Sorrento**

LR 2926	An Act Relating to Flanders Bay Community School District	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Bishop of Boothbay**

LR 2702	An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to All Veterans	REJECTED
LR 2703	An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District	REJECTED
LR 2855	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Increases in Property Valuation for Residents 62 Years of Age and Older	REJECTED

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**Representative Bishop of Boothbay**

LR 2856	An Act To Provide Additional Home Heating Assistance to Low-income Residents	REJECTED
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**Representative Blanchard of Old Town**

LR 2472	An Act To Ensure Business Equity and Vehicle Registration	ACCEPTED
LR 2521	An Act To Fund Pesticide Education in the State	REJECTED

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**Representative Blanchette of Bangor**

LR 2632	An Act To Require Clean Election Candidates To Submit Receipts for Expenditures above \$10	REJECTED
LR 2633	An Act To Prohibit Clean Election Candidates from Hiring Immediate Family Members as Campaign Workers	REJECTED
LR 2634	An Act To Prohibit a Clean Election Candidate fro Organizing a Political Action Committee	REJECTED

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**Representative Bowles of Sanford**

LR 2784	An Act To Clarify That the Costs Associated with Enacting a Direct Initiative Appear on the Ballot	ACCEPTED
LR 2878	An Act To Allow the Display of POW-MIA Flags at Courthouses	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Brannigan of Portland**

LR 2896	An Act To Ensure Coordination and Effectiveness in the Provision of Outpatient and Medication Management Services under Maine's Noncategorical Waiver	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Brautigam of Falmouth**

LR 2958	An Act To Protect Maine's Electricity Consumers	ACCEPTED
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**Senator Brennan of Cumberland**

LR 2629	An Act To Guarantee Access to Medically Necessary Medications during the Implementation of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program	ACCEPTED
LR 2644	An Act Regarding Standardized Testing in Maine	ACCEPTED

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**Senator Brennan of Cumberland**

LR 2785	An Act To Prevent the Use of Nutritional Supplements by Maine Student Athletes	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2868	An Act To Provide Emergency Assistance to People at Risk Due to the High Cost of Heating Fuel	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2869	An Act To Improve the Health, Safety, Welfare and Education of Maine People	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2870	An Act To Invest in the Future of Maine Citizens	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

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**Senator Bromley of Cumberland**

LR 2566	An Act To Change the Name of Little Island to Chickering Island	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2567	An Act To Modify the Gross Weight Limits for Certain 2 and 3 Axle Vehicles	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2598	An Act To Improve the Process for Issuing Duplicate Motor Vehicle Certificates of Title	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2748	An Act To Ensure the Continued Ability of the Maine Economic Growth Council To Produce Reports on Measures	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2762	An Act Regarding Preferences in Bidding on Maine State Housing Authority Contracts	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2775	An Act To Improve the Governance Structure of the Maine State Housing Authority	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2845	An Act To Ensure Economic Fairness for Partners of Long-term Marriages	<b>REJECTED</b>

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**Representative Browne of Vassalboro**

LR 2874	An Act To Allow Farm Trucks That Weigh over 9,000 Pounds To Be Eligible for Farm Specialty Plates	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2875	An Act To Establish a Residency Requirement for MaineCare Recipients	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2876	An Act To Provide Job Opportunities for Students by Lowering the Minimum Wage for Young People	<b>REJECTED</b>

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**Senator Bryant of Oxford**

LR 2464	An Act To Ensure the Authority of "Do-Not-Resuscitate" Orders in Health Care Directives	ACCEPTED
LR 2473	An Act Concerning Members of School Administrative Districts' Finance Committees	ACCEPTED
LR 2584	An Act To Make Changes To Certain Laws Governing Fisheries and Wildlife	REJECTED

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**Representative Bryant of Windham**

LR 2927	An Act To Increase Agent Participation for Insurance Products	ACCEPTED
LR 2981	An Act To Protect the Employment Rights of Military Reserve and National Guard Personnel	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Burns of Berwick**

LR 2613	Resolve, To Study the Efficient Delivery of Contracted Services by Social Workers to MaineCare Recipients	REJECTED
LR 2710	Resolve, To Study the Efficient Billing and Delivery of Social Services by 3rd Parties	REJECTED
LR 2711	An Act Concerning Seat Belts	REJECTED
LR 2712	An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Notify the Secretary of State upon Issuance of New Automobile Policies	REJECTED

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**Representative Cain of Orono**

LR 2516	RESOLUTION, Amending the Constitution of Maine To Lower the Age of Eligibility for Election to the House of Representatives	REJECTED
LR 2867	An Act To Promote Youth Involvement in County and Local Government	REJECTED

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**Representative Campbell of Newfield**

LR 2640	An Act To Keep Senior Citizens Safe from Falls	ACCEPTED
LR 2641	An Act To Provide Supplemental Funding for Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteers for the Meals on Wheels	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Canavan of Waterville**

LR 2454	An Act To Provide Access to Health Care for Workers	REJECTED
LR 2715	An Act To Require Lobbyists To Wear Identification Badges	REJECTED
LR 2716	An Act To Promote Transitional Employment for People with Mental Illness	REJECTED
LR 2859	An Act To Extend the Lobbyist Reporting Requirements to Executive Branch Lobbying Activities	ACCEPTED
LR 2872	An Act To Amend the Disclosure Law for Public Officials	REJECTED
LR 2879	An Act To Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Produce a Register with Photos of All Registered Lobbyists	ACCEPTED
LR 2880	An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Sentinel Event Reporting	REJECTED
LR 2884	An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Public Officials and Conflict of Interest	REJECTED

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**Representative Carr of Lincoln**

LR 2607	An Act To Increase Efficiency in Truck Hauling	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Cebra of Naples**

LR 2529	An Act To Establish a Back-to-school Tax-free Shopping Weekend	REJECTED
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**Representative Churchill of Washburn**

LR 2877	An Act To Prohibit Bear Hunting with Dogs in Organized Territories	REJECTED
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**Representative Clark of Millinocket**

LR 2597	An Act To Amend the Law Governing Smoking in Private Clubs	REJECTED
LR 2804	An Act To Enable Local Adult Education Programs To Play a Greater Role in Helping Dislocated Workers	ACCEPTED
LR 2841	An Act To Delay New Assessment Practices for High School Students	REJECTED

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**Senator Clukey of Aroostook**

LR 2496	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Municipal Tax Cap To Protect Municipalities That Use Reserve Funds To Lower Their Mill Rates	ACCEPTED
LR 2936	An Act To Define "Disability" in the Maine Human Rights Act	REJECTED

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**Representative Collins of Wells**

LR 2779	An Act To Require Voters To Provide Proof of United States Citizenship	REJECTED
LR 2919	An Act To Implement the Privatization of Work Performed the by Maine Geological Survey	REJECTED

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**Senator Courtney of York**

LR 2490	An Act To Provide State Funding for the Fingerprinting of School Personnel	REJECTED
LR 2523	An Act To Reduce Heating Fuel Taxes Paid by Businesses	REJECTED
LR 2527	An Act To Prohibit Insurance Companies from Refusing To Issue or Renew Homeowners Insurance to People Who Own Dogs	REJECTED
LR 2631	An Act To Amend the Sex Offender Registration Laws	REJECTED
LR 2732	An Act To Increase the Governor's Salary	REJECTED

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**Senator Cowger of Kennebec**

LR 2457	An Act To Require Insurance Companies To Notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when a Motor Vehicle Has Been Insured	ACCEPTED
LR 2466	An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Notice of Reinstatement	REJECTED
LR 2524	An Act To Exempt Certain Businesses from the Service Provider Tax for Use of Audio and Visual Rentals	REJECTED
LR 2635	An Act To Ensure Long-term Capacity of Municipal Landfills	REJECTED
LR 2698	An Act To Protect the Health and Welfare of Children and Spouses in Need of Enhanced Child Support Enforcement Services	REJECTED
LR 2802	An Act To Clarify the Taxable Status of Processing Fees Charged in Connection with Cancelled Lodging Reservations	ACCEPTED



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**Senator Cowger of Kennebec**

LR 2810	An Act To Change Responsibility for the Regulation of Above-ground Storage Tanks to the Department of Environmental Protection	REJECTED
LR 2925	An Act To Consolidate the Management of Solid Waste	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Craven of Lewiston**

LR 2470	An Act To Allow for the Reimbursement of the Private Nonmedical Institution Service Provider Tax	REJECTED
LR 2651	An Act To Require That New Road Construction or Repair Include Sidewalks or Bike Trails or Both	ACCEPTED
LR 2652	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Examine Issues Associated with Laws Requiring Permission To Use All-terrain Vehicles on Another's Land	REJECTED
LR 2653	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Assessment of Property Taxes in the Event of a Change of Ownership of the Property	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Cressey of Cornish**

LR 2481	An Act To Adopt Jessica's Law	REJECTED
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**Representative Crosby of Topsham**

LR 2700	An Act To Allow Businesses To Place a Sign at the Topsham Mall Exit on Interstate 95	REJECTED
LR 2937	An Act To Allow All Races Approved by the Maine Harness Racing Commission for an Agricultural Fair To Be Simulcast	REJECTED

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**Representative Crosthwaite of Ellsworth**

LR 2676	An Act To Provide for the Issuance of a Bench Warrant upon Failure To Appear for a Hearing on Nonpayment of a County Jail Reimbursement Fee	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Cummings of Portland**

LR 2537	An Act To Provide Additional Property Tax Relief to Maine Citizens	ACCEPTED
LR 2575	An Act To Provide Supplemental Funds for Heating Assistance	REJECTED

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**Representative Cummings of Portland**

LR 2817	An Act To Establish Requirements and Standards for Health Savings Accounts for Small Businesses	ACCEPTED
LR 2973	An Act To Improve Education in Maine	REJECTED
LR 2985	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Block Grant Program to Promote Economic and Cultural Development	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Curley of Scarborough**

LR 2488	An Act To Safeguard Maine's Highways	ACCEPTED
LR 2563	An Act To Establish November as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month"	REJECTED
LR 2672	An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Agencies To Maintain Public Sex Offender Registry Websites	ACCEPTED
LR 2747	An Act To Cap the Rate of Increase for Property Valuation	REJECTED

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**Representative Daigle of Arundel**

LR 2718	An Act To Assist the Cities of Biddeford and Saco	ACCEPTED
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**Senator Damon of Hancock**

LR 2530	An Act To Improve Highway Safety	REJECTED
LR 2760	An Act To Amend Maine's Noise Ordinance Laws	REJECTED

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**Representative Davis of Falmouth**

LR 2450	An Act To Provide Adult Adoptees Access to Their Original Birth Certificates	ACCEPTED
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**Senator Davis of Piscataquis**

LR 2534	An Act To Increase Certain Fees Paid to Sheriffs and Their Deputies	ACCEPTED
LR 2535	An Act To Eliminate the State Portion of the Gasoline Tax	REJECTED
LR 2637	An Act To Exempt Snow Grooming Equipment and Machinery from the Personal Property Tax	ACCEPTED

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**Senator Diamond of Cumberland**

LR 2497	An Act To Establish and Classify Penalties for Multiple Driving License Suspensions	ACCEPTED
LR 2625	An Act To Clarify the Assessment of Costs To Maintain a Private Way or Bridge	ACCEPTED
LR 2626	An Act To Clarify the Responsibilities of the State Tax Assessor Regarding Local Assessors	REJECTED
LR 2675	An Act To Exempt Fuel Distributors from Filing Quarterly Reports if Tax Is Paid at the Time of Purchase	REJECTED
LR 2767	An Act To Expand the List of Prior Crimes That May Be Considered When Determining Whether a Person Is a Repeat Sexual Assault Offender	ACCEPTED
LR 2906	An Act To Provide Funding for the Construction of a Regional Career Center	ACCEPTED
LR 2929	An Act To Improve Housing Conditions for Equines	REJECTED

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**Senator Dow of Lincoln**

LR 2909	An Act To Control Bomb Threats at Public Education Facilities	REJECTED
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**Representative Driscoll of Westbrook**

LR 2975	An Act To Promote College Savings Accounts	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Dudley of Portland**

LR 2993	An Act To Expand Childhood Readiness To Learn through Dental Screening	REJECTED
LR 2994	An Act To Reduce the Long-term Costs of Substance Abuse	REJECTED
LR 2997	An Act To Increase Public Control over the Designation of ATV Trails	REJECTED

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**Representative Dugay of Cherryfield**

LR 2885	An Act Concerning the Use of Clean Election Funds	REJECTED
LR 2964	An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Reports of the Ombudsman Program	REJECTED

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**Representative Dunn of Bangor**

LR 2888	An Act To Adjust the Excise Tax Filing Schedule for Wine Producers	ACCEPTED
LR 2889	An Act To Provide Redemption Centers with Handling Supplies	REJECTED
LR 2890	An Act To Allow Independent Wineries To Serve Wine at Trade Shows	ACCEPTED
LR 2920	An Act Regarding Child Custody Evaluations	REJECTED
LR 2921	An Act Regarding Criminal Record Checks	REJECTED

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**Representative Duplessie of Westbrook**

LR 2684	An Act To Improve Traffic Safety at Intersections	ACCEPTED
LR 2685	An Act To Allow the Importation of Wine	ACCEPTED
LR 2686	An Act To Clarify Municipal Valuations of Resort Property	ACCEPTED
LR 2691	An Act To Enhance Firefighter Safety	ACCEPTED
LR 2980	An Act To Provide for Victims of Drivers Operating Under the Influence	REJECTED

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**Representative Eder of Portland**

LR 2515	Resolve, To Save Moosehead Lake	REJECTED
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**Representative Edgecomb of Caribou**

LR 2619	An Act To Dedicate a Portion of Automobile Registration Fees To Fund Veterans Cemeteries	REJECTED
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**President Edmonds of Cumberland**

LR 2517	An Act To Improve Transparency in the Operation of Government	REJECTED
LR 2791	An Act To Appropriately Compensate and Ensure the Supply of Personal Care Assistants	ACCEPTED
LR 2792	An Act To Ban Vaccines Containing Thimerosal	REJECTED
LR 2793	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Purchasing Code of Conduct	ACCEPTED

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**President Edmonds of Cumberland**

LR 2794	An Act To Prevent State Taxpayers from Subsidizing Large Employers	ACCEPTED
LR 2795	An Act To Protect Workers from Intimidation	ACCEPTED
LR 2796	An Act To Protect Maine's Groundwater Resources	ACCEPTED
LR 2797	An Act To Enhance Maine's Image as a Dog-friendly State	REJECTED
LR 2798	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Craft Brewing Industry	ACCEPTED
LR 2799	An Act To Sustain Good Local Planning Practices	ACCEPTED
LR 2800	An Act To Enhance Competition and Consumer Choice in the Telecommunications Industry	ACCEPTED
LR 2850	An Act To Maintain Standards for the Plumbing Profession	ACCEPTED
LR 2854	An Act To Maintain Standards for Consumers of Mechanical Services	ACCEPTED
LR 2983	An Act To Clarify an Easement across State Park Land	ACCEPTED
LR 2989	An Act To Improve the State's Authority To Prevent Price Gouging	REJECTED
LR 2991	An Act To Improve Retention, Quality and Benefits for Direct Care Health Workers	ACCEPTED
LR 2992	An Act To Protect Injured College Students	REJECTED

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**Representative Emery of Cutler**

LR 2479	An Act To Allow Sea Urchin Harvesters To Make Up Fishing Days Lost to Inclement Weather	REJECTED
LR 2480	An Act To Improve Water Monitoring at Clam Flats	ACCEPTED
LR 2484	An Act To Establish a Scale for Teacher Salaries That Is Uniform throughout the State	REJECTED
LR 2485	An Act To Provide Funds to the Machias Wastewater Treatment Plant	REJECTED

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**Representative Faircloth of Bangor**

LR 2489	An Act To Require a Business To Request Proof of a Valid Driver's License before Hiring a Trucker To Have Its Goods	REJECTED
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**Representative Faircloth of Bangor**

LR 2519	An Act To Provide Parents with Information about Biohazards Affecting Children	REJECTED
LR 2600	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Use of Deadly Force in the Defense of Premises	REJECTED
LR 2720	An Act To Increase the Excise Tax Imposed on Beer and Wine Except for Beer and Wine Produced by Microbreweries	REJECTED

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**Representative Farrington of Gorham**

LR 2835	An Act To Inform Parents of Students' Privacy Rights	ACCEPTED
LR 2836	An Act To Reduce Taxes on the Property of Religious Societies	REJECTED

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**Representative Finch of Fairfield**

LR 2671	An Act To Protect Real Estate Values Impaired by Railroad Operations	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Fischer of Presque Isle**

LR 2539	An Act To Streamline MaineCare Billing	ACCEPTED
LR 2540	An Act To Improve Workplace Safety	REJECTED
LR 2541	An Act To Direct the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability To Investigate the MaineCare Billing Crisis and To Hold Individuals Accountable	REJECTED
LR 2542	Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Ensure Fairness for Municipal Police Departments	REJECTED
LR 2543	Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Study the Child Support System	REJECTED
LR 2544	An Act To Protect Citizens from Unfair Taxation	REJECTED
LR 2615	An Act To Protect Military Families	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Fletcher of Winslow**

LR 2722	An Act To Improve Water-skiing Safety	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Fletcher of Winslow**

LR 2723	An Act To Clarify the Eminent Domain Statutes	REJECTED
LR 2724	An Act To Conserve Energy in Maine Homes	REJECTED
LR 2932	An Act To Encourage Energy Efficiency	REJECTED
LR 2933	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Energy Conservation Programs through Efficiency Maine	REJECTED
LR 2934	An Act To Lower the Cost of Electricity	REJECTED

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**Representative Flood of Winthrop**

LR 2587	An Act To Control the Number of Bill Proposals of the Legislature	REJECTED
LR 2588	An Act To Establish a Reasonable Length for the Work Day	ACCEPTED
LR 2589	An Act To Provide Concealed Weapon Permit Fees to Municipalities	REJECTED
LR 2590	An Act To Allocate Child Support Appropriately	ACCEPTED
LR 2591	An Act To Ensure Reimbursement for Towing Services	REJECTED
LR 2754	An Act To Allow Public Notification of Minors 16 Years of Age and 17 Years of Age Arrested for Violent Felonies	REJECTED
LR 2755	An Act To Prohibit Registered Sex Offenders from Establishing Residence within 1,000 Feet of a Public or Private School	REJECTED

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**Senator Gagnon of Kennebec**

LR 2678	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Enact a Local Option Homestead Property Tax Exemption	REJECTED
LR 2679	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing All-terrain Vehicles	ACCEPTED
LR 2680	An Act To Improve the Liquor Laws	REJECTED
LR 2681	An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability	REJECTED
LR 2682	An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Gaming	REJECTED
LR 2683	An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Election Practices and Ethics	REJECTED

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**Representative Gerzofsky of Brunswick**

LR 2738	An Act To Require the Secretary of State to Notify Local Law Enforcement Agencies of Driver's License Suspensions	REJECTED
LR 2990	An Act To Create the 2-1-1 Information System	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Glynn of South Portland**

LR 2669	An Act To Increase Accessibility to Health Insurance	REJECTED
LR 2737	An Act To Protect Services for MaineCare Clients Designated as Noncategorical	REJECTED
LR 2918	An Act To Lower Property Taxes by Exempting State and Municipal Employees from the Savings Offset Payment under Dirigo	REJECTED

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**Representative Goldman of Cape Elizabeth**

LR 2765	An Act To Promote the Efficient Use of State and Local Resources in the Calculation of the Transportation Costs Component of the School Funding Formula	REJECTED
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**Representative Grose of Woolwich**

LR 2448	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Living Wills of Terminally Ill Persons	ACCEPTED
LR 2586	An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Smoking in Private Clubs	ACCEPTED
LR 2623	An Act To Provide a Free Moose Hunting Permit to Residents 70 Years of Age or Older	REJECTED
LR 2970	An Act To Modify the Requirements for Provisional Social Worker Licenses	REJECTED
LR 2971	An Act To Accommodate Victims of Identity Theft	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Hanley of Paris**

LR 2452	An Act To Allow the Buckfield Village Corporation To Be Dissolved and Combined with the Town of Buckfield	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Hanley of Gardiner**

LR 2616	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Crime of Refusing To Submit to Arrest or Detention	REJECTED
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**Senator Hastings of Oxford**

LR 2709 An Act Regarding the Appointment of Harbormasters **ACCEPTED**

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**Senator Hobbins of York**

LR 2721 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's  
Task Force Regarding the Shutdown of the Maine Energy Recovery  
Corporation Trash-burning Facility in Biddeford **ACCEPTED**

LR 2959 An Act To Confirm the Authority of the City of Saco To Acquire  
Extraterritorial Facilities **ACCEPTED**

LR 2960 An Act To Implement Model Timeshare Foreclosure Procedures **REJECTED**

LR 2961 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Sand Dune Protection **ACCEPTED**

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**Representative Hogan of Old Orchard Beach**

LR 2548 An Act To Require That Passengers in the Beds of Pick-up Trucks  
Wear Seat Belts **REJECTED**

LR 2549 An Act To Enhance the Laws Prohibiting Profiteering on Fuel **ACCEPTED**

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**Representative Hotham of Dixfield**

LR 2739 An Act To Provide Funding to the Fractionation Development Center  
in Rumford **REJECTED**

LR 2740 An Act To Support Campgrounds in Maine **REJECTED**

LR 2741 An Act To Protect Access to Social Security Numbers **ACCEPTED**

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**Representative Jackson of Fort Kent**

LR 2585 An Act To Increase the Number of Moose Permits for the Lottery by  
500 **ACCEPTED**

LR 2620 An Act To Change the Charter of the Saint Francis Water District **ACCEPTED**

LR 2719 An Act To Clarify the Intent of the Law That Allows Retired  
Firefighters To Retain Their Firefighter License Plates **ACCEPTED**

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**Representative Jacobsen of Waterboro**

LR 2706 An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Issuance of a Worthless  
Instrument **REJECTED**

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**Representative Jacobsen of Waterboro**

LR 2707	An Act To Exempt Platform Lifts from the Annual Elevator Inspection	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Jennings of Leeds**

LR 2654	An Act To Clarify the Voting Procedures for Private Clubs To Determine Smoking Policies	REJECTED
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**Representative Joy of Crystal**

LR 2498	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Scope of Application for Eminent Domain Property Seizures	REJECTED
LR 2499	Resolve, To Create a Study Commission To Coordinate Maine's Climate Change Policy	REJECTED
LR 2701	An Act To Control Alcohol in the Maine Woods	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Lerman of Augusta**

LR 2536	An Act To Provide an Energy Emergency Relief Fund for Home Heating Oil and Gasoline	ACCEPTED
LR 2821	An Act To Adjust the Real Estate Property Valuation Process	REJECTED
LR 2822	An Act To Establish a Tax-free Day	REJECTED
LR 2823	An Act To Promote the Redevelopment of Historic Structures	REJECTED
LR 2824	An Act To Protect a National Historic Landmark	REJECTED
LR 2825	An Act To Adjust the Eligibility for Nonprofit Exemption	REJECTED
LR 2826	An Act To Provide Health Care Security	REJECTED
LR 2827	An Act To More Equitably Pay for Municipal Services	REJECTED
LR 2828	An Act To Create Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities	ACCEPTED
LR 2829	An Act To License Behavioral Analysts	REJECTED
LR 2830	An Act To License Guardians Ad Litem	REJECTED

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**Representative Lerman of Augusta**

LR 2831	An Act To Protect Pregnant Women from Mercury Overexposure	REJECTED
LR 2832	An Act To Protect Children from the Onset of Autism	REJECTED
LR 2833	An Act To Ensure Adequate Capacity at Riverview Psychiatric Center	REJECTED

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**Representative Lindell of Frankfort**

LR 2460	An Act To Limit the Use of Eminent Domain	REJECTED
LR 2487	An Act To Exempt from Property Tax Church Residences an Residences Maintained for the Staff of Tax-exempt Organizations	REJECTED
LR 2837	An Act To Authorize a Sales Tax Holiday	REJECTED
LR 2838	Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study and Recommend Ethical Standards for State Agencies	REJECTED

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**Representative Makas of Lewiston**

LR 2462	An Act To Clarify the Eminent Domain Laws in the State	REJECTED
LR 2873	An Act To Protect the Rights of Women	REJECTED

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**Representative Marley of Portland**

LR 2494	Resolve, To Study the Designation of a Portion of Tobacco Settlement Funds for Hospital-based smoking Cessation Programs	REJECTED
LR 2495	Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study the Feasibility of Establishing Sound and Pollution Barriers along Portions of Interstate 295	REJECTED
LR 2531	An Act To Ensure Accountability Regarding Commercial Vehicle Contractors	REJECTED
LR 2621	An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Parking in Access Aisles Adjacent to Parking Spaces for the Physically Disabled	ACCEPTED
LR 2643	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Increases in Property Tax Assessments	REJECTED
LR 2674	An Act To Remove the Clergy as a Signatory on a Marriage License	REJECTED

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**Representative Marley of Portland**

LR 2689	Resolve, To Reevaluate Maine's Ban on the Sale of Efficient Diesel Vehicles	REJECTED
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**Senator Martin of Aroostook**

LR 2568	An Act To Allow the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman To Deposit All Tax Receipts, Grant Receipts and Other Income and Revenues into One Depository Account	ACCEPTED
LR 2569	An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Allow the Operation of Snowmobiles Registered outside the State at Special Events Occurring in the State	ACCEPTED
LR 2596	An Act To Create the Washburn Water and Sewer District	ACCEPTED
LR 2667	An Act To Create a Single Board of Trustees To Oversee the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System	REJECTED
LR 2746	An Act To Provide Greater Control of the Sale and Distribution of Liquor	REJECTED
LR 2780	An Act To Reform the Maine Tort Claims Act	REJECTED
LR 2788	An Act To Ensure Patient Safety	REJECTED
LR 2809	An Act To Protect Health Insurance Consumers	ACCEPTED
LR 2848	An Act To Protect Maine Families and the Environment by Improving the Collection and Recycling of Mercury Thermostats	ACCEPTED
LR 3033	An Act To Restructure the Composition of the State Parole Board	REJECTED

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**Senator Mayo of Sagadahoc**

LR 2468	An Act To Improve the MaineCare Program	ACCEPTED
LR 2560	An Act To Prevent Elder Financial Abuse	ACCEPTED
LR 2561	An Act Regarding Competitive Bidding by the Maine Turnpike Authority	REJECTED
LR 2639	An Act To Provide Additional Opportunities To Purchase Affordable Prescription Drugs	REJECTED

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**Senator Mayo of Sagadahoc**

LR 2657	An Act Regarding the Sharing of Costs in Certain School Districts	REJECTED
LR 2789	Resolve, To Ensure Proper Accounting for Funds at the Department of Health and Human Services	REJECTED

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**Representative Mazurek of Rockland**

LR 2564	An Act To Amend the Restrictions for Enlarging a Cemetery	REJECTED
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**Representative McKane of Newcastle**

LR 2483	An Act To Enhance Free Market Health Insurance Reform	REJECTED
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**Representative McKenney of Cumberland**

LR 2562	An Act To Authorize Chebeague Island To Secede from the Town of Cumberland	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Merrill of Appleton**

LR 2504	An Act To Restrict the Use of Eminent Domain Law	REJECTED
LR 2610	An Act To Reimburse School Districts 75% of the Rise in Fuel Costs	REJECTED
LR 2642	An Act To Protect Businesses from Unnecessary Eminent Domain Takings	ACCEPTED
LR 2857	Resolve, To Examine the Sufficiency of Representation for Students in Special Education Cases	REJECTED

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**Representative Miller of Somerville**

LR 2577	An Act To Restore the Cost-sharing Agreement Established by the Voters of School Administrative District No. 40	REJECTED
LR 2694	An Act To Clarify the Workplace Smoking Act of 1985	REJECTED
LR 2772	An Act To Strengthen and Improve Review Procedures in the Certificate of Need Program	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Millett of Waterford**

LR 2742	An Act To Improve Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services	REJECTED
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**Representative Millett of Waterford**

LR 2907	An Act To Enact the Maine Recovery Act	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2922	An Act To Clarify the Change of Beneficiary Provision in the Maine State Retirement System Laws	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

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**Representative Mills of Farmington**

LR 2565	An Act To Prevent Price Gouging	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2778	An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the District Court with Regard to Certain Evictions	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2846	An Act To Prevent Price Gouging in Necessities of Life	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2847	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Emery Center at the University of Maine at Farmington	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2864	An Act To Protect Community Pharmacies	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2881	An Act To Authorize Flexibility in School Attendance Requirements in Emergencies	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2891	An Act To Require Legislative Review of Department of Environmental Protection Shoreland Zoning Rules	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2894	An Act To Allow Small Businesses To Participate in Liquor Sales	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2897	An Act To Provide Proportionality in the Offense of Trafficking in Prison Contraband	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2901	Resolve, Regarding the Operation of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2903	An Act To Correct Deficiencies in the Divorce Laws	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2908	Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study Possible Uses of the Navy Facility in Franklin County	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2911	Resolve, Authorizing the Family Law Advisory Commission To Study Property Division Issues in Unmarried Relationships	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2963	An Act Concerning the Tagging of Coyotes	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2986	An Act To Clarify the Unemployment Laws Relating To Subcontractors	<b>REJECTED</b>

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**Representative Mills of Farmington**

LR 3038	An Act Relating to Automobile Graveyards and Junkyards	REJECTED
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**Senator Mills of Somerset**

LR 2532	An Act To Establish the Athens Water District	ACCEPTED
LR 2545	An Act To Repeal the Surcharge on the Sale of Dogs and Cats That Have Not Been Neutered	REJECTED
LR 2645	An Act To Provide Continued Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program	REJECTED
LR 2892	An Act To Improve the Efficiency of State Government	REJECTED

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**Senator Mitchell of Kennebec**

LR 2528	An Act To Establish a Refundable Historic Rehabilitation Credit	ACCEPTED
LR 2547	An Act To Expand Pine Tree Zone Tax Credits To Aid in the Refurbishing of Historic Maine Buildings	REJECTED
LR 2559	An Act To Create the Maine Self-sufficiency Trust	REJECTED
LR 2628	An Act To Promote Economic Development by Enhancing Educational Opportunities	ACCEPTED
LR 2806	An Act To Expand the Responsibilities of the State Board of Education	REJECTED
LR 2807	An Act To Require Appointment by the Governor to Boards of Visitors of the University of Maine System Campuses	REJECTED
LR 2862	An Act To Prevent Noise and Air Pollution in the Town of Oakland	ACCEPTED
LR 2863	An Act To Increase College Attainment of Maine Students by Expanding the Maine Tuition Waiver Program	REJECTED
LR 2910	An Act To Establish a Child Advocate Position in the Disability Rights Center	REJECTED
LR 2912	An Act To Provide for Accountability in Maine's Educational Systems by Creating a Higher Education Council	REJECTED
LR 2962	An Act To Ensure Continuation of the Planning and Development of Collaborative Partnerships	REJECTED

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**Representative Moody of Manchester**

LR 2661 An Act To Enhance the Integrity of the Moose Lottery **REJECTED**

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**Representative Moore of Standish**

LR 2463 An Act To Increase the Salary of the Governor **ACCEPTED**

LR 2482 An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Employees Who Are Minors  
Be Overseen by a Superior in Order To Sell Tobacco **REJECTED**

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**Representative Muse of Fryeburg**

LR 2451 An Act To Protect the Water Quality of Colcord Pond and Bickford  
Pond in Porter **ACCEPTED**

LR 2662 An Act To Ban Alcohol Consumption on the Saco River **REJECTED**

LR 2663 An Act To Amend the Maine Education Law **REJECTED**

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**Representative Norton of Bangor**

LR 2803 An Act To Facilitate the Transition of Adult Education Students to  
Postsecondary Learning **REJECTED**

LR 2923 An Act To Prohibit School Systems from Voting on a Budget until a  
Collective Bargaining Agreement Has Been Finalized **REJECTED**

LR 2924 An Act To Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding  
Formula **REJECTED**

LR 2979 An Act To Increase the Refund Value of Beverage Containers **REJECTED**

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**Senator Nutting of Androscoggin**

LR 2656 An Act To Ensure Adequate Posting of Notices of Holding on Credit  
Card Machines **REJECTED**

LR 2935 An Act To Deter Environmental Terrorism in the State **REJECTED**

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**Representative Paradis of Frenchville**

LR 2904 An Act To Amend the Law Governing DNA Testing **REJECTED**

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**Representative Patrick of Rumford**

LR 2697 An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws **ACCEPTED**



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**Representative Pelletier-Simpson of Auburn**

LR 2459	An Act To Clarify Laws Governing Eminent Domain	ACCEPTED
LR 2465	An Act To Protect Drivers' Privacy by Clarifying Ownership of Data Recorded by Event Data Recorders	ACCEPTED
LR 2743	An Act To Protect Alewives	REJECTED
LR 2744	Resolve, To Protect Drinking Water	REJECTED
LR 2883	An Act Regarding Child Welfare Services Contracting	REJECTED

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**Representative Percy of Phippsburg**

LR 2688	An Act To Support Small Businesses with Limited Sales of Alcoholic Beverages	REJECTED
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**Representative Perry of Calais**

LR 2576	An Act To Increase Supervision of Red Tide on the Maine Coast	ACCEPTED
LR 2745	An Act To Address the Problems Created by Substance Abuse in Maine	REJECTED
LR 2818	An Act To Require That a Written Agreement Regarding Responsibility for Property Taxes Be Filed with the Municipality upon the Transfer of Ownership of That Property	REJECTED
LR 2852	An Act To Clarify the Accountability of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	ACCEPTED

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**Senator Perry of Penobscot**

LR 2781	An Act to Encourage the Use of Biodiesel Fuel in Home Heating	REJECTED
LR 2782	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for a \$40,000 Nonreimbursable	REJECTED
LR 2783	An Act To Increase the Bottle Deposit	REJECTED
LR 2915	An Act To Protect Children from Contact with Convicted Sex Offenders	ACCEPTED
LR 2982	An Act To Ensure Continued Viability of Affordable Housing	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Pilon of Saco**

LR 2646	An Act To Assist Municipal Clerks in Certifying Citizen's Initiative Petitions	REJECTED
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**Representative Pingree of North Haven**

LR 2930	An Act To Ensure Special Education Funding under Essential Programs and Services to All Maine School Districts	REJECTED
LR 3020	An Act To Require Audiological Reporting for Screenings of Young Children	REJECTED
LR 3029	An Act To Maintain Prescription Drug Benefits for Seniors and People with Disabilities	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Piotti of Unity**

LR 2812	An Act To Repeal the Tax on Vegetable Seeds for Home Gardens	ACCEPTED
LR 2813	An Act To Create a Self-insurance Pool for Crossing of State-owned Railroad Tracks	ACCEPTED
LR 2886	Resolve, To Require a Study of the Laws Relating to Conservation Easements	REJECTED
LR 2887	An Act To Guide Growth within Unorganized Areas and Promote Economic Prosperity in Less Developed Regions	REJECTED

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**Senator Plowman of Penobscot**

LR 2573	An Act To Place a Moratorium on the Imposition of the Sales Tax on Wood Stoves and Furnaces	REJECTED
LR 2574	An Act To Allow the Department of Health and Human Services To Locate Parents Who Are Delinquent in Child Support Payments through Information Related to Cell Phones	ACCEPTED
LR 2858	An Act Concerning Court Orders Issued for the Protection of Children	REJECTED
LR 2938	An Act To Require the State To Honor Its Obligations to Health Care Providers under the Tax and Match Program	REJECTED

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**Senator Raye of Washington**

LR 2453	An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Drew Plantation	ACCEPTED
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**Senator Raye of Washington**

LR 2699	An Act To Ensure Enhanced Red Tide Testing	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2725	An Act To Assist Lobstermen Deployed for Military Service in Time of War	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2726	An Act To Ensure Options for Early Childhood Education Programs and Services	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2773	An Act To Save the Marine Trades Center and Strengthen Maine's Boatbuilding Workforce	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2900	An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Washington County Economic Development Task Force	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

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**Speaker Richardson of Brunswick**

LR 2603	An Act To Enhance Health Care Safety	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2604	An Act To Establish a Development Authority for Brunswick Naval Air Station	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2605	An Act To Provide Emergency Regional Economic Development Assistance for Brunswick Naval Air Station	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2617	An Act To Assist the Visually Impaired To Obtain Information Regarding Current Events	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2749	An Act To Eliminate the Double Taxation of Motor Fuels	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2750	An Act To Ensure Appropriate Reimbursement of Rising Energy Costs for Long-term Care Facilities	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2751	An Act To Reduce the Impact of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on Maine Residents	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2752	An Act To Encourage New Businesses and Business Expansions in Maine	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2753	An Act To Recapitalize the Maine Downtown Center	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2763	An Act To Promote Homeland Defense	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2808	An Act To Permit the Direct Shipment of Wine to Maine Consumers	<b>REJECTED</b>

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**Representative Rines of Wiscasset**

LR 2776	An Act To Recover Costs for School Districts	REJECTED
LR 2777	An Act To Allow School Districts To Recover Certain Funds	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Robinson of Raymond**

LR 2520	An Act To Allow for Access to Digital Phone Service for Customers in Rural Areas	REJECTED
LR 2692	An Act To Exempt Military Pensions from State Income Tax	REJECTED
LR 2704	An Act To Protect Small Payroll Processors	REJECTED

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**Senator Rosen of Hancock**

LR 2583	An Act To Improve Water Quality and Safety of Phillips Lake	ACCEPTED
LR 2601	Resolve, To Name the New Hancock-Waldo Bridge	REJECTED
LR 2677	An Act To Conform the Certificate of Need Law To Industry Standards	REJECTED
LR 2717	Resolve, To Improve Quality and Access to Care through the Development of a Joint Strategic Plan	REJECTED

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**Senator Rotundo of Androscoggin**

LR 2696	An Act To Eliminate Inequities in the Service Provider Tax	REJECTED
LR 2714	An Act To Improve the Procedures of the Board of Licensure in Medicine	REJECTED
LR 2805	Resolve, To Ensure Continued Success in Procuring Grants for Arts Agencies	REJECTED

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**Representative Sampson of Auburn**

LR 2659	An Act To Modernize the Charter of the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company	ACCEPTED
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**Senator Savage of Knox**

LR 2622	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Ferry Service Travel for Individuals with Catastrophic Illness	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Saviello of Wilton**

LR 2500	An Act To Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners from 3 to 5	REJECTED
LR 2501	An Act To Regionalize the Supervision of Students from the Unorganized Territory	REJECTED
LR 2551	An Act To Allow Deputy Sheriffs To Serve on County Commission Committees	REJECTED
LR 2602	An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Changes Made to the Educational Assessment Testing	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Schatz of Blue Hill**

LR 2965	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Excise Tax on New Automobiles	ACCEPTED
LR 2966	An Act To Create Provisions for Exemptions of County Government Spending Caps	REJECTED
LR 2967	An Act To Streamline Criteria for Municipal General Assistance for Heating and Utility Assistance	ACCEPTED
LR 2968	An Act To Improve the Public Hearing Process	REJECTED
LR 2969	An Act To Exempt Dentists from Jury Duty	REJECTED

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**Senator Schneider of Penobscot**

LR 2606	An Act To Assist Maine Military Families	ACCEPTED
LR 2790	An Act To Encourage Reporting of Potential Fraud in State Government	ACCEPTED
LR 2899	Resolve, To Direct the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs To Review and Amend Warrants	REJECTED

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**Representative Sherman of Hodgdon**

LR 2733	An Act To Amend the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman Act	REJECTED
LR 2735	An Act To Appropriate Funds To Fund the Office of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman	REJECTED
LR 2736	An Act To Require That Automobile Extended Warranties Purchased by Maine Citizens Provide That Arbitration the State of Maine	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Smith of Monmouth**

LR 2648	An Act To Inform and Protect the Public Regarding State Employees with Certain Criminal Records	REJECTED
LR 2649	An Act To Clarify the Qualifications for Certain State Employment	REJECTED
LR 2650	An Act To Require State Agencies To Report the Number of Convicted Felons Currently in Their Employ	REJECTED
LR 2665	An Act To Develop an Appropriate Measure for a Loose Cord of Firewood	REJECTED

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**Representative Smith of Van Buren**

LR 2756	An Act to Protect Retirement Funds	REJECTED
LR 2764	An Act To Preserve Patient Records	REJECTED
LR 2774	An Act To Allow Smelt Dipping in Long Lake in Aroostook County	ACCEPTED
LR 2819	An Act To Include Unemployment Benefits in the Calculation of Average Weekly Wage for Seasonal Workers	REJECTED
LR 2820	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Average Weekly Wages for Seasonal Workers	REJECTED
LR 2834	An Act To Preserve Citizens' Access to the Courts	REJECTED
LR 2839	An Act To Protect Workers and Medical Examinations	REJECTED
LR 2840	An Act To Limit Double-dipping of Retirement Funds	REJECTED
LR 2987	An Act To Revise the Unemployment Law	REJECTED

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**Senator Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin**

LR 2558	An Act To Increase the Penalty for Throwing an Object at a Moving Vehicle	REJECTED
LR 2849	An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Employee" for State Government and Ensure the Continued Use of Subcontractors	REJECTED

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**Representative Sockalexis of Penobscot Nation**

LR 2449	An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Maine Native American Studies Curricula	REJECTED
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**Representative Sockalexis of Penobscot Nation**

LR 2578	An Act To Provide Funding for Tribal Economic Development for the Penobscot Indian Nation and Other Federally Recognized Tribes	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2579	An Act To Provide Penobscot Tribal Members with the Same Privilege To Take Marine Organisms as Is Provided to Passamaquoddy Tribal Members	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2580	An Act To Return Sales Tax Collected on Sales Occurring on the Penobscot Indian Nation Reservation and Tribal Lands to the Penobscot Indian Nation	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2581	Resolve, Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission To Permit the Establishment of a Tribal Energy District within Penobscot Indian Nation Lands for the Development of Renewable Energy Resources	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2582	An Act To Establish a Penobscot Language Preservation Fund in the Department of Education	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

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**Senator Stirling of Cumberland**

LR 2461	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit the Taking of Private Property for Commercial Development	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2471	Resolve, To Direct the Maine State Retirement System To Divest Certain Holdings	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2525	An Act To Cap the Price of Gas	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2570	An Act To Provide Funding for Firearms Safety Instructors to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2571	An Act To Provide Notification to a Person Who Holds a Protection from Abuse Order When the Person against Whom the Order Is Held Attempts To Purchase a Firearm	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2974	Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution To Restrict Tax Increases	<b>REJECTED</b>

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**Senator Sullivan of York**

LR 2630	An Act Permitting the Recycling of Unused Prescription Drugs	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2655	An Act To Amend the Maine Consumer Credit Code as It Relates to Finance Charges for Loans on Open-end Credit	<b>REJECTED</b>

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**Senator Sullivan of York**

LR 2664	An Act To Require Maine Residency in Order To Sell Lobster In-state	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2666	An Act To Clarify the Qualifications for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2670	An Act To Include Dental Screening with Other Preschool Testing for Maine's Children	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2693	An Act To Amend the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2759	An Act To Increase the Number of Members on the Board of Pesticide Control	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2786	An Act To Appropriate Funds To Eliminate Cost Sharing under Certain MaineCare Programs	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2787	An Act To Reexamine and Reformulate Nursing Home Licensing and Inspection	<b>REJECTED</b>

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**Representative Sykes of Harrison**

LR 2556	An Act To Ensure Fair Inheritance	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2769	An Act To Reduce the Number of Sexually Explicit Items Possessed To Raise a Permissible Inference of the Intent To Disseminate the Items	<b>REJECTED</b>

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**Representative Tardy of Newport**

LR 2814	An Act To Access Federal Money for Health Insurance Reform	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2815	Resolve, To Investigate Causes of State Computer Malfunctions	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2816	An Act To Restore Fairness in Funding Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2882	An Act To Establish Guidelines and Criteria for Maine Revenue Services Audits	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

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**Representative Thomas of Ripley**

LR 2469	An Act Concerning State-issued Fire Permits	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2552	An Act To Improve Cell Phone Service in Maine	<b>ACCEPTED</b>



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**Representative Thomas of Ripley**

LR 2553	An Act To Exempt Equipment Sold for Alternate Energy Use from Sales Tax	REJECTED
LR 2757	An Act To Clarify Provisions Governing Technical Education	ACCEPTED
LR 2758	An Act To Increase the Penalties for Bomb Scares	REJECTED
LR 2914	An Act To Facilitate Inspections of Heating Appliances and Chimneys	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Thompson of China**

LR 2475	An Act To Clarify Prescription Drug Labels	REJECTED
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**Representative Trahan of Waldoboro**

LR 2522	An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to the Digging of Clams in a Closed Area	REJECTED
LR 2660	An Act To Clarify the Status of the Seaweed Harvesting Industry as a Public Resource	REJECTED

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**Senator Turner of Cumberland**

LR 2467	An Act To Clarify the Use of Eminent Domain Power by the State and its Political Subdivisions	REJECTED
LR 2647	An Act To Clarify the Workplace Smoking Laws	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Tuttle of Sanford**

LR 2505	An Act To Increase the Legislative Housing Allowance, Mileage Reimbursement and Constituent Expense	REJECTED
LR 2506	An Act To Require a Truck Driver To Take a Driver's Test and Safety Course Every 3 Years	REJECTED
LR 2507	An Act To Encourage a Law Enforcement Agency To Pursue Truckers with Suspended Licenses	REJECTED
LR 2508	Resolve, To Create a Joint Select Committee To Study Agent Purple	REJECTED
LR 2572	An Act To Reinstate the Clothing Allowance for Recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	REJECTED
LR 2608	Resolve, To Expedite a Workers' Compensation Case	REJECTED

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**Representative Tuttle of Sanford**

LR 2609	An Act To Increase Wheelchair Reimbursement Rates	REJECTED
LR 2658	An Act To Allow an Ambulance Company To Function as a Medical Care Car	REJECTED
LR 2916	An Act To Establish a Transferable Lobster Trap Tag System	REJECTED
LR 2917	An Act Concerning Energy Conservation in Schools	ACCEPTED

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**Representative Twomey of Biddeford**

LR 2491	An Act To Require a Solid Waste Facility Decommissioning Fee	REJECTED
LR 3034	An Act To Address Bypass Waste at Incinerators	REJECTED
LR 3035	An Act To Allow the Use of Fallen Apples in Apple Cider	ACCEPTED
LR 3036	An Act To Purchase the Maine Energy Recovery Company	REJECTED

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**Representative Valentino of Saco**

LR 2865	An Act To Require Approval of the Gambling Control Board for the Transfer of Any Ownership in an Off-track Betting Facility	REJECTED
LR 2866	Resolve, To Consolidate the Jurisdiction over Any Entity Involved in Gambling	REJECTED

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**Representative Walcott of Lewiston**

LR 2705	An Act To Streamline the Reporting Requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services	REJECTED
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**Representative Watson of Bath**

LR 2614	An Act To Prevent the Introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease	ACCEPTED
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**Representative Webster of Freeport**

LR 2842	An Act To Ensure Appropriate Services for Certain Adults with Disabilities in Transition Due to Actions of the State	REJECTED
LR 2851	An Act To Create Fairness in Liquor Licensing Fees	ACCEPTED
LR 2893	An Act To Provide Information to the Public Regarding Lobbying and Lobbyists	REJECTED

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**Senator Weston of Waldo**

LR 2673	An Act To Prohibit the Maine State Housing Authority from Imposing Requirements Regarding Health Insurance on Contractors Who Bid on Maine State Housing Authority	<b>REJECTED</b>
LR 2690	An Act To Amend the Fees for Probate Filings	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2708	An Act Concerning the Implementation of Cuts in Child Development Services	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2860	An Act To Establish the Maine State Agricultural Drought Protection Act	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2861	An Act To Create the Maine Agricultural Water Source Development and Management Program	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
LR 2895	An Act To Allow Employers To Make Payments for Undisputed Portions of Workers' Compensation Claims	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

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**Representative Wheeler of Kittery**

LR 2624	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Archery Hunting Season	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
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**Representative Woodbury of Yarmouth**

LR 2905	An Act To Make Minor Technical Changes to Maine's Spending Growth Benchmarks	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
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**Senator Woodcock of Franklin**

LR 2595	An Act To Increase the Penalty for the Crime of Terrorizing	<b>REJECTED</b>
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	Total	Percent
Number of Requests Submitted:	492	
Number of Requests Accepted:	<b>174</b>	35%
Number of Requests Rejected:	318	65%
Number of Unanimous Votes:	300	61%
Number of Unanimous Yes Votes:	119	24% (of total)
Number of Unanimous No Votes:	181	37% (of total)
Number of 5-5 Votes:	16	3%

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#	Study Name	Policy Area	Recent or Planned Meeting Dates	Report Dates/Reports to:	Total Members	Appointments made to date	Responsible Agency/Staffing	Study Status to date
1	<b>Study of Forest Ownership in Maine</b> (staff study in conjunction with C/O of LD 1406)	ACF	N/A	ACF	None		OPLA staff study	On-going
2	<b>Commission to Reform the State Budget Process</b> (PL 2005, c. 386, Part Q)	AFA	9/29/2005	To AFA Committee by 1/3/06	12	12	Bureau of the Budget	On-going
3	<b>CRJ Committee review of Sex Offender Laws</b> (PL 2005, c. 423)	CRJ	8/9/05; 9/8/05; 9/28/05	No report	CRJ Committee		OPLA staffing	CRJ met on 8/9/05 and 9/8/05. Third mtg on 9/28/05
4	<b>Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs</b> (Resolve 2005, c. 126)	CRJ	10/17/2005	12/7/05 Interim Report; 11/1/06 Final Report (both to Legislature)	11	11	OPLA and MEMA	On-going
5	<b>Legislative Youth Advisory Council</b> (PL 2001 c.439, as amended by PL 2005, c. 414)	EDU	N/A	Annually; Legislature	22	13	OPLA staffing	Awaiting completion of appointments
6	<b>Review and Recodify Laws Pertaining to Violence in Our Schools</b> (Resolve 2005, c. 120)	EDU	N/A	Legislation due 12/7/05 to EDU	None		OPLA and ROS	On-going
7	<b>Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of MaineCare</b> (Resolve 2005, c. 117)	HHS	10/11/05; 11/1/05; 11/15/05; 12/6/05	12/7/05 to HHS and AFA	10	10	OPLA and OFPR staffing	On-going
8	<b>Governor's Committee to Study the Feasibility of the Importation of Prescription Drugs</b> (P&S 2005, c. 24)	HHS	TBD	1/15/06 to HHS	2	2	Governor's Office	On-going
9	<b>Task Force to Study Cervical Cancer Prevention, Detection and Education</b> (Resolve 2005, c. 121)	HHS	TBD	12/7/05 to HHS and Gov; Final Report 11/1/06 to HHS and Gov	16	16	OPLA staffing	Appointments complete; first meeting being scheduled
10	<b>DHHS Working Group on Department's Accounting Structure</b> (PL 2005, c. 412)	HHS	TBD	10/1/05 to HHS; AFA and Gov	None		OPLA/OFPR will participate in working group	Interim report received.
11	<b>Review the Establishment of the DHHS</b> (PL 2003, c. 689)	HHS	N/A	No report	None		DHHS is lead agency (with drafting assistance from OPLA and ROS)	DHHS briefing to HHS Committee on Dept structure to be scheduled
12	<b>Health Care System and Health Security Board</b> (PL 2001, Part ZZ4)	IFS	10/11/2005	12/7/05 to IFS	20	20	OPLA staffing	On-going
13	<b>Freedom of Access Advisory Committee</b> (Resolve 2005, c. 123)	JUD	TBD	12/7/05 to LC, JUD and Governor	13	10	OPLA staffing	Awaiting completion of appointments (3 Governor appointments needed)
14	<b>Study State Compliance with Federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978</b> (Resolve 2005, c. 118)	JUD	TBD	12/7/05 to LC & JUD	12	10	OPLA staffing	Awaiting completion of appointments

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15	Study Commission Regarding Livable Wages ( <i>Resolve 2005, c. 128</i> )	LAB	10/5/2005; 10/27/05; 11/16/05	12/7/05 to Legislature	12	12	OPLA staffing	On-going
16	Task Force on Substance Abuse Testing and Treatment ( <i>PL 2005, c. 443</i> )	LAB	N/A	12/7/05 to LAB	None		Department of Labor	On-going
17	Citizen Trade Policy Commission ( <i>PL 2003, c. 699</i> )	LAB	9/30/05 meeting to review final 2005 report (legislation anticipated; 10/28/05)	Annually to Legislature, Gov and others	22	22	OPLA staffing	On-going: Reviewing draft final report.
18	Commission to Arrange for a Monument Honoring Women Veterans of Maine ( <i>Resolve 2005, c. 116</i> )	LVA	TBD	1/2/06 and 3/1/06 to Capitol Planning Commission	8	8	OPLA staffing	Appointments complete. No outside funding received.
19	Commission to Study Alternative Voting Procedures, and Citizen Initiative Process and Minor Party Ballot Access ( <i>Resolve 2005, c. 127</i> )	LVA	10/3/05; 10/24/05; 11/7/05	12/7/05 to Legislature	11	11	OPLA staffing	On-going
20	Study of State Regulation of Groundwater Withdrawal ( <i>PL 2005, c. 452</i> )	NAT	TBD	11/1/07 to NAT	Working group		Maine Geological Survey	3 Legislators budgeted. Appointing authority not specified
21	Committee to Establish a Memorial for Emergency Medical Services Personnel ( <i>Resolve 2005, c. 124</i> )	SLG	11/20/2005	1/15/06 to SLG; 3/15/06 to SLG and Capitol Planning Commission	9	9	DAFS	On-going
22	Commission to Study the Cost of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories ( <i>Resolve 2005, c. 125</i> )	TAX	9/29/05; 11/10/05	12/7/05 to Legislature	17	17	OFPR	Ongoing

### Appointment Summary

Number of appointed positions	199
Appointments made to date	183
Percent of appointments complete	92.0%

### Study Activity Summary

Studies awaiting appointments	4
Initial activity/research started	18
	22