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### **MEMO**

TO:

Members of the Legislative Council

Legislative Council Staff Offices

FROM:

Suzanne M. Gresser, Principal Attorney

RE:

Information for November 5, 2009 Council Meeting

Appeal of Rejected Bill Requests

A Part of the

DATE:

October 29, 2009

This packet is being distributed only to members of the Legislative Council and staff offices. It contains ballots, which include summaries and titles, of requests that were rejected at the October 15, 2009 meeting and that are being appealed by the sponsors. Sponsors' letters of appeal are also included. There is no distribution to the public by the Revisor's Office; however, copies of the appealed bill titles will be available to the public at the November 5, 2009 meeting of the Council.

You should add this packet to your notebook and bring your notebook with you to the appeal meeting on November 5th.

cc: David Boulter

# 124TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION APPEALED BILL REQUESTS



Office of the Revisor of Statutes

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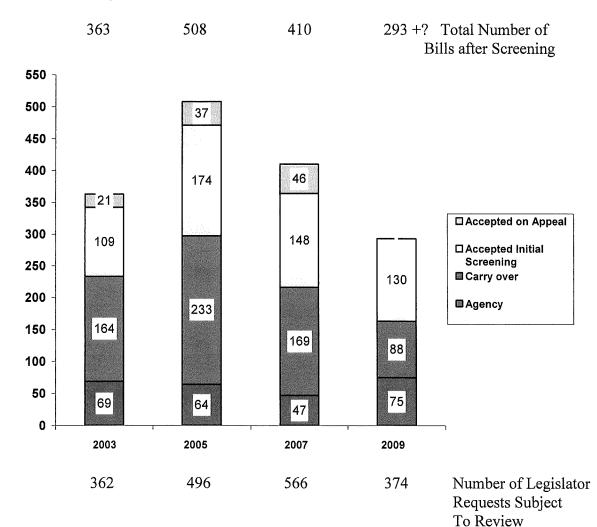
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### INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the titles and summaries of the 73 bill requests filed before cloture, rejected at the Legislative Council's October 15th meeting and appealed by the appeal deadline on October 27th. The council accepted 130 of 374 requests at its October 15th meeting. Part 7 contains a record of the vote for the requests and is sorted by sponsors' names in alphabetical order. Each sponsor's appeal notice is reproduced as received followed immediately by the ballot for the appealed request. Also included in Part 8 is a list of appealed bills by broad subject and in Part 9 are lists of bill requests accepted by broad subject and in order alphabetically by sponsor.

The graph below shows categories of bill requests for this session and the past three second regular sessions.



PART 7

# 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature Second Regular Session

Appeal Letters and Voting Records From the First Meeting

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October 27, 2009

Speaker Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree,

I will be appealing the decision of the Legislative Council to not allow the following bill to be considered in the Second Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

LR 2307, An Act To Enact the Maine Substance Abuse Impairment Act.

It is vital that this bill be considered by the Legislature now because of the number of people whose lives are at risk due to substance abuse.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steplen Beaudite

Sincerely,

Steve Beaudette

State Representative

HHS SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

LR: 2307

Sponsor: Representative Beaudette of Biddeford

An Act To Enact the Maine Substance Abuse Impairment Act

Mitchell	No				]	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Berry	No
Raye	No				,	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
•			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	<del>'mi</del>
		Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

### Comments

This bill would provide standards for voluntary and involuntary admission of a person for treatment of substance abuse at a facility operated by a service provider.

# House of Representatives



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October 27, 2009

Speaker Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree,

I will be appealing the decision of the Legislative Council to not allow the following bill to be considered in the Second Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

LR 2392, An Act To Clarify the Informed Growth Act.

It is vital that this bill be considered by the Legislature now because the first project built under this law was just completed and revealed problems with the current law that should be remedied before more projects go under construction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steplen Brandett

Sincerely,

Steve Beaudette

State Representative

SLG MUNICIPALITIES LAND USE

LR: 2392

Sponsor: Representative Beaudette of Biddeford

An Act To Clarify the Informed Growth Act

Mitchell	No				P	ingree	No
Bartlett	No				P	iotti	Absent
Marrache	Yes				В	егту	No
Raye	Yes				T	ardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				C	urtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total	5	4	0	1	Out

### Comments

This bill would amend the Informed Growth Act. It clarifies that a change of use permit is not considered a land use permit under the Act and that the Act applies only to new construction. In addition, the bill seeks to clarify how the municipal reviewing authority is to evaluate and consider the enumerated criteria in the comprehensive economic impact study.

Senator Peter B. Bowman

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124th Legislature

Senate of

Maine

Senate District 1

October 27, 2009

Speaker Hannah Pingree 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

As Chair of the Maine State Legislature's Legislative Council, I would like to formally request that the Legislative Council reconsider its decision to reject LR 2249, "An Act To Require a Pharmacist To Provide Prior Notification or Obtain Consent from the Prescribing Physicians before Changing from One Formulation or Manufacturer to Another of an Antiepileptic Drug," which I have sponsored.

I understand the Legislative Council is working hard to limit the number of bills during the second half of the 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature. LR 2249 is an emergency because it addresses an important matter of public health, is supported by the American Academy of Neurology, and has already been enacted by Illinois and Tennessee.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this appeal. If I can be of any more assistance or provide additional explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely.

Peter Bowman, Senate District 1

# HHS HEALTH CARE SERVICES PHARMACIES

LR: 2249

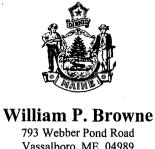
Sponsor: Senator Bowman of York

An Act To Require a Pharmacist To Provide Prior Notification or Obtain Consent from the Prescribing Physicians before Changing from One Formulation or Manufacturer to Another of an Antiepileptic Drug

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No					Piotti	No
Marrache	No					Berry	No
Raye	No				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	No		•			Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

### Comments

This bill would require a pharmacist to provide prior notification and obtain consent from the prescribing physician if an antiepileptic drug is switched from one formulation or manufacturer to another if the drug is used to treat epilepsy.



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October 20, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2424, "An Act To Designate Funds from the Highway Fund to the Highway and Bridge Light Capital Program."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2424. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Willewin P Brown

William P. Browne State Representative

# TRA GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND TRANSFERS

LR: 2424

Sponsor: Representative Browne of Vassalboro

An Act To Designate Funds from the Highway Fund to the Highway and Bridge Light Capital Program

Mitchell	No				•	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				!	Piotti	No
Marrache	No					Berry	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	4	6	0	1	Out

### Comments

This bill would designate a certain portion of the Highway Fund money to the Highway and Bridge Light Capital program to be used for maintenance service treatment.

124th Legislature Senate of Maine Senate District 14

Senator Bruce S. Bryant

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October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Honorable Elizabeth Mitchell Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree and President Mitchell:

I respectfully request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on the following legislation that I have submitted:

LR 2395, "An Act to Encourage Youth Participation in Maine's Hunting Heritage." LR 2395 would provide increased opportunities for youths to participate in .Maine's Hunting Heritage by allowing youth license holders to hunt on Sunday on public lands.

I will be attending the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting to address any questions and concerns that the Council may have with regard to these bills.

Sincerely,

Senator Bruce Bryant

LR: 2395

IFW HUNTING **SUNDAYS** 

Sponsor: Senator Bryant, B. of Oxford

An Act To Encourage Youth Participation in Maine's Hunting Heritage

Mitchell	No		Pingree	No
Bartlett	No		Piotti	No
Marrache	No		Веггу	No
Raye	No		Tardy	No
Courtney	No		Curtis	No
			Yes No Abstain Absent	
		Total:	0 10 0 0	Out

Out

### Comments

This bill would allow youth license holders to hunt on Sunday on public lands.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 942

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October 26, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2274 An Act to Provide for the Safety of Young Maine Athletes.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Michael Carey

State Representative

Michael E Cary

TRA BICYCLES

LR: 2274

REQUIREMENTS

Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston

An Act To Provide for the Safety of Young Maine Athletes

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	Yes
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	Absent
Marrache	No				1	Berry	Yes
Raye	No				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	2	7	0	1	Out

### Comments

This bill would amend the rules governing the rules of the road to extend to the operation of roller skis those same requirements governing the operation of bicycles.



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October 26, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2168, "An Act To Require an Independent Audit of the Maine Care System."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2168. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Cebra State Representative

HHS	MEDICAID	1	LR: 2168
	MAINECARE		

Sponsor: Representative Cebra of Naples

An Act To Require an Independent Audit of the MaineCare System

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No					Piotti	No
Marrache	No				•	Berry	No
Raye	Yes					Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				•	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would require an independent audit of the MaineCare System.

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124th Legislature Senate of Maine Senate District 3

Senator Jonathan T.E. Courtney Assistant Republican Leader 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003 (207) 287-1505

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October 16, 2009

Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2142-An Act To Increase the Maximum Distance from a School and a Day Care Center That May Be Set by Municipal Ordinance Beyond Which a Sex Offender May Reside

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the next session.

This bill is intended to increase the maximum distance that may be set by municipal ordinance beyond which a sex offender may reside from 750 to 2,500 feet.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking in support of my bill at the upcoming appeal session.

Sincerely,

Ionathan T.E Courtney
Assistant Republican Leader

CJPS CRIMES

LR: 2142

SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: Senator Courtney of York

An Act To Increase the Maximum Distance from a School and a Day Care Center That May Be Set by Municipal Ordinance beyond Which a Sex Offender May Reside

Mitchell	No				,	Pingree	No
Bartlett	Yes				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Berry	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

### Comments

This bill would increase the maximum distance that may be set by municipal ordinance beyond which a sex offender may reside from 750 to 2,500 feet.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2189 Representative Flaherty



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October 27, 2009

The Honorable Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council for the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

I am formally requesting an appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2174, "An Act Regarding Lands Held in Trust for the Benefit of the Citizens of Bethel." As you are aware, Council members rejected the bill request during its October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting by a vote of 4 to 5.

It is my intention to be present for the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and to address members of the Council as to the reasons this issue should be considered during the Second Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Jarrod S. Crockett State Representative

Jarrol Crockett

District 91 Bethel, Eustis, Gilead, Hanover, Kingfield, Newry, Rangeley, Stoneham, Upton, Woodstock and Plantations of Dallas, Lincoln and Magalloway, plus the unorganized territories of East Central Franklin (part, including part of Salem Township), North Franklin, North Oxford, South Oxford (including Albany and Mason Townships) and Milton Township

SLG MUNICIPALITIES TOWNS

LR: 2174

Sponsor: Representative Crockett, J. of Bethel

An Act Regarding Lands Held in Trust for the Benefit of the Citizens of Bethel

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				İ	Piotti	Absent
Marrache	No				İ	Berry	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes		•		(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	4	5	0	1	Out

### Comments

This bill would facilitate the use of lands held in trust for the benefit of the citizens of Bethel. These lands were given to a municipal organization in Bethel pursuant to a deed of trust.



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October 27, 2009

The Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree,

I am writing to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council not to let in LR 2195, An Act To Make Improvements to the Laws Governing the State Board of Corrections. All legislative requests dealing with the Board of Corrections were denied entry including LR 2195. Unlike others, my bill does not seek repeal of the law establishing the Board of Corrections. However, it is of the utmost urgency that the concerns of the counties be given a hearing in the upcoming session. It will not be sufficient that the Department of Corrections has its own bill in, if they have one.

The counties and the state are on a crash course which, if no changes are made to the law, will seriously undermine our ability to continue providing correctional services in a cost-effective manner, consistent with the safety of the public and of correctional workers in the county jails. All the cost projections from the state, the counties and the municipalities at the time the Board of Corrections was established showed a slowing of annual jail cost increases to about 6 percent per year with the changes that have been and are being implemented. No one projected a decrease in spending or even flat-funding. Nevertheless, there were no state funds appropriated for FY 2011 at all, meaning funding for county jails will actually decrease. This is likely to lead to unsafe conditions in the jails unless some modifications to the law are allowed, giving counties some options for dealing with a decrease in state funding.

Please reconsider your vote on this urgent matter. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

State Representative

# CJPS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CORRECTIONS BOARD

LR: 2195

Sponsor: Representative Crockett, P. of Augusta

An Act To Make Improvements to the Laws Governing the State Board of Corrections

Mitchell	No				]	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				]	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				]	Веггу	No
Raye	Yes				,	Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

### Comments

This bill would permit counties to collect from the property tax levy an amount above the current caps in statute equal to the difference between the amount of state funds certified by the State Board of Corrections as necessary to continue operations in county jails and the amount actually appropriated by the Legislature when the latter amount is less than the former amount.



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October 16, 2007

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2278 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Adopt Rules Clarifying Fish Stocking Decisions

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative Robert Duchesne

IFW FISH LR: 2278

### **PROTECTION**

Sponsor: Representative Duchesne of Hudson

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Adopt Rules Clarifying Fish Stocking Decisions

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Маттасће	No				1	Berry	Yes
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

### Comments

This resolve would direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt major substantive rules clarifying fish stocking decisions in public waters. The rules must include a definition for "reasonable public access." This definition must include an assessment of the availability of publicly owned access points, the availability and suitability of privately owned, publicly accessible points, the resources contributed and responsibilities undertaken by local residents and associations, the threat of invasive species and the reasonableness and effectiveness of citizen-initiated programs to prevent the spread of invasive species, including the availability of boat-washing systems at launch ramps, on-site volunteer monitoring efforts and supervised gate systems.

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Memo to:

Speaker Hannah Pingree

Chair, Legislative Council

From:

Representative Jane Eberle

e Eheree

Sponsor, LR 2112

Re:

Appeal of Legislative Council decision

Chair Pingree and Legislative Council:

I am appealing the rejection of LR 2112 by the Council. LR 2112 is a critically important technical "fix" necessary to assure the continued success of the ongoing Long Creek Impaired Urban Watershed remediation currently in progress in the Greater Portland area, including the Maine Mall. The Long Creek remediation is a collaboration of EPA, Maine DEP, several municipalities, business owners and environmental groups. The Long Creek remediation plan has been underway for a couple of years and is a model of collaboration of this type of urban impaired watershed clean-up, a success while other states are struggling to get the parties to work together.

LR 2112 simply allows the work to continue by addressing some minor issues that have arisen during the negotiations.

Thank you,

Representative Jane Eberle

House District 123

South Portland/Cape Elizabeth

NAT COASTAL AREAS LAND USE

LR: 2112

Sponsor: Representative Eberle of South Portland

An Act To Amend the Coastal and Lake Watershed Districts Law To Clarify Municipal Home Rule and Interlocal Cooperation Authority

Mitchell	No					Pingree	Y	es
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	Y	es
Marrache	No				]	Вегту	Y	es
Raye	No				•	Tardy	N	o
Courtney	No				•	Curtis	N	0
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
		Total:	3	7	0	0	O	ut

### Comments

This bill would clarify that the watershed district law is one way of establishing a district and that alternatively one or more municipalities may create a watershed management district under municipal home rule authority or under interlocal cooperation authority.



### Mark Eves

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October 27, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

### LR 2384 Resolve, To Establish the Maine Children's Budget

I would like to have this bill considered in the Second Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature so that if passed, there is an opportunity to apply for federal stimulus funding.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Mark Eves

State Representative

# AFA STATE FINANCES BUDGET PROCEDURES

LR: 2384

Sponsor: Representative Eves of North Berwick

Resolve, To Establish the Maine Children's Budget

Mitchell	No			,	1	Pingree	Yes
Bartlett	No			,	1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Веггу	Yes
Raye	No				•	Tardy	. No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

### Comments

This resolve would require state departments, beginning with the budget for the 2012-2013 biennium, to present aspects of the budget that relate to prenatal services and services provided to children under 5 years of age in a coordinated fashion and in a format that provides separate line items for these expenditures.

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### **Stacey Allen Fitts**

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October 27, 2009

The Honorable Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council for the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

I am formally requesting an appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2252, "An Act To Streamline Collections for Consumer-owned Consolidated Water and Wastewater Utilities." As you are aware, Council members rejected the bill request during its October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting by a vote of 5 to 5.

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It is my intention to be present for the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and to address members of the Council as to the reasons this issue should be considered during the Second Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Stacey Allen Fitts
State Representative

UTE UTILITY DISTRICTS

LR: 2252

**FEES** 

Sponsor: Representative Fitts of Pittsfield

An Act To Streamline Collections for Consumer-owned Consolidated Water and Wastewater Utilities

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No					Piotti	Yes
Marrache	No				•	Berry	No
Raye	Yes				,	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Yes
•			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

### Comments

This bill would allow consumer-owned consolidated utilities to disconnect water service for nonpayment of sewer charges.

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October 27, 2009

The Honorable Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council for the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

I am formally requesting an appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding 2466, "An Act To Protect Universal Service." As you are aware, Council members rejected the bill request during its October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting by a vote of 4 to 6.

It is my intention to be present for the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and to address members of the Council as to the reasons this issue should be considered during the Second Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Stacey Allen Fitts
State Representative

UTE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
UNIVERSAL SERVICE

LR: 2466

Sponsor: Representative Fitts of Pittsfield

An Act To Protect Universal Service

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No	
Bartlett	No					Piotti	No	
Marrache	No					Berry	No	
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes	S
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Yes	S
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
		Total:	4	6	0	0	Ou	t

## Comments

This bill would prohibit an instrumentality or agency of the State from providing telecommunications service or information service to any person other than itself or its tenants and from procuring such services in a manner that constrains or limits the alternative proposals that may be submitted to meet the instrumentality's or agency's needs. This bill also would recognize a private right of action in Superior Court for injunctive relief against and damages ensuing from such unlawful competition. This bill also would remove the unfair competitive advantage allowed to the University of Maine in locating equipment on existing utility facilities.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2465 Representative Fletcher

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LR 2173

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

## LR 2173 - Broadband Policy

As we look more closely at the state of Broadband access in Maine, it is very clear that we must articulate the State Broadband Policy. As it exists today, each group—The Broadband Strategy Council, ConnectME, and the Public Utilities Commission—has its own definition and standards for bringing broadband access in the State. Furthermore, each group has its own strategy and goals for promoting statewide access. It is critical for the State to clearly define standards, goals, and strategies to successfully move forward in bringing broadband to the State. The advancement of broadband access throughout the State is essential for economic development and very important for individuals, and thus the State needs to work towards that advancement.

This legislation will provide the basic guidelines to allow individual broadband providers to develop more successfully and aid in the advancement of Maine citizens. This legislation is essential in developing the foundation and the fundamentals to not only streamline the updating process but to ensure that broadband providers have workable business plans that make sense within our State and are designed for the benefit of all Maine citizens in a timely manner.

During the New Deal, it became apparent that providing telecommunication capabilities to all corners of the country was a critical part of giving Americans an equal chance for success. As technology develops, Maine has often stood at the forefront new technology that has so positively affected Maine life. Expanding broadband access throughout the State will provide equal opportunities for all Maine residents, and increase the productivity of the entire state. As the rest of the country expands its programs, Maine must remain competitive with all states and ensure that each Mainer can also remain connected and accessible to the latest technology—both for personal and economic development.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Sean Flaherty

State Representative

cc: Members of Legislative Council

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# UTE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BROADBAND SERVICES

LR: 2173

Sponsor: Representative Flaherty of Scarborough

An Act To Establish a Broadband Policy for Maine

Mitchell	No				Ì	Pingree	No
Bartlett	Yes				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Berry	Yes
Raye	Yes				,	Tardy	No
Courtney	No				•	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

## Comments

This bill would make affordable internet service available to all residents and businesses in the State by maximizing sustainable private investment in broadband infrastructure.

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LR 2185

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

## LR 2185 - ELL Program Review

In the fall of 2002, Lewiston, ME experienced as sudden increase in their population when roughly 1000 Somali immigrants moved to the city within an 18-month span (usimmigration.org). As an immigrant population, the growing Somali population in Maine has entered our school systems as English Language Learners (ELL). However, because of the sudden change in demographics, Maine public schools are vastly unprepared to teach ELL students, which has led to a sharp decline in graduation rates and a large population of people unprepared to enter the workforce.

It is no longer possible to ignore the rising number of ELL students in Maine schools. There are currently more than 4500 ELL students, but only 125 teachers with endorsements in teaching ELL classes, and even fewer specifically qualified to work with the diverse Somali population. Because of the growing importance of the youth to maintain Maine's economy, it is extremely critical to study the state of ELL programs in Maine and develop solutions to combat the excessively high dropout rates and the number of failing schools in our State.

We need more English as a second language (ESL) endorsed teachers, especially those with the qualifications to teach 7-12 grades, and we need better preparation for all teachers to have ELL students in their classrooms. And thus, it is of the utmost importance for the future of learning and thriving in Maine that we look at the state of ELL learning in Maine, and begin to reformulate the way English is taught to ESL students to facilitate better learning, better development, and a stronger Maine community.

Maine's immigration population has grown, and it is no longer possible to ignore the lack of resources in Maine schools. As residents of the State, they deserve equal and excellent education in our public schools, and for ELL students, this includes offering extra help, language aid, and qualified teachers to addressing the growing concerns of failing schools in Maine. ELL students cannot be treated as second-class citizens in Maine schools, and the creation of a workforce to address these issues will greatly advance the education system in Maine. Not only will this work begin to address the numerous "failing schools" in the State, but it will, more importantly, begin to aid the development of appropriate education standards that will positively affect the immigrant population, offering essential opportunities to increase graduation rates and thrive in the Maine economy.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Sean Flaherty State Representative

cc: Members of Legislative Council

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EDU EDUCATION DEPT POWERS

LR: 2185

Sponsor: Representative Flaherty of Scarborough

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Education To Convene a Task Force To Review Educational Opportunities for English Language Learners in the State

Courtney	No	V	No	Abstain	Curtis		No
Raye	No				Tardy		No
Marrache	No				Веггу		No
Bartlett	No				Piotti		No
Mitchell	No				Pingree		No

## Comments

This resolve would direct the Department of Education to convene a task force to review educational opportunities for English language learners in the State.

October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LR 2189

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

## LR 2189 - Sex-Offender Zones To Include Day Care Centers

The State law prohibiting sex offenders from living within 750 feet of public and private schools was a critical safety measure passed by 2009 State legislature. However, the law does not extend sufficient safety precautions to protect out entire population. Although secondary and primary schools are included in the new law, preschools and daycare centers are excluded from this new protection.

Many communities had previous ordinances including preschool and daycare centers in sex offender exclusionary zones. Since the passage of this new law, some Maine communities have amended their own ordinances to comply with State legislature, and no longer include daycare centers and preschools in their exclusionary zones. However, many local communities continue to believe that without the inclusion of daycare centers and preschools in the legislation, the law fails to provide adequate protection to children. Gorham, for example, has voted not to amend their local laws because they believe it is of the utmost importance to the community that the youngest members of the population are offered equal protection as their older counterparts.

Because so many communities have expressed support for expansion of this law to include preschools and daycare centers, it has become increasingly evident that there is vast community support to reconsider this measure. This bill will simply expand the existing law to include private and public preschools and daycare centers along with the private and public primary and secondary schools already covered by the 2009 sex offender exclusionary zone.

This bill is of the utmost importance for all Mainers because it affects the safety of young Mainers. Unable to vote and speak for themselves, young Mainers deserve laws that will ensure their safety. Schools should be safe zones for all Maine residents, and thus every level of education should be protected from potential sexual predators. This law simply expands the existing law, mirroring the wishes of Maine communities throughout the State, and ensuring that parents can comfortably send their students to safe preschools and students can learn and thrive in a safe environment. This law is essential to the public well being of the State.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Sean Flaherty

State Representative

cc: Members of Legislative Council

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CJPS CRIMES

LR: 2189

## SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: Representative Flaherty of Scarborough

An Act To Limit the Distance from a Day Care Facility within Which a Registered Sex Offender May Reside

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	Yes				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Berry	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

## Comments

Current law restricts the distance from a school within which a registered sex offender may reside. This bill expands the law to limit the distance from a day care facility within which a registered sex offender may reside.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2142 Senator Courtney

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LR 2339

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

## LR 2339 - Ballast Water Emissions

Maine has forever been proud of its natural resources, no more so than the pride we take in our coastline. However, the weak standards set by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for ballast water emissions are far too low, and threaten our coastline, and the many organisms that live just off the Maine coast. The Coast Guard has proposed stricter standards that would limit the number of invasive organisms that can be released when vessels discharge ballast water. However, even theses standards do not do enough to protect our valued and beautiful natural resources. California, New York, and Wisconsin have adopted even stricter standards that are 1000 times more stringent than the IMO's standards.

California already has their new standards in place, while New York and Wisconsin will begin using their standards in 2013. The Coast Guard's standards will have similar standards in place by 2016, but until then, states throughout the country have adopted stricter standards to combat the detrimental effects caused by the many invasive species being deposited by ballast water in the Great Lakes as well as oceans all over the country. The Coast Guard's proposed regulations do not preempt states' abilities to further regulate ballast water, and thus it is necessary that Maine joins the many other states seeking to further regulate vessel emission, legislation that has bee sponsored by NCEL. This past weekend's Washington Post provided varying views that show how important it is create stronger and tougher rules, or it is possible to contact NCEL at adam@ncel.net so that we can make sure that our magnificent coast is protected for every generation that comes next.

By setting appropriate and accurate standards, Maine will join the states that lead the entire country in setting the standards that will help protect the natural resources in Maine, the vast industry associated with the coastline for Maine, and most importantly, Maine will have the chance to participate in halting global warming, and aid in reversing the negative effects of excessive pollution that has occurred in Maine. As we have stood at the forefront of green energy and conservation, so must we take the stand in reversing the long-term affects of continuously negative treatment of our environment. The time to act must be now, before the continued pollution of our planet makes the potential for recovery irreversible.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Sean Flaherty State Representative

cc: Members of Legislative Council

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NAT WATER QUALITY

LR: 2339

## **OVERBOARD DISCHARGES**

Sponsor: Representative Flaherty of Scarborough

An Act To Protect the Environment and Natural Resources of the State by Regulating the Discharge of Certain Substances into the Environment

Mitchell	Yes					Pingree		Yes
Bartlett	Yes					Piotti		Absent
Marrache	Yes					Веггу		Yes
Raye	No				•	Tardy	•	No
Courtney	No					Curtis		No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
		Total:	5	4	0	1		Out

## Comments

This bill is based on a Michigan law that provides that, unless authorized by permit, order or rule, a discharge into the State's waters from an oceangoing vessel of any ballast water is prima facie evidence of a violation of the law and subject to penalties. This bill prohibits a person from directly or indirectly discharging into the State's waters a substance that is or may become injurious to any of the following: the public health, safety or welfare; domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational uses made of such waters; the value of riparian lands; livestock, wild animals, birds, fish, aquatic life or plants; or the value of fish and game.

# **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



2 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0002 (207) 287-1440 TTY: (207) 287-4469

Kenneth Fletcher

382 Garland Road Winslow, ME 04901 Residence: (207) 872-6760 fletcher2@roadrunner.com October 27, 2009

Speaker Pingree Chair of the Legislative Council

Re: Appeal Request for LR 2465 An Act To Protect Rural Maine Telephone Ratepayers

Dear Madam Speaker:

I am requesting the Legislative Council's reconsideration of its actions of October 15, 2009 whereby LR 2465 was not accepted for introduction in the Second Regular Session.

This proposed legislation would require the Maine Public Utilities Commission to conduct an inquiry to evaluate the economic impact that may be incurred by the telecommunications and information service providers as a result of the University of Maine's practices of providing limited services that directly compete with established telecommunication service providers. In addition, the inquiry will assess the procurement practices of the University of Maine system that artificially limits the consideration of alternative technologies, service, and network architecture that could have the effect of sub-optimizing the total system efficiencies for the exclusive benefit of the University of Maine system.

Maine's longstanding policy on providing universal service needs protection at this critical time. The state's objective of expanding broadband access has stressed the importance of the regulated telecommunications providers working in partnership with the State to bring service to the under-served and un-served areas. If the University of Maine system is allowed to dictate restrictive practices, the telecommunication providers could incur a reduction in net operating revenue which could result in a cost shift to other customers particularly in rural areas.

Maine's rural telephone ratepayers are in danger of experiencing higher costs and impaired quality of service if the University of Maine system selectively pursues the most lucrative and customer-intensive markets. As a result, fewer customers will remain on the regulated telecommunication providers system to support the essential universal service systems.

As the world of telecommunications continues to become more competitive, it is appropriate for the Legislature to consider the critical policy question as to the implications of a publicly funded entity, such as the University of Maine system, selectively providing service which could have the undesirable impact of shifting costs as well as increasing overall costs to ratepayers and taxpayers. LR 2465 would allow the Legislatures Utilities and Energy committee to consider this important matter, which has not been previously evaluated, at this critical time in Maine's telecommunications evolution.

Ken Fletcher

District 54 Winslow and SW Benton

UTE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TELEPHONE SYSTEMS

LR: 2465

Sponsor: Representative Fletcher of Winslow

An Act To Protect Rural Maine Telephone Ratepayers

Mitchell	No				!	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	Yes				1	Веггу	No
Raye	Yes				•	Γardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

## Comments

This bill would require that the Public Utilities Commission evaluate the economic harm to telecommunications and information service providers caused by competition with or the limited procurement practices of the University of Maine System. The State shall compensate such harmed telecommunications and information service providers.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2466 Representative Fitts

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October 27, 2009

The Honorable Hannah Pingree Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

# Dear Speaker Pingree:

I am contacting you in order to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on my bill request LR 2342, "An Act To Establish an Insurance Fraud Division," which failed to be accepted by a vote of 4-6 on October 15, 2009.

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I plan to attend the appeals hearing by the Legislative Council on November 5, 2009 to speak on behalf of my bill and provide additional information on its intent. I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have regarding my proposed legislation at that time.

Sincerely.

L'eslie T. Fossel State Representative IFS INSURANCE BUREAU
ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2342

Sponsor: Representative Fossel of Alna

An Act To Establish an Insurance Fraud Division

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No					Piotti	No
Marrache	Yes					Ветту	No
Raye	Yes					Tardy	Yes
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

## Comments

This bill would establish the Insurance Fraud Division within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance. The bill requires insurers with knowledge or suspicion of fraudulent insurance acts to report those activities to the Bureau of Insurance. The bill provides for the confidentiality of records relating to insurance fraud investigations in a manner similar to the provision of confidentiality under current state law for investigative and intelligence information in the possession of other law enforcement entities. This bill does permit the Insurance Fraud Division to share investigatory information with certain national and international agencies. The bill also extends the immunity provision in current law to certain communications between insurers with respect to fraudulent insurance acts.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 1285



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October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Honorable Elizabeth Mitchell Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree and President Mitchell:

I respectfully request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision LR 2103, "An Act to Prevent Municipalities from Establishing Boat Moorings Around State-owned Public Boat Launches."

If allowed, the language of this bill would be changed to affect only Mere Point boat launch in Brunswick and no other boat launch in the state. This bill is of great importance to my constituents in Brunswick.

I will be attending the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting to address any questions and concerns that the Council may have with regard to these bills.

Sincerely

Senator Stan Gerzofsky

IFW RECREATION WATERCRAFT

LR: 2103

Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

An Act To Prevent Municipalities from Establishing Boat Moorings around State-owned Public Boat Launches

Mitchell	No				l	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Вету	No
Raye	No				•	Γardy	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	-
		Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

## Comments

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This bill would prevent municipalities from establishing boat moorings around state-owned public boat launches.

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Senate District 10

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> 3 Federal Street Brunswick, ME 04011 (207) 373-1328

October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Honorable Elizabeth Mitchell Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree and President Mitchell:

I respectfully request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2105, "An Act to Require Persons Who Commit Sex Offenses against Dependent or Incapacitated Adults to Register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999."

LR 2105 will give protection to some of our most vulnerable citizens, those suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia, and who cannot readily protect themselves from sexual predators. There will be little to no cost associated with the implementation of this bill.

I will be attending the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting to address any questions and concerns that the Council may have with regard to these bills.

Sincerely

Senator Stan Gerzofsky

LR: 2105

CJPS CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

An Act To Require Persons Who Commit Sex Offenses against Dependent or Incapacitated Adults To Register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No					Piotti	No
Marrache	No					Berry	No
Raye	Yes					Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes					Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

## Comments

This bill would expand the definition of "sex offense" for purposes of the duty to register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 to include those persons who commit sex offenses against dependent or incapacitated adults.

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October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Honorable Elizabeth Mitchell Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree and President Mitchell:

I respectfully request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2435, "An Act to Stimulate Education and Job Creation through the Establishment of a Public Center for Higher Education at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station."

LR 2435 would provide ongoing appropriations to fund the establishment and operation of the Southern Maine Community College Mid-Coast Campus for higher education on the site of the former Brunswick Naval Air Station Base. As this is one of the anchors of the naval air station redevelopment, it will greatly boost the amount of revenue to the state.

I will be attending the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting to address any questions and concerns that the Council may have with regard to these bills.

Sincerely

Senator Stan Gerzofsky

AFA SPENDING EDUCATION

LR: 2435

Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

An Act To Stimulate Education and Job Creation through the Establishment of a Public Center for Higher Education at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Маттасће	No				1	Ветту	No
Raye	No				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

## Comments

This bill would provide ongoing appropriations in the amount of \$4,280,000 per year to fund the establishment and operation of the Southern Maine Community College Mid-Coast Campus for higher education on the site of the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

# **Jayne Crosby Giles**

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October 27, 2007

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Re: L.R. 2444, "An Act To Encourage Private Enterprise by Prohibiting the University of Maine from Economically Harming Private Enterprise"

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

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Dear Speaker Pingree:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding L.R. 2444, "An Act To Encourage Private Enterprise by Prohibiting the University of Maine from Economically Harming Private Enterprise." Should Council members have any relevant questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 124th Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 5 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 338-0711, or on my mobile phone at 944-0380.

Respectfully,

State Representative

# BRED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

LR: 2444

Sponsor: Representative Giles of Belfast

An Act To Encourage Private Enterprise by Prohibiting the University of Maine from Economically Harming Private Enterprise

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				,	Piotti	No
Marrache	No					Вепту	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	· Yes
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

## Comments

This bill would prohibit the University of Maine System from economically harming a private enterprise.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 598



Senator Walter R. Gooley
Transportation Committee, Member
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October 25, 2009

Legislative Council, State of Maine 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature State Capitol State House Station 2 Augusta, ME 04333-02

This letter is a request to reconsider the Council's action whereby LR 2132 "An Act to Transfer Funding for Certain Expenditures that are not Related to Transportation from the Highway Fund to the General Fund." It is my hope that you will allow LR 2132 to become an LD.

The Maine Department of Transportation has said that no funding exists for Maine's "maintenance surface treatment" paving program for FY 2010. This is the MST or "skinny mix program" which needs to do 600 miles of paving each year in Maine.

It is ridiculous to think that gas tax monies will continue to be collected and be used to fund all sorts of programs but not a dime for the maintenance of Maine roads. The public won't support such an attitude. It is time to move certain non-highway programs to the General Fund. And, this is an emergency.

Sincerely,



# TRA GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND TRANSFERS

LR: 2132

Sponsor: Senator Gooley of Franklin

An Act To Transfer Funding for Certain Expenditures That Are Not Related to Transportation from the Highway Fund to the General Fund

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				]	Piotti	Absent
Marrache	No				ł	Вепту	No
Raye	Yes				,	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Yes
·			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	<u></u>
		Total:	4	5	0	1	Out

## Comments

This bill would transfer funding for certain expenditures that are not related to transportation, such as expenditures related to the Office of the Secretary of State and the Department of Public Safety, from the Highway Fund to the General Fund.

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Senator David R. Hastings III

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October 26, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2166, An Act To Prohibit Floating Barges on a Portion of the Saco River

Dear Speaker Pingree,

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the Second Regular Session of 124th<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely,

David Hastings III

State Senator

Dave Hastingo

District 13

IFW RECREATION LR: 2166
WATERCRAFT

Sponsor: Senator Hastings of Oxford

An Act To Prohibit Floating Barges on a Portion of the Saco River

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				•	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Berry	No
Raye	Yes					Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would prohibit floating barges on a portion of the Saco River.

124th Legislature
Senate of
Maine
Senate District 5

October 27, 2009

Senator Barry J. Hobbins

Utilities and Energy Committee, Chair Judiciary Committee, Member

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Speaker Hannah Pingree 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

As Chair of the Maine State Legislature's Legislative Council, I would like to formally request that the Legislative Council reconsider its decision to reject L.R. 2072, "An Act To Strengthen the Laws against Illegal "Puppy Mill" Operators," which I have sponsored.

I understand the Legislative Council is working hard to limit the number of bills during the second half of the 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature. LR 2072 is an emergency because of growing awareness of animal cruelty and the need to strengthen the laws in order to deter it.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this appeal. If I can be of any more assistance or provide additional explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

Barry Hobbins
Senate District 5

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ACF	ANIMALS KENNELS				LR: 2072
Sponsor	Senator Hobbins of York				
An Act 7	To Strengthen the Laws again	nst Illegal "Puppy Mill" Op	erators		
Mitchell	No		Pingree	No	
Bartlett	No		Piotti	No	
Marrach	e No		Berry	No	
Raye	No		Tardy	No	
Courtney	, No		Curtis	No	
		Yes No Absta	nin Absent		
		Total: 0 10	0 0	Out	

Comments

This bill would strengthen the laws against operating an unlicensed kennel.



# Peter B. Johnson

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October 27, 2009

The Honorable Hannah Pingree Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

# Dear Speaker Pingree:

I am contacting you in order to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on my bill request LR 2190, "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Jet Skis on Wilson Pond," which failed to be accepted by a vote of 0-10 on October 15, 2009.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Wilson Pond is a small, ecologically sensitive body of water that is home to a significant population of loons and bald eagles. It has a large section of shore frontage that is protected by conservation easement. Additionally, under the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) approved Plum Creek Concept Plan for this water body, a significant amount of shore frontage will be added to conservation easement. It is important to protect this habitat from further development.

I will be attending the appeals hearing by the Legislative Council on November 5, 2009 to speak on behalf of my bill and provide additional information on its intent. I look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions you may have regarding my proposed legislation at that time.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Johnson

State Representative

District 27 Abbot, Beaver Cove, Bowerbank, Brownville, Cambridge, Greenville, Guilford, Monson, Parkman, Sebec, Shirley, Willimantic and Plantation of Kingsbury, plus the unorganized territories of Blanchard Township, Northeast Piscataquis (including Barnard and Elliottsville Townships) and Northwest Piscataquis

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IFW	RECREATION	
	WATERCRAFT	

LR: 2190

Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

An Act To Prohibit the Use of Jet Skis on Wilson Pond

Mitchell	No			Pingree	No
Bartlett	No			Piotti	No
Marrache	No			Berry	No
Raye	No			Tardy	No
Courtney	No			Curtis	No
			Yes No	Abstain Absent	
		Total	0 10	0 0	Out

Comments

This bill would prohibit the use of jet skis on Wilson Pond.

# Edward P. Legg P. O. Box 519

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October 19, 2009

The Honorable Rep. Hannah M. Pingree, Chair The Honorable Sen. Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Vice-Chair The Honorable Members of the 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature Legislative Council

Regarding the Legislative Council's decision to turn down my bill request to include in this next Session, "L.R. 2063 – An Act to Update and Modernize Maine's Floodplain Mapping for Coastal Communities," I respectfully request an appeal of this vote. This bill should be considered by the Legislature during 2009-2010 for the following immediate reasons:

- FEMA has mandated that all communities in York and Cumberland Counties
  revise their floodplain maps before the end of June, 2010. The current maps
  are for the most part useless and the towns and cities of Southern Maine do
  not have the available technology, nor can they afford the necessary LIDAR
  mapping infrastructure in order to comply with this FEMA mandate.
- 2. If the goals of "L.R. 2063" are not achieved during this coming Session, Maine permanently will forfeit our opportunity to compete for restricted LIDAR installation federal funds which will pay up to 75% of the costs, or a 3-for-1 Federal-to-State match. Most of Maine will soon face this FEMA mandate. We should not give away the chance that federal money can pay for building most of this infrastructure.
- 3. Chaos is starting to reign in Southern Maine because the technology used to create those new floodplain maps which have been revealed to the public is inaccurate and inadequate to a serious degree. The uproar over whether FEMA's new maps and zones have seriously compromised the future viability of the working port of Portland is a sharp tip of the iceberg which threatens our economic and planning abilities. Potentially, hundreds of contentious appeals and lawsuits might well deluge Southern Maine and ultimately most of our State.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Legg Edward P. Legg

Representative, District #141

NAT COASTAL AREAS LAND USE LR: 2063

Sponsor: Representative Legg of Kennebunk

An Act To Update and Modernize Maine's Floodplain Mapping for Coastal Communities

Mitchell	Yes				]	Pingree	Yes
Bartlett	No				]	Piotti	Yes
Marrache	No				1	Berry	Yes
Raye	No				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	-
		Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

## Comments

This bill would provide funding to attract federal grant funding to update and modernize the State's floodplain maps. The bill would direct \$250,000 per year for 3 years in state funds to support topographical floodplain mapping.

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# Sarah O. Lewin

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October 27, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Re: L.R. 2367, "An Act To Reimburse Pharmacies under the MaineCare Program Based on

Wholesale Acquisition Costs"

Dear Speaker Pingree:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's October 15 decision regarding L.R. 2367, "An Act To Reimburse Pharmacies under the MaineCare Program Based on Wholesale Acquisition Costs."

Should Council members have any relevant questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 5 meeting to address their concerns. Please be aware, however, that L.R. 2367 was filed as an emergency for the purpose of ensuring the financial stability of pharmacies by adequately reimbursing them for the dispensation of prescription drugs under the MaineCare program. Moreover, the litigation settlement, in which both First Data Bank and MediSpan were ordered to reduce the average wholesale price used in determining pharmacy reimbursement beginning in late September in the State's Medicaid, consequently causes a reduction in pharmacy reimbursement. The prospective result is the destabilization of Maine's pharmacies and likely suppression of patient access to pharmacy services.

These facts visibly create a critical situation, thus meeting the Constitutional limitation as described in Article IV, Part Third, Section 1. I strongly urge the Legislative Council to reverse its original verdict for the purpose of safeguarding public peace, health, safety, and overall welfare.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 439-0354, or on my mobile phone at 752-3055.

Respectfully,

Sarah O. Lewin

State Representative

HHS MEDICAID

LR: 2367

**MAINECARE** 

Sponsor: Representative Lewin of Eliot

An Act To Reimburse Pharmacies under the MaineCare Program Based on Wholesale Acquisition Costs

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No	
Bartlett	No				,	Piotti	No	
Marrache	No				!	Вепту	No	
Raye	Yes					Tardy	Yes	S
Courtney	Yes					Curtis	Yes	3
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	<del></del>	
		Total:	4	6	0	0	Ou	t

## Comments

This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse pharmacies under the MaineCare program based on wholesale acquisition costs. In the first year of reimbursement, the department would reimburse wholesale acquisition costs plus 6%; thereafter the amount would be determined by rulemaking by the department. The bill would also define wholesale acquisition costs in Title 22.



# Maine State Legislature Augusta, Maine 04333

October 27, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

# Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill request:

# LR 2040, An Act To Provide Greater Transparency in State Budgeting

Given the state's current economic climate and budget challenges, it is imperative that we do everything possible to increase transparency in the state budget process. This bill will help to increase public awareness of the budget process and dispel any rumors or misconceptions regarding waste or inefficient use of limited state dollars.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to further clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Steve Lovejoy

State Representative

# AFA STATE FINANCES

LR: 2040

## **BUDGET PROCEDURES**

Sponsor: Representative Lovejoy of Portland

An Act To Provide Greater Transparency in State Budgeting

Marrache	No				]	Berry	No
Raye	No				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
•			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

## Comments

This bill would require state departments to provide the Legislature and appropriate policy committees information on account and fund balances and any unpaid obligations as of the end of each fiscal year. Departments would be required to provide a detailed accounting for all accounts that represent any balances carried forward from the end of the prior year. This bill would require departments to identify the carry forward balance of and provide information on expenditures from a dedicated revenue account.



# Maine State Legislature Augusta, Maine 04333

October 27, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

# Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill request:

# LR 2472, An Act To Create an Optional Local Sales Tax To Support Education

The Legislature is making serious cuts to education, going backwards in the state's funding and adding a burden on local property taxpayers. This bill would allow communities, on a county-wide vote, to add to the sales tax to help fund education. There is no direct cost to the state and we are only creating an option for counties to vote for this. In addition, this may also serve to export some of our educational costs.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to further clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Steve Lovejoy

State Representative

# TAX SALES AND USE TAX LOCAL OPTION

LR: 2472

Sponsor: Representative Lovejoy of Portland

An Act To Create an Optional Local Sales Tax To Support Education

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	Absent
Marrache	No				1	Веггу	No
Raye	No				•	Γardy	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	-
		Total:	0	9	0	1	Out

#### Comments

This bill would allow a county to set an optional county sales tax up to 1% for kindergarten to grade 12 education funding.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 1381 Closely Related CO: LD 1253

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#### W. Bruce MacDonald

656 Back River Road Boothbay, ME 04537 Residence: (207) 633-0570

October 16, 2007

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2033

An Act To Stimulate the Maine Economy and Promote the **Development of Maine's Priority Transportation Infrastructure Needs** 

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative Bruce MacDonald

# TRA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC PRIVATE FUNDING

LR: 2033

Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay

An Act To Stimulate the Maine Economy and Promote the Development of Maine's Priority Transportation Infrastructure Needs

Mitchell	No					Pingree	;	No
Bartlett	Yes					Piotti		Absent
Marrache	Yes					Berry		Yes
Raye	Yes					Tardy		No
Courtney	No					Curtis		No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Abser	nt	
		Total:	4	5	0		1	Out

#### Comments

This bill would allow the Department of Transportation to receive or solicit proposals and enter into agreements with private entities or consortia for the building, operation, ownership, leasing or financing of certain transportation projects as set forth in Public Law 2007, chapter 470.

October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LR 2461

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

# 2461 Resolve, To Create the State Veterans' Memorial Preservation Advisory Commission

I have received numerous calls from constituents relating to our local veteran's memorial that requires legislative clarification. I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

James Martin

cc:

Members of Legislative Council

kim R. Mark

LR: 2461

LVA VETERANS
HONORING

Sponsor: Representative Martin, J.R. of Orono

Resolve, To Create the State Veterans' Memorial Preservation Advisory Commission

Mitchell	No				Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				Piotti	No
Marrache	No				Ветту	No
Raye	No				Tardy	No
Courtney	No				Curtis	No
			Yes N	lo Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	0 1	0 0	0	Out

#### Comments

This resolve would create a commission that would review proposed changes to state memorials for veterans prior to changes to those memorials being implemented.

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October 21, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2081 An Act to Allow Deer Hunting with Shotguns Only in Owls Head During Firearms Season

I would like to have this bill considered in the Second Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature so that if passed, it could go into effect before the 2010 deer season.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Ed Mazurek

State Representative

Edward J. Mazurak.

IFW HUNTING

LR: 2081

#### LOCAL OPTIONS

Sponsor: Representative Mazurek of Rockland

An Act To Allow Deer Hunting with Shotguns Only in Owls Head During Firearms Season

Mitchell	No	Pingree	Yes
Bartlett	No	Piotti	Yes
Marrache	No	Berry	Yes
Raye	No	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	No	Curtis	No
		Yes No Abstain Absent	

Total: 4 6 0 0 **Out** 

#### Comments

This bill would allow the hunting of deer with shotguns only in the Town of Owls Head and on Sheeps Island in Owls Head during the firearms season on deer.

124th Legislature
Senate of
Maine
Senate District 21

Senator Earle L. McCormick
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October 16, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2352-An Act To Make Reid Vapor Pressure Standard for Gasoline Consistent within

the State

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the next session.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Earle L. McCormick State Senator

NAT FUELS LR: 2352

**GASOLINE** 

Sponsor: Senator McCormick of Kennebec

An Act To Make the Reid Vapor Pressure Standard for Gasoline Consistent within the State

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Вегту	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

Comments

This bill would require that the entire State adopt the 7.8 pounds per square inch Reid vapor pressure standard for gasoline for the May 1st through September 15th period and not only the 7 counties now using this standard.

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124th Legislature
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Maine
Senate District 26

Senator Peter Mills 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003 (207) 287-1505

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October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2062, An Act To Maximize Maine's Eligibility To Receive Grants from the Federal Race to the Top Fund

Dear Speaker Pingree,

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the Second Regular Session of 124th<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to the opportunity to provide information in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Peter Mills State Senator District 26

EDU EDUCATION DEPT POWERS

LR: 2062

Sponsor: Senator Mills, P. of Somerset

An Act To Maximize Maine's Eligibility To Receive Grants from the Federal Race to the Top Fund

Mitchell	No				Pin	gree	No
Bartlett	No				Pio	tti	No
Marrache	No				Bei	ту	No
Raye	Yes				Tar	·dy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				Cui	rtis	Yes
			Yes	No A	bstain A	bsent	
		Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would enact changes to the laws governing education that are necessary to maximize the State's eligibility for receiving competitive grants under the federal Race to the Top Fund, including, but not limited to, creating the conditions for education innovation and reform; implementing plans in education reform areas described in the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; authorizing charter schools; and achieving significant improvement in student outcomes.

124th Legislature
Senate of
Maine
Senate District 26

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October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2491, An Act To Provide Uniform Rules for Smoking in or Near Establishments That Serve Alcohol

Dear Speaker Pingree,

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the Second Regular Session of 124th<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to the opportunity to provide information in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely.

Peter Mills
State Senator
District 26

# LVA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TAVERNS

LR: 2491

Sponsor: Senator Mills, P. of Somerset

An Act To Provide Uniform Rules for Smoking in or Near Establishments That Serve Alcohol

Mitchell	No				Pir	igree	No
Bartlett	No				Pic	otti	No
Marrache	Yes				Ве	ггу	No
Raye	Yes				Ta	rdy	No
Courtney	Yes				Cu	rtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain A	bsent	
		Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would allow taverns and private clubs to permit patrons to take alcoholic beverages to outside smoking areas if service is not provided in those areas.

124th Legislature Senate of Maine Senate District 2 Senator Richard A. Nass 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003 (207) 287-1505

> P.O. Box 174 Acton, ME 04001 Home (207) 477-2607

October 16, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2338-An Act To Amend the Laws Governing County Jail Budgeting for York County

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the next session.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Nass State Senator

# CJPS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CORRECTIONS BOARD

LR: 2338

Sponsor: Senator Nass, R. of York

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing County Jail Budgeting for York County

Mitchell	No				]	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				· 1	Berry	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes		•		(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would amend the law governing county jail budgeting for York County to allow York County to use revenues from boarding prisoners to offset other county expenses, to alter the allocation for the county jail's contribution to the payroll for certain services and to require that the debt service for the county jail be paid out of the jail budget rather than the county budget.

124th Legislature
Senate of
Maine
Senate District 2

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October 16, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2445-An Act To Exempt Minor Activities from the Natural Resources Protection Act

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the next session.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Nass State Senator

# NAT PROTECTED NATURAL RESOURCES SAND DUNES

LR: 2445

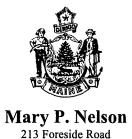
Sponsor: Senator Nass, R. of York

An Act To Exempt Minor Activities from the Natural Resources Protection Act

Mitchell	No				!	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No					Piotti	Absent
Marrache	No				!	Веггу	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes					Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	4	5	0	1	Out

Comments

This bill would exempt minor modifications to existing residential structures in coastal sand dune systems when the modification does not extend beyond the footprint covered by the existing building, there is an existing seawall seaward of the residential structure and the modification does not increase the building's total height to greater than 35 feet above the lowest natural elevation measured 5 feet from the corners of the existing building foundation or the elevation used by the municipality when determining compliance with local ordinances.



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October 26, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2346 Resolve to Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Energy Systems.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Mary Nelson

State Representative

Mary G. Aless

# UTE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOLAR ENERGY

LR: 2346

Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth

Resolve, To Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Energy Systems

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	Yes
Bartlett	No				]	Piotti	Yes
Marrache	No				1	Веггу	Yes
Raye	No				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This resolve would require the Public Utilities Commission to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy as to whether the requirements under the solar and wind energy rebate program are appropriate for ensuring proper installation of solar energy systems.



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## Peggy A. Pendleton

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October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LR 2113

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

### LR 2113 An Act To Allow Immediate Family Members To Assist in Lobstering

I have received numerous letters from constituents relating to what I believe are the unintended consequences of P.L. 394 (L.D. 246, An Act Regarding Violations of Lobster Conservation Laws) that was enacted in the First Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

I believe that the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature must revisit this issue. I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Peggy Pendleton

cc: Members of Legislative Council

MAR LOBSTERS LR: 2113
LICENSING

Sponsor: Representative Pendleton of Scarborough

An Act To Allow Immediate Family Members To Assist in Lobstering

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	Yes				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Berry	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would exempt immediate family members from the restrictions currently in place limiting assistants for an owner-operator of a lobster fishing boat. It would also exempt from those restrictions assistants for a licensee with a disability under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

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## Leila J. Percy

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October 27, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2463 An Act To Implement Recommendations contained in the Audit of the Maine State Library, Maine Arts Commission, Maine State Museum and Maine Historic Preservation Commission

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I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative Leila Percy

# EDU CULTURAL AGENCIES ARTS COMMISSION

LR: 2463

Sponsor: Representative Percy of Phippsburg

An Act To Implement Recommendations Contained in the Audit of the Maine State Library, Maine Arts Commission, Maine State Museum Commission and Maine Historic Preservation Commission

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree		No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti		No
Marrache	No				1	Berry		No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	٠	No
Courtney	No				•	Curtis		No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
		Total:	1	9	0	0		Out

#### Comments

This bill would implement the recommendations contained in the audit of the Maine State Library, Maine Arts Commission, Maine State Museum Commission and Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

124th Lègislature Senate of Maine Senate District 32

Senator Joseph C. Perry

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October 27, 2009

Speaker Hannah Pingree 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree,

As Chair of the Maine State Legislature's Legislative Council, I would like to formally request that the Legislative Council reconsider its decision to reject LR 2429, An Act to Implement the Use of Promotional Credits, which I have sponsored.

I understand the Legislative Council is working hard to limit the number of bills during the second half of the 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature to emergency bills. LR 2429 is an emergency because it would clarify technical issues raised after passage of LD 924, An Act to Clarify the Taxability of Promotional Credits in the State Gaming Laws, which became law on June 4, 2009.

I am confident if approved this bill would not take up much of the Legislature's time because its sole purpose would be to clarify the intent of the original law, which I am told needs some clarification.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this appeal. If I can be of any more assistance or provide additional explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

Joe Perry

Maine Senate, District 32

LR: 2429

#### LVA GAMBLING

**GAMES OF CHANCE** 

Sponsor: Senator Perry, J. of Penobscot

An Act To Implement the Use of Promotional Credits

Mitchell	No			Pingree	No
Bartlett	No			Piotti	No
Marrache	No			Веггу	No
Raye	No			Tardy	No
Courtney	No			Curtis	No
		<u>,                                    </u>	Yes No	Abstain Absent	
		Total:	0 10	0 0	Out

Comments

This bill would implement the use of promotional credits.

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October 27, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2281 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Groundwater.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Benjamin Marriner Pratt State Representative

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NAT GROUND WATER EXPORTATION

LR: 2281

Sponsor: Representative Pratt of Eddington

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Groundwater

Mitchell	No			Pingree	No
Bartlett	No			Piotti	Absent
Marrache	No			Berry	Yes
Raye	No			Tardy	No
Courtney	No			Curtis	No
		<u>Y</u>	es No	Abstain Absent	
		Total	1 8	0 1	Out

#### Comments

This bill would amend the laws governing groundwater by recognizing it, like surface water, as a public trust and by applying the "reasonable use" rule regarding its use.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD's 837 and 1267



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Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2282 An Act to Prohibit Significant Groundwater Well Development on Public Lands.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Benjamin Marriner Pratt

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State Representative

NAT GROUND WATER

LR: 2282

WELLS

Sponsor: Representative Pratt of Eddington

An Act To Prohibit Significant Groundwater Well Development on Public Lands

Mitchell	No					Pingree		Yes
Bartlett	No				•	Piotti		Absent
Marrache	No				,	Веггу		Yes
Raye	No					Tardy		No
Courtney	No					Curtis	•	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
		Total:	2	7	0	1	1	Out

Comments

This bill would prohibit significant groundwater well development on public lands, including all commercial water extraction, but not affect current practices.



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October 27, 2009

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Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2283 An Act to Restrict the Purchase by State Agencies of Bottled Water.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Benjamin Marriner Pratt State Representative

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#### STATE GOVERNMENT SLG **PURCHASES**

LR: 2283

Sponsor: Representative Pratt of Eddington

An Act To Restrict the Purchase by State Agencies of Bottled Water

Mitchell	No					Pingree		No
Bartlett	No					Piotti		Absent
Marrache	No					Веггу		Yes
Raye	No		Tardy					No
Courtney	No				Curtis			No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
		Total:	1	8	0	1		Out

#### Comments

This bill would prohibit all state agencies from purchasing bottled water without prior written authorization of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.



Senator Richard W. Rosen 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003 (207) 287-1505

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October 16, 2009

Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2170-An Act to Amend Laws Relating to Persons Serving as Permanency Guardians

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the next session.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking in support of my bill at the upcoming appeal session.

Sincerely

Richard Rosen State Senator

JUD PROBATE

GUARDIANS

LR: 2170

Sponsor: Senator Rosen, R. of Hancock

An Act To Amend Laws Relating to Persons Serving as Permanency Guardians

Mitchell	No				]	Pingree	N	VО
Bartlett	No				]	Piotti	N	Vо
Marrache	No				1	Berry	N	lо
Raye	Yes				•	<b>Tardy</b>	Y	es
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Y	es
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
		Total:	4	6	0	0	C	Out

#### Comments

This bill would amend the law relating to persons serving as permanency guardians to clarify that the new thresholds that were enacted by Public Law 2007, chapter 284 apply to everyone.

# Margaret R. Rotundo 446 College Street

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October 27, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2311 An Act To Allow Minor Capital School Improvement Projects To Be Permitted Costs Under Essential Programs and Services

After speaking with the Chairs of the Education Committee it was recommended that I appeal the rejection of this legislative request. Senate Chair Justin Alfond felt that my legislative request merited more attention that it would necessarily receive if it were presumed to be dealt within the context over the EPS bill that has been carried over.

I have been contacted by multiple school superintendents who are very concerned about how they will cover immediate and ongoing costs within the current budget discussions. I and they consider the need of all our local schools immediate and therefore that consideration of this LR should not be put off until the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative Peggy Rotundo

# EDU SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

LR: 2311

Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston

An Act To Allow Minor Capital School Improvement Projects To Be Permitted Costs under Essential Programs and Services

Mitchell	No					Pingree		No
Bartlett	No					Piotti		No
Marrache	No					Веггу		No
Raye	No					Tardy	•	No
Courtney	No					Curtis		No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		
		Total:	0	10	0	0		Out

#### Comments

This bill would allow the cost of minor capital school improvement projects, such as the replacement of windows, a boiler or a roof, to be a permitted cost under essential programs and services.

Closely Related CO: LD 551

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# Ralph W. Sarty, Jr.

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October 20, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2354, "An Act To Amend the Standards by Which Game Wardens May Stop All-terrain Vehicles when Operating on Privately Owned Lands."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2354. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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State Representative

IFW WARDENS

LR: 2354

#### **POWERS AND DUTIES**

Sponsor: Representative Sarty of Denmark

An Act To Amend the Standards by Which Game Wardens May Stop All-terrain Vehicles when Operating on Privately Owned Lands

Mitchell	No				]	Pingree	Yes
Bartlett	No				]	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				]	Berry	No
Raye	No				,	Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
·			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill provides that a game warden is not required to have reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe a violation of law has taken place or is taking place when an all-terrain vehicle is operating on privately owned lands.



# State of Maine House of Representatives

2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

October 22, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2292 An Act To Reduce the Required Setback in a Resource Protection Zone from 250 Feet to 100 Feet

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative Jim Schatz

NAT LAND USE

**SET-BACKS** 

LR: 2292

Sponsor: Representative Schatz of Blue Hill

An Act To Reduce the Required Setback in a Resource Protection Zone from 250 Feet to 100 Feet

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No					Piotti	Absent
Marrache	No					Berry	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	No				•	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	2	7	0	1	Out

Comments

This bill would reduce the required setback in a resource protection zone from 250 feet to 100 feet.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2206 Representative McKane



# State of Maine House of Representatives

2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

October 20, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2200 An Act To Increase the Penalties for Writing Bad Checks

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Mike thew

State Representative Michael Shaw

CJPS CRIMES

LR: 2200

#### NEGOTIATING WORTHLESS INSTRUMENT

Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish

An Act To Increase the Penalties for Writing Bad Checks

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No
Bartlett	No					Piotti	No
Marrache	No					Вепту	Yes
Raye	No				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	_
		Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would amend the criminal laws governing bad checks by increasing the classification of crimes involving bad checks by one class and, in cases where a transfer of merchandise occurred, allowing these crimes to be classified as a theft 30 days after the date stamped on the check by the bank indicating insufficient funds. It would amend the civil laws governing bad checks by extending the statute of limitations to 18 months and allowing a person to recover triple damages plus court costs and attorney's fees.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 1107

124th Legislature
Senate of
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Senator Douglas M. Smith

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October 26, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2145, An Act To Establish a Rural Highway Authority

Dear Speaker Pingree,

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the Second Regular Session of 124th<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to the opportunity to provide information in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Doug Smith State Senator

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District 27

# TRA TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTS PLANNING

LR: 2145

Sponsor: Senator Smith, D. of Piscataquis

An Act To Establish a Rural Highway Authority

Mitchell	No				Ping	ree	No
Bartlett	No				Piot	i	No
Marrache	No				Berr	у	No
Raye	Yes				Tard	у	No
Courtney	No				Curt	is	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain Ab	sent	
		Total	2	R	0	Λ	Out

#### Comments

This bill would establish a rural highway authority and create a 5-person advisory board to look at rural transportation needs and make recommendations for the use of money to repair roads.



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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October 20, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2207, "An Act To Require MaineCare To Provide Coverage for Genetic Testing for Cancer."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2207. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Meredith N. Strang Burgess

State Representative

HHS MEDICAID LR: 2207
MAINECARE

Sponsor: Representative Strang Burgess of Cumberland

An Act To Require MaineCare To Provide Coverage for Genetic Testing for Cancer

Mitchell	No				]	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Веггу	No
Raye	No				•	Γardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would require MaineCare to provide coverage for genetic testing for cancer for individuals that have a known or suspected hereditary cancer susceptibility.



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October 20, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2334, "An Act To Reduce Road Noise within Posted Areas."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2334. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Meredith N. Strang Burgess

State Representative

# TRA TRANSPORTATION DEPT PLANNING

LR: 2334

Sponsor: Representative Strang Burgess of Cumberland

An Act To Reduce Road Noise within Posted Areas

Mitchell	No			Pingree	No
Bartlett	No			Piotti	No
Marrache	No			Berry	No
Raye	No			Tardy .	No
Courtney	No			Curtis	No
			Yes No Absta	in Absent	
		Total:	0 10	0 0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would provide a standard for excessive noise of vehicles on posted roads at greater than 85 decibels within 50 feet.



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October 20, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2470, "An Act To Change Operating after Suspension to a Civil Violation."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2470. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mureaith Strang Biogeon Meredith N. Strang Burgess

State Representative

CJPS CRIMES

LR: 2470

#### MOTOR VEHICLE

Sponsor: Representative Strang Burgess of Cumberland

An Act To Change Operating after Suspension to a Civil Violation

Mitchell	No				]	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Berry	No
Raye	No				•	<b>Fardy</b>	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
•			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would change the violation of operating a motor vehicle after the suspension of a driver's license from a criminal violation to a civil violation.



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October 20, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124th Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2490. "An Act To Amend the Laws That Provide an Exemption for Agricultural Guard Dogs from Municipal Ordinances Governing Barking Dogs."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2490. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Meredith Strang & Meredith N. Strang Burgess

State Representative

ACF ANIMALS LR: 2490
DOGS

Sponsor: Representative Strang Burgess of Cumberland

An Act To Amend the Laws That Provide an Exemption for Agricultural Guard Dogs from Municipal Ordinances Governing Barking Dogs

Mitchell	No				P	ingree	No
Bartlett	No				P	iotti	No
Marrache	No				E	Вегту	No
Raye	Yes				Т	ardy	No
Courtney	No				C	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	_
		Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

#### Comments

Under current law, municipal ordinances governing barking dogs do not apply to agricultural guard dogs. This bill would limit application of that exemption to agricultural guard dogs engaged in protecting livestock on parcels of land that are 5 acres or larger.

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124th Legislature Senate of Maine

Senator Nancy B. Sullivan

Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee, Chair Marine Resources Committee, Member Business, Research and Economic Development Committee, Member 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003 (207) 287-1515

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October 27, 2009

Speaker Hannah Pingree 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

As Chair of the Maine State Legislature's Legislative Council, I would like to formally request that the Legislative Council reconsider its decision to reject L.R. 2053, "An Act To Reduce Noise Caused by Motorcycles and Improve Public Health," which I have sponsored.

I understand the Legislative Council is working hard to limit the number of bills during the second half of the 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature. LR 2053 is an emergency because the level of organized public outcry on this issue requires our legislators to continue the conversation on motorcycle noise. It is a different proposal than what was submitted on this issue last session.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this appeal. If I can be of any more assistance or provide additional explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

Nancy Sullivan, Senate District 4

Nancy Sullivan

TRA MOTORCYCLES OPERATION

LR: 2053

Sponsor: Senator Sullivan of York

An Act To Reduce Noise Caused by Motorcycles and Improve Public Health

Mitchell	No			1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	Yes			1	Piotti	Absent
Marrache	Yes			3	Веггу	No
Raye	No			5	Гardy	No
Courtney	No	•		(	Curtis	No
		<u>Y</u> 6	s No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total	2 7	٥	1	Out

#### Comments

This bill would prohibit a person from operating a motorcycle manufactured after December 31, 1982 unless it is equipped with an exhaust system or muffler that bears a federal Environmental Protection Agency stamp or label.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 920

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124th Legislature Senate of Maine

October 27, 2009

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Speaker Hannah Pingree 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

As Chair of the Maine State Legislature's Legislative Council, I would like to formally request that the Legislative Council reconsider its decision to reject L.R. 2368, "An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Represent the Child in All Proceedings on Protection from Abuse Orders Involving a Child," which I have sponsored.

I understand the Legislative Council is working hard to limit the number of bills during the second half of the 124th Maine Legislature. LR 2368 is an emergency because it would protect children who might be vulnerable to abuse; particularly in instances where the filer of a Protection from Abuse Order cannot afford an attorney.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this appeal. If I can be of any more assistance or provide additional explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

Nancy Sullivan, Senate District 4

Vancy Sullivan

# HHS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CHILD)

LR: 2368

Sponsor: Senator Sullivan of York

An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Represent the Child in All Proceedings on Protection from Abuse Orders Involving a Child

Mitchell	No					Pingree		Yes
Bartlett	No					Piotti		No
Маттасhе	No					Berry		Yes
Raye	Yes					Tardy		No
Courtney	No				,	Curtis		No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	<del></del>	
		Total:	3	7	0	0		Out

#### Comments

This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to represent the child in all proceedings on protection from abuse orders involving a child.

124th Legislature
Senate of
Maine

Senator Nancy B. Sullivan

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October 27, 2009

Speaker Hannah Pingree 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

As Chair of the Maine State Legislature's Legislative Council, I would like to formally request that the Legislative Council reconsider its decision to reject L.R. 2489, "An Act to Allow a Maine chartered Financial Institution To Conduct a Savings Promotion Raffle," which I have sponsored.

I understand the Legislative Council is working hard to limit the number of bills during the second half of the 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature. LR 2489 is an emergency because practices such as payday lending cost working families thousands of dollars every year because they lack a relationship with a savings institution. This is particularly true in many areas of my district. It is a problem that must be addressed given the difficult economic times we are in.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this appeal. If I can be of any more assistance or provide additional explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

Nancy Sullivan, Senate District 4

Vancy Sullivan

IFS FINANCIAL PRACTICES
ACCOUNT SALES

LR: 2489

Sponsor: Senator Sullivan of York

An Act To Allow a Maine-chartered Financial Institution To Conduct a Savings Promotion Raffle

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				]	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				]	Berry	No
Raye	No				,	Tardy	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would amend the laws governing raffles to allow any Maine-chartered financial institution, a bank or credit union, to conduct a "savings promotion raffle." The sole consideration required for a chance of winning the designated prizes in the raffle would be the deposit of at least a specified amount of money into a savings account or other savings program offered by the Maine-chartered financial institution.



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#### Michael Thibodeau

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October 27, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Re: L.R. 2167, "An Act To Increase Consumer Choice Regarding the Purchase

of Extended Warranties"

Dear Speaker Pingree:

I am writing to formally request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision regarding L.R. 2167, "An Act To Increase Consumer Choice Regarding the Purchase of Extended Warranties." Should Council members have any relevant questions as to why this bill is an emergency and should be admitted for consideration during the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Second Regular Session, I will be in attendance at the November 5 meeting to address their concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you wish to discuss this matter with me personally, I can be reached at home, 223-5177, or on my mobile phone at 949-1481.

Respectfully,

Michael Thibodeau State Representative

IFS INSURANCE PRACTICES PURCHASE

LR: 2167

Sponsor: Representative Thibodeau of Winterport

An Act To Increase Consumer Choice Regarding the Purchase of Extended Warranties

Mitchell	No				:	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				;	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				]	Вегту	No
Raye	No				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would amend the insurance laws to allow second-party insurance companies to offer extended warranties in the State.

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#### Douglas A. Thomas

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October 26, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2121, "An Act To Encourage Tourism by Ensuring the Safety, Accessibility and Availability of Highway Rest Stops and Scenic Overlooks."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2121. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Thomas State Representative

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TRA ROADS

LR: 2121

**REST AREAS** 

Sponsor: Representative Thomas of Ripley

An Act To Encourage Tourism by Ensuring the Safety, Accessibility and Availability of Highway Rest Stops and Scenic Overlooks

Mitchell	No				]	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Веггу	No
Raye	No				,	Tardy	Absent
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	1	8	0	1	Out

#### Comments

This bill would require that the rest stops on Interstate 95 located in Pittsfield and Sidney be reopened. This bill would also prohibit loitering at rest stops and require winter plowing of the scenic overlook on Interstate 95 that overlooks Mount Katahdin.

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October 22, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2136, "An Act To Prohibit Mandatory Vaccinations."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2136. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Thomas State Representative

# HHS HEALTH CARE SERVICES PREVENTION PROGRAMS

LR: 2136

Sponsor: Representative Thomas of Ripley

An Act To Prohibit Mandatory Vaccinations

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Ветту	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	Yes
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	4	6	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would prohibit mandatory vaccinations, except for vaccinations for school-age children attending school.

# Douglas A. Thomas

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October 26, 2009

The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 124<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature 115 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Pingree:

Please accept this letter as my appeal of the Legislative Council's recent decision regarding LR 2333, "An Act To Improve Maine's Roads."

I will be in attendance at the Legislative Council meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to urge your support and answer any questions you may have regarding the urgency of LR 2333. If, in the meantime, you would like additional information regarding my submission, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Thomas State Representative

Doug Thomas

TRA	TRANSPORTATION DEPT
	PLANNING

LR: 2333

Sponsor: Representative Thomas of Ripley

An Act To Improve Maine's Roads

Mitchell	No	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No	Piotti	No
Marrache	No	Вепту	No
Raye	Yes	Tardy	Yes
Courtney	Yes	Curtis	Yes
		Yes No Abstain Absent	_

Total:

#### Comments

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This bill would generate \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 to be matched by federal funds to rebuild some of the worst roads in the State and establish parameters for use of the funds.

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124th Legislature
Senate of
Maine
Senate District 20

Senator David Trahan 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0003 (207) 287-1505

> 2084 Washington Road Waldoboro, ME 04572 (207) 832-4135

October 26, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2164, An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing the Coordination of State and County Correctional Services

Dear Speaker Pingree,

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the Second Regular Session of 124th<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely,

David Trahan State Senator District 20

# CJPS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CORRECTIONS BOARD

LR: 2164

Sponsor: Senator Trahan of Lincoln

An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing the Coordination of State and County Correctional Services

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				]	Berry	No
Raye	No				,	Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	1	9	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would repeal the laws requiring the coordination of state and county correctional services.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2159 Senator Smith, D.

124th Legislature
Senate of
Maine
Senate District 20

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October 26, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2208, An Act To Establish Emergency Zones

Dear Speaker Pingree,

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the Second Regular Session of 124th<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely,

David Trahan State Senator District 20

TRA	TRAFFIC REGULATIONS SPEED			LR: 2208
Sponsor	: Senator Trahan of Lincoln			
An Act	To Establish Emergency Zones			
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Mitchel	No	Pingree	No	
Bartlett	No	Piotti	No	
Marrach	ne No	Berry	No	
Raye	No	Tardy	No	
Courtne	y No	Curtis	No	
		Yes No Abstain Absent		

#### Comments

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Out

0 10

Total:

This bill would designate an area where emergency personnel are assisting an injured person as an emergency zone and would add that area to the list of mandatory reduced speed zones, such as construction zones.

124th Legislature
Senate of
Maine
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October 26, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LR 2356, An Act To Strengthen Consumer Protection against Financial and Identity Theft

Dear Speaker Pingree,

Please accept my appeal of the Council's denial of the above bill for consideration in the Second Regular Session of 124th<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter. I look forward to speaking in support of my bill at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council meeting.

Sincerely,

David Trahan State Senator District 20

#### BRED BUSINESS PRACTICES

LR: 2356

**SALES** 

Sponsor: Senator Trahan of Lincoln

An Act To Strengthen Consumer Protection against Financial and Identity Theft

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Berry	No
Raye	No				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would prohibit merchants that process credit and debit card transactions electronically from printing more than the last 5 digits of the credit or debit card account numbers on copies of receipts retained by the merchant.



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## John L. Tuttle, Jr.

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October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LR 2043

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2043 An Act To Reinstate a System of Parole and To Implement a Program Designed To Reintegrate Former Prisoners into the Community

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session. Given our significant budget issues, I believe this proposal should be strongly considered by the Council.

Sincerely,

John L. Tuttle, Jr. State Representative

## 124th Legislature - Second Regular Session Legislative Council Vote on Screened Requests

CJPS PAROLE

LR: 2043

#### SYSTEM REINSTATED

Sponsor: Representative Tuttle of Sanford

An Act To Reinstate a System of Parole and To Implement a Program Designed To Reintegrate Former Prisoners into the Community

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				]	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				1	Berry	No
Raye	No				•	Tardy	· No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	0	10	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would reinstate a system of parole, direct the Department of Corrections to examine the issue of aging prisoners and implement a program designed to reintegrate former prisoners into the community.



## David A. Van Wie

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October 20, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2098 An Act To Define Texting or Keyboarding While Operating a Motor Vehicle as a Reckless Act

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I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative David Van Wie

## 124th Legislature - Second Regular Session Legislative Council Vote on Screened Requests

# TRA TRAFFIC REGULATIONS CELL PHONE USE

LR: 2098

Sponsor: Representative Van Wie of New Gloucester

An Act To Define Texting or Keyboarding while Operating a Motor Vehicle as a Reckless Act

Mitchell	No				1	Pingree	Yes
Bartlett	No				]	Piotti	Yes
Marrache	No				1	Веггу	Yes
Raye	No				,	Tardy	No
Courtney	No				(	Curtis	No
•			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would define texting or keyboarding while operating a motor vehicle as a reckless act and would impose penalties similar to those provided under the laws governing operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2056 Representative Beaudoin Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2058 Representative Rotundo Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2100 Representative Eves



## **David Webster**

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October 16, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2065 An Act To Delay the Effective Date of the Requirement that Alcoholic Beverage Tastings Take Place in a Place Not Observed by Children

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I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative David Webster

#### 124th Legislature - Second Regular Session Legislative Council Vote on Screened Requests

## LVA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LR: 2065

WINE

Sponsor: Representative Webster of Freeport

An Act To Delay the Effective Date of the Requirement that Alcoholic Beverage Tastings Take Place in a Place Not Observed by Children

Mitchell	No				]	Pingree	No
Bartlett	No				1	Piotti	No
Marrache	No				]	Вепту	Yes
Raye	Yes				,	Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	3	7	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would delay the effective date of the requirement that taste testing of beer, wine and malt liquor be conducted in a manner that precludes the possibility of observation by children to March 1, 2010.

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October 16, 2009

Hon. Hannah Pingree, Chair Legislative Council 115 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2066 An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Taste Testing of Alcoholic Beverages

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

State Representative David Webster

## 124th Legislature - Second Regular Session Legislative Council Vote on Screened Requests

LR: 2066

#### LVA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WINE

Sponsor: Representative Webster of Freeport

An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Taste Testing of Alcoholic Beverages

Mitchell	No					Pingree	No No
Bartlett	No					Piotti	
Marrache	No				1	Berry	No
Raye	Yes				•	Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes				(	Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	2	8	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would amend the laws pertaining to the testing of alcoholic beverages by limiting taste testings to places where children would most likely not be present.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2192 Representative Fitts
Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2205 Senator Plowman
Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2236 Representative Welsh
Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2244 Senator Goodall
Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2308 Representative Tuttle
Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2462 Representative Russell

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46 Rogers Road Kittery, ME 03904 Residence: (207) 439-2693

October 27, 2009

Honorable Hannah Pingree Chair, Legislative Council 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LR 2126

Dear Speaker Pingree:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2126

An Act To Remove the Age Limit Governing When a Court Must Consider the Wishes of a Child in a Proceeding for the Termination of Parental Rights

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 5 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

State Representative

Walter A. Wheeler, Sr.

Walte Wheeler de

#### 124th Legislature - Second Regular Session Legislative Council Vote on Screened Requests

# JUD DOMESTIC RELATIONS PARENTAL RIGHTS

LR: 2126

Sponsor: Representative Wheeler of Kittery

An Act To Remove the Age Limit Governing When a Court Must Consider the Wishes of a Child in a Proceeding for the Termination of Parental Rights

Mitchell	No					Pingree	Yes
Bartlett	No					Piotti	No
Marrache	Yes					Berry	Yes
Raye	Yes					Tardy	No
Courtney	Yes					Curtis	No
			Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
		Total:	5	5	0	0	Out

#### Comments

This bill would remove the age limit governing when a court must consider the wishes of a child in a proceeding for the termination of parental rights. Current law requires a court to consider the wishes of a child 12 years of age or older in such a proceeding.

Closely Related Leg Req: LR 2152 Senator Bowman

PART 8

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LR: 2072 Sponsor: Senator Hobbins

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Laws against Illegal "Puppy Mill" Operators

Comment: This bill would strengthen the laws against operating an unlicensed kennel.

LR: 2490 Sponsor: Representative Strang Burgess

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws That Provide an Exemption for Agricultural Guard Dogs

from Municipal Ordinances Governing Barking Dogs

Comment: Under current law, municipal ordinances governing barking dogs do not apply to

agricultural guard dogs. This bill would limit application of that exemption to agricultural guard dogs engaged in protecting livestock on parcels of land that are 5

acres or larger.

#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

LR: 2040 Sponsor: Representative Lovejoy

Title: An Act To Provide Greater Transparency in State Budgeting

Comment: This bill would require state departments to provide the Legislature and appropriate

policy committees information on account and fund balances and any unpaid obligations as of the end of each fiscal year. Departments would be required to provide a detailed accounting for all accounts that represent any balances carried forward from the end of the prior year. This bill would require departments to identify the carry forward balance of and provide information on expenditures from a

dedicated revenue account.

LR: 2384 Sponsor: Representative Eves

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Maine Children's Budget

Comment: This resolve would require state departments, beginning with the budget for the

2012-2013 biennium, to present aspects of the budget that relate to prenatal services and services provided to children under 5 years of age in a coordinated fashion and in

a format that provides separate line items for these expenditures.

LR: 2435 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky

Title: An Act To Stimulate Education and Job Creation through the Establishment of a

Public Center for Higher Education at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station

Comment: This bill would provide ongoing appropriations in the amount of \$4,280,000 per year

to fund the establishment and operation of the Southern Maine Community College Mid-Coast Campus for higher education on the site of the former Brunswick Naval

Air Station.

#### Business, Research and Economic Development

LR: 2356 Sponsor: Senator Trahan

Title: An Act To Strengthen Consumer Protection against Financial and Identity Theft

Comment: This bill would prohibit merchants that process credit and debit card transactions

electronically from printing more than the last 5 digits of the credit or debit card

account numbers on copies of receipts retained by the merchant.

LR: 2444 Sponsor: Representative Giles

Title: An Act To Encourage Private Enterprise by Prohibiting the University of Maine from

**Economically Harming Private Enterprise** 

Comment: This bill would prohibit the University of Maine System from economically harming

a private enterprise.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 598

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LR: 2043 Sponsor: Representative Tuttle

Title: An Act To Reinstate a System of Parole and To Implement a Program Designed To

Reintegrate Former Prisoners into the Community

Comment: This bill would reinstate a system of parole, direct the Department of Corrections to

examine the issue of aging prisoners and implement a program designed to reintegrate

former prisoners into the community.

LR: 2105 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky

Title: An Act To Require Persons Who Commit Sex Offenses against Dependent or Incapacitated Adults To Register under the Sex Offender Registration and

Notification Act of 1999

Comment: This bill would expand the definition of "sex offense" for purposes of the duty to

register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 to include those persons who commit sex offenses against dependent or incapacitated adults.

LR: 2142 Sponsor: Senator Courtney

Title: An Act To Increase the Maximum Distance from a School and a Day Care Center

That May Be Set by Municipal Ordinance beyond Which a Sex Offender May Reside

Comment: This bill would increase the maximum distance that may be set by municipal

ordinance beyond which a sex offender may reside from 750 to 2,500 feet.

LR: 2164 Sponsor: Senator Trahan

Title: An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing the Coordination of State and County

Correctional Services

Comment: This bill would repeal the laws requiring the coordination of state and county

correctional services.

LR: 2189 Sponsor: Representative Flaherty

Title: An Act To Limit the Distance from a Day Care Facility within Which a Registered

Sex Offender May Reside

Comment: Current law restricts the distance from a school within which a registered sex

offender may reside. This bill expands the law to limit the distance from a day care

facility within which a registered sex offender may reside.

LR: 2195 Sponsor: Representative Crockett, P.

Title: An Act To Make Improvements to the Laws Governing the State Board of

Corrections

Comment: This bill would permit counties to collect from the property tax levy an amount above

the current caps in statute equal to the difference between the amount of state funds certified by the State Board of Corrections as necessary to continue operations in county jails and the amount actually appropriated by the Legislature when the latter

amount is less than the former amount.

#### Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LR: 2200 Sponsor: Representative Shaw

Title: An Act To Increase the Penalties for Writing Bad Checks

Comment: This bill would amend the criminal laws governing bad checks by increasing the classification of crimes involving bad checks by one class and, in cases where a transfer of merchandise occurred, allowing these crimes to be classified as a theft 30 days after the date stamped on the check by the bank indicating insufficient funds. It would amend the civil laws governing bad checks by extending the statute of limitations to 18 months and allowing a person to recover triple damages plus court

costs and attorney's fees.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 1107

LR: 2338 Sponsor: Senator Nass, R.

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing County Jail Budgeting for York County

Comment: This bill would amend the law governing county jail budgeting for York County to allow York County to use revenues from boarding prisoners to offset other county expenses, to alter the allocation for the county jail's contribution to the payroll for certain services and to require that the debt service for the county jail be paid out of

the jail budget rather than the county budget.

LR: 2470 Sponsor: Representative Strang Burgess

Title: An Act To Change Operating after Suspension to a Civil Violation

Comment: This bill would change the violation of operating a motor vehicle after the suspension

of a driver's license from a criminal violation to a civil violation.

#### **Education and Cultural Affairs**

LR: 2062 Sponsor: Senator Mills, P.

Title: An Act To Maximize Maine's Eligibility To Receive Grants from the Federal Race to

the Top Fund

Comment: This bill would enact changes to the laws governing education that are necessary to

maximize the State's eligibility for receiving competitive grants under the federal Race to the Top Fund, including, but not limited to, creating the conditions for education innovation and reform; implementing plans in education reform areas described in the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; authorizing charter schools; and achieving significant improvement in student

outcomes.

LR: 2185 Sponsor: Representative Flaherty

Title: Resolve, To Direct the Department of Education To Convene a Task Force To

Review Educational Opportunities for English Language Learners in the State

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Education to convene a task force to

review educational opportunities for English language learners in the State.

LR: 2311 Sponsor: Representative Rotundo

Title: An Act To Allow Minor Capital School Improvement Projects To Be Permitted Costs

under Essential Programs and Services

Comment: This bill would allow the cost of minor capital school improvement projects, such as

the replacement of windows, a boiler or a roof, to be a permitted cost under essential

programs and services.

Closely Related CO: LD 551

LR: 2463 Sponsor: Representative Percy

Title: An Act To Implement Recommendations Contained in the Audit of the Maine State

Library, Maine Arts Commission, Maine State Museum Commission and Maine

Historic Preservation Commission

Comment: This bill would implement the recommendations contained in the audit of the Maine

State Library, Maine Arts Commission, Maine State Museum Commission and Maine

Historic Preservation Commission.

Health and Human Services

LR: 2136 Sponsor: Representative Thomas

Title: An Act To Prohibit Mandatory Vaccinations

Comment: This bill would prohibit mandatory vaccinations, except for vaccinations for

school-age children attending school.

LR: 2168 Sponsor: Representative Cebra

Title: An Act To Require an Independent Audit of the MaineCare System

Comment: This bill would require an independent audit of the MaineCare System.

LR: 2207 Sponsor: Representative Strang Burgess

Title: An Act To Require MaineCare To Provide Coverage for Genetic Testing for Cancer

Comment: This bill would require MaineCare to provide coverage for genetic testing for cancer

for individuals that have a known or suspected hereditary cancer susceptibility.

LR: 2249 Sponsor: Senator Bowman

Title: An Act To Require a Pharmacist To Provide Prior Notification or Obtain Consent

from the Prescribing Physicians before Changing from One Formulation or

Manufacturer to Another of an Antiepileptic Drug

Comment: This bill would require a pharmacist to provide prior notification and obtain consent

from the prescribing physician if an antiepileptic drug is switched from one formulation or manufacturer to another if the drug is used to treat epilepsy.

Sponsor: Representative Beaudette LR: 2307

Title: An Act To Enact the Maine Substance Abuse Impairment Act

Comment: This bill would provide standards for voluntary and involuntary admission of a person

for treatment of substance abuse at a facility operated by a service provider.

LR: 2367 Sponsor: Representative Lewin

Title: An Act To Reimburse Pharmacies under the MaineCare Program Based on Wholesale

**Acquisition Costs** 

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse

pharmacies under the MaineCare program based on wholesale acquisition costs. In

the first year of reimbursement, the department would reimburse wholesale

acquisition costs plus 6%; thereafter the amount would be determined by rulemaking

by the department. The bill would also define wholesale acquisition costs in Title 22.

LR: 2368 Sponsor: Senator Sullivan

Title: An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Represent the

Child in All Proceedings on Protection from Abuse Orders Involving a Child

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to represent

the child in all proceedings on protection from abuse orders involving a child.

#### **Insurance and Financial Services**

LR: 2167

Sponsor: Representative Thibodeau

Title: An Act To Increase Consumer Choice Regarding the Purchase of Extended

Warranties

Comment: This bill would amend the insurance laws to allow second-party insurance companies

to offer extended warranties in the State.

LR: 2342

Sponsor: Representative Fossel

Title: An Act To Establish an Insurance Fraud Division

Comment: This bill would establish the Insurance Fraud Division within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance. The bill requires insurers with knowledge or suspicion of fraudulent insurance acts to report those activities to the Bureau of Insurance. The bill provides for the confidentiality of records relating to insurance fraud investigations in a manner similar to the provision of confidentiality under current state law for investigative and intelligence information in the possession of other law enforcement entities. This bill does permit the Insurance Fraud Division to share investigatory information with certain national and international agencies. The bill also extends the immunity provision in current law to certain communications between insurers with respect to fraudulent insurance acts.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 1285

LR: 2489

Sponsor: Senator Sullivan

Title: An Act To Allow a Maine-chartered Financial Institution To Conduct a Savings

Promotion Raffle

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing raffles to allow any Maine-chartered financial institution, a bank or credit union, to conduct a "savings promotion raffle." The sole consideration required for a chance of winning the designated prizes in the raffle would be the deposit of at least a specified amount of money into a savings account or other savings program offered by the Maine-chartered financial institution.

#### Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LR: 2081

Sponsor: Representative Mazurek

Title: An Act To Allow Deer Hunting with Shotguns Only in Owls Head During Firearms

Comment: This bill would allow the hunting of deer with shotguns only in the Town of Owls

Head and on Sheeps Island in Owls Head during the firearms season on deer.

LR: 2103

Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky

Title: An Act To Prevent Municipalities from Establishing Boat Moorings around

State-owned Public Boat Launches

Comment: This bill would prevent municipalities from establishing boat moorings around

state-owned public boat launches.

LR: 2166

**Sponsor: Senator Hastings** 

Title: An Act To Prohibit Floating Barges on a Portion of the Saco River

Comment: This bill would prohibit floating barges on a portion of the Saco River.

LR: 2190

Sponsor: Representative Johnson

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Use of Jet Skis on Wilson Pond

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use of jet skis on Wilson Pond.

LR: 2278

Sponsor: Representative Duchesne

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Adopt Rules

Clarifying Fish Stocking Decisions

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt major substantive rules clarifying fish stocking decisions in public waters. The rules must include a definition for "reasonable public access." This definition must include an assessment of the availability of publicly owned access points, the availability and suitability of privately owned, publicly accessible points, the resources contributed and responsibilities undertaken by local residents and associations, the threat of invasive species and the reasonableness and effectiveness of citizen-initiated programs to prevent the spread of invasive species, including the availability of boat-washing systems at launch ramps, on-site volunteer monitoring efforts and supervised gate systems.

LR: 2354

Sponsor: Representative Sarty

Title: An Act To Amend the Standards by Which Game Wardens May Stop All-terrain

Vehicles when Operating on Privately Owned Lands

Comment: This bill provides that a game warden is not required to have reasonable and

articulable suspicion to believe a violation of law has taken place or is taking place

when an all-terrain vehicle is operating on privately owned lands.

#### Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LR: 2395 Sponsor: Senator Bryant, B.

Title: An Act To Encourage Youth Participation in Maine's Hunting Heritage

Comment: This bill would allow youth license holders to hunt on Sunday on public lands.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 942

Judiciary

LR: 2126 Sponsor: Representative Wheeler

Title: An Act To Remove the Age Limit Governing When a Court Must Consider the

Wishes of a Child in a Proceeding for the Termination of Parental Rights

Comment: This bill would remove the age limit governing when a court must consider the

wishes of a child in a proceeding for the termination of parental rights. Current law requires a court to consider the wishes of a child 12 years of age or older in such a

proceeding.

LR: 2170 Sponsor: Senator Rosen, R.

Title: An Act To Amend Laws Relating to Persons Serving as Permanency Guardians

Comment: This bill would amend the law relating to persons serving as permanency guardians to

clarify that the new thresholds that were enacted by Public Law 2007, chapter 284

apply to everyone.

Legal and Veterans Affairs

LR: 2065

Sponsor: Representative Webster

Title: An Act To Delay the Effective Date of the Requirement that Alcoholic Beverage

Tastings Take Place in a Place Not Observed by Children

Comment: This bill would delay the effective date of the requirement that taste testing of beer,

wine and malt liquor be conducted in a manner that precludes the possibility of

observation by children to March 1, 2010.

LR: 2066

Sponsor: Representative Webster

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Taste Testing of Alcoholic Beverages

Comment: This bill would amend the laws pertaining to the testing of alcoholic beverages by

limiting taste testings to places where children would most likely not be present.

LR: 2429

Sponsor: Senator Perry, J.

Title: An Act To Implement the Use of Promotional Credits

Comment: This bill would implement the use of promotional credits.

LR: 2461

Sponsor: Representative Martin, J.R.

Title: Resolve, To Create the State Veterans' Memorial Preservation Advisory Commission

Comment: This resolve would create a commission that would review proposed changes to state

memorials for veterans prior to changes to those memorials being implemented.

LR: 2491

Sponsor: Senator Mills, P.

Title: An Act To Provide Uniform Rules for Smoking in or Near Establishments That Serve

Alcohol

Comment: This bill would allow taverns and private clubs to permit patrons to take alcoholic

beverages to outside smoking areas if service is not provided in those areas.

#### Marine Resources

LR: 2113

Sponsor: Representative Pendleton

Title: An Act To Allow Immediate Family Members To Assist in Lobstering

Comment: This bill would exempt immediate family members from the restrictions currently in place limiting assistants for an owner-operator of a lobster fishing boat. It would also exempt from those restrictions assistants for a licensee with a disability under the

federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### **Natural Resources**

LR: 2063

Sponsor: Representative Legg

Title: An Act To Update and Modernize Maine's Floodplain Mapping for Coastal

Communities

Comment: This bill would provide funding to attract federal grant funding to update and

modernize the State's floodplain maps. The bill would direct \$250,000 per year for 3

years in state funds to support topographical floodplain mapping.

LR: 2112

Sponsor: Representative Eberle

Title: An Act To Amend the Coastal and Lake Watershed Districts Law To Clarify

Municipal Home Rule and Interlocal Cooperation Authority

Comment: This bill would clarify that the watershed district law is one way of establishing a

district and that alternatively one or more municipalities may create a watershed management district under municipal home rule authority or under interlocal

cooperation authority.

LR: 2281

Sponsor: Representative Pratt

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Groundwater

Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing groundwater by recognizing it, like surface

water, as a public trust and by applying the "reasonable use" rule regarding its use.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD's 837 and 1267

LR: 2282

Sponsor: Representative Pratt

Title: An Act To Prohibit Significant Groundwater Well Development on Public Lands

Comment: This bill would prohibit significant groundwater well development on public lands,

including all commercial water extraction, but not affect current practices.

LR: 2292

Sponsor: Representative Schatz

Title: An Act To Reduce the Required Setback in a Resource Protection Zone from 250

Feet to 100 Feet

Comment: This bill would reduce the required setback in a resource protection zone from 250

feet to 100 feet.

LR: 2339

Sponsor: Representative Flaherty

Title: An Act To Protect the Environment and Natural Resources of the State by Regulating

the Discharge of Certain Substances into the Environment

Comment: This bill is based on a Michigan law that provides that, unless authorized by permit, order or rule, a discharge into the State's waters from an oceangoing vessel of any ballast water is prima facie evidence of a violation of the law and subject to penalties. This bill prohibits a person from directly or indirectly discharging into the State's waters a substance that is or may become injurious to any of the following: the public health, safety or welfare; domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational uses made of such waters; the value of riparian lands; livestock, wild animals, birds,

fish, aquatic life or plants; or the value of fish and game.

#### **Natural Resources**

LR: 2352

Sponsor: Senator McCormick

Title: An Act To Make the Reid Vapor Pressure Standard for Gasoline Consistent within

the State

Comment: This bill would require that the entire State adopt the 7.8 pounds per square inch Reid

vapor pressure standard for gasoline for the May 1st through September 15th period

and not only the 7 counties now using this standard.

LR: 2445

Sponsor: Senator Nass, R.

Title: An Act To Exempt Minor Activities from the Natural Resources Protection Act

Comment: This bill would exempt minor modifications to existing residential structures in coastal sand dune systems when the modification does not extend beyond the footprint covered by the existing building, there is an existing seawall seaward of the residential structure and the modification does not increase the building's total height to greater than 35 feet above the lowest natural elevation measured 5 feet from the corners of the existing building foundation or the elevation used by the municipality when determining compliance with local ordinances.

## State and Local Government

LR: 2174

Sponsor: Representative Crockett, J.

Title: An Act Regarding Lands Held in Trust for the Benefit of the Citizens of Bethel

Comment: This bill would facilitate the use of lands held in trust for the benefit of the citizens of Bethel. These lands were given to a municipal organization in Bethel pursuant to a deed of trust.

LR: 2283

Sponsor: Representative Pratt

Title: An Act To Restrict the Purchase by State Agencies of Bottled Water

Comment: This bill would prohibit all state agencies from purchasing bottled water without prior written authorization of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

LR: 2392

Sponsor: Representative Beaudette

Title: An Act To Clarify the Informed Growth Act

Comment: This bill would amend the Informed Growth Act. It clarifies that a change of use permit is not considered a land use permit under the Act and that the Act applies only to new construction. In addition, the bill seeks to clarify how the municipal reviewing authority is to evaluate and consider the enumerated criteria in the comprehensive economic impact study.

Taxation

LR: 2472 Sponsor: Representative Lovejoy

Title: An Act To Create an Optional Local Sales Tax To Support Education

Comment: This bill would allow a county to set an optional county sales tax up to 1% for

kindergarten to grade 12 education funding.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 1381 Closely Related CO: LD 1253

**Transportation** 

LR: 2033 Sponsor: Representative MacDonald

Title: An Act To Stimulate the Maine Economy and Promote the Development of Maine's

Priority Transportation Infrastructure Needs

Comment: This bill would allow the Department of Transportation to receive or solicit proposals

and enter into agreements with private entities or consortia for the building, operation, ownership, leasing or financing of certain transportation projects as set

forth in Public Law 2007, chapter 470.

LR: 2053 Sponsor: Senator Sullivan

Title: An Act To Reduce Noise Caused by Motorcycles and Improve Public Health

Comment: This bill would prohibit a person from operating a motorcycle manufactured after

December 31, 1982 unless it is equipped with an exhaust system or muffler that bears

a federal Environmental Protection Agency stamp or label.

JR 217 Ruling Needed: LD 920

LR: 2098 Sponsor: Representative Van Wie

Title: An Act To Define Texting or Keyboarding while Operating a Motor Vehicle as a

Reckless Act

Comment: This bill would define texting or keyboarding while operating a motor vehicle as a

reckless act and would impose penalties similar to those provided under the laws

governing operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

LR: 2121 Sponsor: Representative Thomas

Title: An Act To Encourage Tourism by Ensuring the Safety, Accessibility and Availability

of Highway Rest Stops and Scenic Overlooks

Comment: This bill would require that the rest stops on Interstate 95 located in Pittsfield and

Sidney be reopened. This bill would also prohibit loitering at rest stops and require

winter plowing of the scenic overlook on Interstate 95 that overlooks Mount

Katahdin.

LR: 2132 Sponsor: Senator Gooley

Title: An Act To Transfer Funding for Certain Expenditures That Are Not Related to

Transportation from the Highway Fund to the General Fund

Comment: This bill would transfer funding for certain expenditures that are not related to

transportation, such as expenditures related to the Office of the Secretary of State and

the Department of Public Safety, from the Highway Fund to the General Fund.

LR: 2145 Sponsor: Senator Smith, D.

Title: An Act To Establish a Rural Highway Authority

Comment: This bill would establish a rural highway authority and create a 5-person advisory

board to look at rural transportation needs and make recommendations for the use of

money to repair roads.

**Transportation** 

LR: 2208 Sponsor: Senator Trahan

Title: An Act To Establish Emergency Zones

Comment: This bill would designate an area where emergency personnel are assisting an injured

person as an emergency zone and would add that area to the list of mandatory reduced

speed zones, such as construction zones.

LR: 2274 Sponsor: Representative Carey

Title: An Act To Provide for the Safety of Young Maine Athletes

Comment: This bill would amend the rules governing the rules of the road to extend to the

operation of roller skis those same requirements governing the operation of bicycles.

LR: 2333 Sponsor: Representative Thomas

Title: An Act To Improve Maine's Roads

Comment: This bill would generate \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 to be matched by federal funds

to rebuild some of the worst roads in the State and establish parameters for use of the

funds.

LR: 2334 Sponsor: Representative Strang Burgess

Title: An Act To Reduce Road Noise within Posted Areas

Comment: This bill would provide a standard for excessive noise of vehicles on posted roads at

greater than 85 decibels within 50 feet.

LR: 2424 Sponsor: Representative Browne

Title: An Act To Designate Funds from the Highway Fund to the Highway and Bridge Light

Capital Program

Comment: This bill would designate a certain portion of the Highway Fund money to the

Highway and Bridge Light Capital program to be used for maintenance service

treatment.

**Utilities and Energy** 

LR: 2173 Sponsor: Representative Flaherty

Title: An Act To Establish a Broadband Policy for Maine

Comment: This bill would make affordable internet service available to all residents and

businesses in the State by maximizing sustainable private investment in broadband

infrastructure.

LR: 2252 Sponsor: Representative Fitts

Title: An Act To Streamline Collections for Consumer-owned Consolidated Water and

Wastewater Utilities

Comment: This bill would allow consumer-owned consolidated utilities to disconnect water

service for nonpayment of sewer charges.

LR: 2346 Sponsor: Representative Nelson

Title: Resolve, To Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Energy

Systems

Comment: This resolve would require the Public Utilities Commission to report to the Joint

Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy as to whether the requirements under the solar and wind energy rebate program are appropriate for ensuring proper installation

of solar energy systems.

LR: 2465 Sponsor: Representative Fletcher

Title: An Act To Protect Rural Maine Telephone Ratepayers

Comment: This bill would require that the Public Utilities Commission evaluate the economic

harm to telecommunications and information service providers caused by competition with or the limited procurement practices of the University of Maine System. The State shall compensate such harmed telecommunications and information service

providers.

LR: 2466 Sponsor: Representative Fitts

Title: An Act To Protect Universal Service

Comment: This bill would prohibit an instrumentality or agency of the State from providing

telecommunications service or information service to any person other than itself or its tenants and from procuring such services in a manner that constrains or limits the alternative proposals that may be submitted to meet the instrumentality's or agency's needs. This bill also would recognize a private right of action in Superior Court for injunctive relief against and damages ensuing from such unlawful competition. This bill also would remove the unfair competitive advantage allowed to the University of

Maine in locating equipment on existing utility facilities.

PART 9

#### AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR: 2067 Sponsor: Representative O'Brien

O'Brien Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Streamline Maine's Pesticide Notification System

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would make 3 changes to the laws governing notification of pesticide application using aerial spraying. It would specify that notification be given to abutters whose property line is within 1/4 mile of the location of the spraying. It would require that a person who wishes to be added to the registry sign up by April 30th of the year in which the person wishes to receive notification. It would require that if a farmer needs to undertake an unplanned aerial spraying, the farmer must provide notification at least 48 hours prior to the spraying.

LR: 2099 Sponsor: Representative McCabe
An Act To Regulate the Transportation of Firewood

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

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SUMMARY

This bill would ban the transportation into the State of firewood from outside of the State unless the firewood is clearly marked as "kiln-dried."

#### BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR: 2054 Sponsor: Representative Peterson

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Clarify the Enforcement Role of the Mixed Martial Arts Authority of Maine

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would enhance and clarify the licensing and oversight authority of the Mixed Martial Arts Authority of Maine

LR: 2069 Sponsor: Representative Pilon

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Facilitate an Increase in Sales of Motor Vehicles

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would facilitate an increase in the sales of motor vehicles by removing the prohibition on the sales of motor vehicles on Sundays.

LR: 2092 Sponsor: Senator Schneider

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Protect Minors from Unscrupulous Marketing Practices

SUMMARY

This bill would amend a recently enacted law concerning marketing and data collection practices concerning minors in order to address constitutional issues.

LR: 2156 Sponsor: Senator Bartlett

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Protect Maine Citizens' Credit

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would prohibit a person who provides medical treatment or a debt collection agency from furnishing information to a consumer reporting agency regarding an amount owed by a consumer whose income is below a certain level for the receipt of necessary medical treatment by the consumer or by a person to whom the consumer has a legal obligation to provide support. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Consumer Credit Regulation would be given enforcement authority to investigate complaints.

LR: 2172 Sponsor: Representative Blanchard

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Allow the Board of Dental Examiners To Grant Permits To Qualified Individuals To Practice

as Dental Residents

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would allow the board to issue a temporary permit or license to a qualified individual to practice as a dental resident under the supervision of a licensed dentist within a board-approved dental residency program setting.

LR: 2288 Sponsor: Senator Schneider

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Regarding the Law Governing Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers

SUMMARY

Under current law, recreational vehicles, which are defined as vehicles that are mounted on or towed by other vehicles, and motorized recreational vehicles are governed by separate laws for purposes of regulation of business practices. This bill would remove motorized recreational vehicles from the laws governing regulation of motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors and dealers and would add them to the laws governing nonmotorized recreational vehicles.

LR: 2306 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would delete outdated language relating to delegated medical procedures that are already within the scope of certain advanced practice registered nurses.

LR: 2324 Sponsor: Senator Schneider

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Provide the Finance Authority of Maine with Flexible Health Care Options

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would include employees of the Finance Authority of Maine as those eligible to participate in the State Health Plan.

LR: 2325 Sponsor: Senator Schneider

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Ensure Consistency in the Scheduled Expiration of Terms of the Board Members of the

Finance Authority of Maine

**SUMMARY** 

This resolve would amend the terms of membership of 3 members of the board of directors of the Finance Authority of Maine to ensure that the terms of the board members are staggered.

LR: 2341 Sponsor: Senator Marrache

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Clarify the Educational Requirements of Candidates for Examination for Licensure as

Certified Public Accountants

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would reinstate the original law pertaining to the educational requirements required to sit for the examination for licensure as a certified public accountant, as well as the requirements for licensure.

LR: 2358 Sponsor: Senator Simpson

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Increase the Financial Stability of Low-income Families

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would establish a working group, based on a model established in California, that is composed of community organizations, financial institutions, state agencies and Legislators to develop strategies to bring people with low and middle incomes into the mainstream banking system and away from check cashing businesses.

LR: 2421 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Enhance the Redevelopment of the Brunswick Naval Air Station

**SUMMARY** 

The bill would provide funds to support the Brunswick Naval Air Station redevelopment.

LR: 2457 Sponsor: Representative Smith, N.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Establish an Office of Administrative Law Judges for Licensing Boards

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would establish an independent office of administrative law judges to decide cases related to licensing complaints from licensing boards under the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

LR: 2479 Sponsor: Senator Rector

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Enhance the Small Enterprise Growth Fund SUMMARY

This bill would allow the Small Enterprise Growth Board to establish and manage a companion investment fund comprised of capital contributions from private and other sources to be made available for investing in small Maine companies with terms similar to the Small Enterprise Growth Fund.

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR: 2117 Sponsor: Representative Haskell Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Task Force

#### SUMMARY

This bill would implement the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Task Force, which include the establishment of a Coordinated Services District System, the implementation by the Department of Corrections of 2 demonstration projects, the development of a statewide system for "in home and out of home placements," and the development of a plan identifying an ongoing mechanism to provide flexible funding for youth served by multiple state agencies.

LR: 2197 Sponsor: Representative Crockett, P.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Concerning Statewide Communications Interoperability

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would require that the statewide radio network under construction be available to other units of government without the need for other units of government to purchase new radios or that a portion of the proceeds of the bond issue paying for the statewide radio network be allocated to local units of government for the purchase of radio equipment necessary for them to communicate on the new network.

LR: 2211 Sponsor: Senator Jackson

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Regarding Accidental Death Benefits for Beneficiaries of Deceased Firefighters

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would provide an accidental death benefit to the beneficiary of a firefighter who dies from cardiovascular or pulmonary disease as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 328. This bill would apply only to municipal firefighters who are members of the Participating Local District Retirement Program administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. This bill would provide an accidental death benefit and not a disability benefit to the beneficiary of the firefighter who died in the line of duty.

LR: 2289 Sponsor: Representative Schatz

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Reduce the Use and Abuse of Solitary Confinement

#### **SUMMARY**

This resolve would require the Department of Corrections to amend its policies to provide that a prisoner may not remain confined in a special management unit for more than 45 days unless it is established at a hearing that the prisoner within the previous 45 days, while incarcerated, committed or attempted to commit: an act of violence that resulted in serious injury to another or death; an act in connection with sexual assault; or an escape or attempted escape from within a security perimeter or custody. This resolve would provide procedural safeguards for such a hearing. It also would prohibit the placement of a prisoner with a serious mental illness in a special management unit and limit the use of restraints in such a unit.

LR: 2417 Sponsor: Senator Diamond

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would clarify when and where smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors must be used.

#### **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

LR: 2047 Sponsor: Representative Cornell du Houx Date Accepted: 10/15/09 An Act To Clarify the State's Initiative Involving the Federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would clarify an ambiguity in law that prevents Maine's public colleges and universities from receiving the full amount of reimbursement for veterans under the federal Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

LR: 2095 Sponsor: Representative Welsh Date Accepted: 10/15/09
An Act To Authorize Maine Media College To Confer the Degree of Master of Fine Arts
SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 9 recognized the change in ownership of Rockport College, which was renamed Maine Media College. That law also provided authorization for Maine Media College to confer, until June 30, 2010, the degree of Master of Fine Arts, while the college sought national accreditation for the program and authority from the State Board of Education. This bill would extend the authority of the college to confer such degrees after June 30, 2010.

LR: 2251 Sponsor: Senator Alfond Date Accepted: 10/15/09
An Act To Increase Maine's High School Graduation Rate

SUMMARY

This bill would require the State's graduation rate to be 90% by the year 2016. The bill would require the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to establish a stakeholders group to make recommendations and propose legislation related to: establishing guidelines for school suspensions and expulsions; the impact and implementation of zero-tolerance practices; current truancy laws to determine best practices for schools, families and youth; and raising the mandatory age of school attendance from 17 to 18 years of age. The stakeholders would report on their recommendations with proposed legislation to the 125th Legislature by January 2011.

LR: 2351 Sponsor: Representative Sutherland Date Accepted: 10/15/09
Resolve, To Develop a Model Academic Year Calendar
SUMMARY

This resolve would establish a study group for kindergarten-to-grade-12 school officials, primarily superintendents and career and technical education directors, called together by the Commissioner of Education, to prepare a draft academic year calendar. The calendar would be available for statewide review by December 1, 2010. It would allow the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs to submit legislation for the 125th Legislature.

LR: 2443 Sponsor: Senator Marrache Date Accepted: 10/15/09
An Act To Protect University of Maine Students from Unnecessary Tuition Increases
SUMMARY

This bill would require that the University of Maine System divest and monetize certain telecommunications service property and information service property.

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

LR: 2038

Sponsor: Senator Marrache

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Allow for the Proper Disposal of Medical Supplies

**SUMMARY** 

This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a program to allow consumers to safely dispose of medical supplies, including but not limited to syringes and diabetic test supplies.

LR: 2059

Sponsor: Representative Rotundo

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Establish a Silver Alert Program

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would establish a so-called "silver alert" program to provide notice to law enforcement agencies, the media and the public regarding missing adults with disabilities.

LR: 2198

Sponsor: Representative Goode

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Define High-risk Populations for the Purposes of Hospital Surveillance for

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus and To Implement Public Law 2009, chapter 346

SUMMARY

This resolve would direct the Maine Quality Forum to adopt rules defining a high-risk population and to adopt rules requiring the reporting of positive methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus screening.

LR: 2212

Sponsor: Representative Boland

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Create the Children's Wireless Protection Act

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would require warning labels on packaging for cellular telephones outlining the potential risks of exposure to children and pregnant women.

LR: 2276

Sponsor: Senator Alfond

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Improve the Availability, Efficiency and Cost of Services for Infants, Young Children and

Their Families

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would restructure the services available to infants and young children with developmental disabilities, including autism, and delays. The restructured services would include supports to the families of these young people. It aims to improve informed choices for families and improve the coordination of services among numerous agencies and state departments. The new structure would be streamlined to improve identification of need, ease of accessing services, improve outcomes for young children and their families and improve efficiency in the use of state funds.

Sponsor: Representative Piotti

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Prevent the Spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would establish a state-municipal partnership to improve suppression, prevention and reporting of Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

LR: 2329 Sponsor: Senator Marrache

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Maternal and Infant Death Review Panel

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would repeal the provision of law ending the maternal and infant death review panel on January 1, 2011.

LR: 2436 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Ensure Fairness in Penalties for Administrative Errors in the Long-term Care Assessment

**Process** 

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would require that for nursing homes and private nonmedical institutions, to the extent the Department of Health and Human Services establishes penalties or denies reimbursement when a facility is late or misses a deadline for obtaining an assessment of a resident's needs for service, the penalty must be limited to 20% of total reimbursement unless it is proven that the resident, if timely assessed, would not have been eligible for continuing services.

LR: 2437 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Enabling Expedited Partner Therapy

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would allow a health care professional who diagnoses a patient with certain sexually transmitted diseases to provide expedited medical therapy to that patient's sexual partner for the treatment of the sexually transmitted disease without a physical examination if in the judgment of the health care professional the partner is unlikely or unable to be seen for comprehensive health care.

LR: 2480 Sponsor: Senator Raye

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Repeal the Fee Increase for Copies of Vital Records

#### SUMMARY

This bill would repeal the 400% fee increase for copies of death and birth certificates and other documents kept by the Office of Vital Records within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Health Data and Program Management.

#### INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR: 2048 Sponsor: Representative Treat

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Clarify the Application of Certain Statutory Requirements to Foreclosures

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would clarify that the changes in the notice period for cure of defaults of mortgages applies to all mortgage lenders. The bill would also make changes to Public Law 2009, chapter 402 recommended by the Judicial Department.

LR: 2094 Sponsor: Representative Mazurek

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Expand the Opportunity for Persons To Acquire Health Care Coverage under the State's

"Mini-COBRA" Program

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would allow persons who have been permanently laid off to acquire health care coverage under the State's so-called "mini-COBRA" program.

LR: 2125 Sponsor: Representative Legg

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Concerning the Use of Long-term Antibiotics for the Treatment of Lyme Disease

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would require coverage of long-term antibiotic therapy for patients with Lyme disease under individual and group health insurance. This bill would also provide protection from licensing disciplinary action for physicians prescribing, administering or dispensing long-term antibiotics to patients with Lyme disease.

LR: 2199 Sponsor: Representative Treat

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Maintain Compliance of Maine's Insurance Laws with National Standards

SUMMARY

This bill would make changes to conform Maine's insurance laws to new national standards related to accreditation of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The bill would require all health insurers to submit a qualified actuarial opinion on claims reserves and establish a separate license category for crop insurance adjusters. The bill also would make other clarifying changes related to audits and holding companies.

LR: 2237 Sponsor: Senator Bartlett

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Protect Individuals with Health Insurance from Catastrophic Risk

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would prohibit health plans covering residents of the State from including provisions that terminate payment of further claims after a defined aggregate amount of health care claims have been paid on behalf of an individual, family or group.

LR: 2277 Sponsor: Senator Alfond

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Create Jobs and Stimulate Economic Development by Making Captive Insurers Eligible for

Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits for 10 Years

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would make captive insurance companies located in the State eligible for Pine Tree Development Zone benefits for a 10-year period and provide for a 100% state income tax credit during that 10-year period.

LR: 2430 Sponsor: Senator Schneider
An Act To Improve Health Insurance Security

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would allow a person that worked for the State for 5 years and leaves state employment to purchase health insurance through the state plan. The person would have to pay 100% of the cost.

LR: 2492 Sponsor: Senator Mills, P.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Adopt a Drug Benefit Equity Law

SUMMARY

This bill would prohibit insurance providers from requiring insureds to obtain drugs from a mail-order pharmacy or otherwise penalize insureds for not using mail-order pharmacies.

#### INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR: 2149 Sponsor: Representative Piotti

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Current Moose Permit System and Preference Point System in Maine

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would amend the law governing the public drawings for moose hunting permits. This bill would allow for the purchase of an unlimited number of chances in the so-called moose lottery after the purchase of a 6-chance application. This bill would implement 2 special permit drawings before the public chance drawings. The first would award 500 permits and would be for those who have accumulated the maximum amount of bonus points because they have consistently applied for and never received a moose hunting permit. The 2nd would award 1/3 of the remaining available permits and would be for residents who have accumulated 7 or more points.

LR: 2291 Sponsor: Representative Schatz

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Increase Payments to Agents Who Provide Tags for Wild Game

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would encourage more agents to provide tags for wild game by increasing the fee to tag an animal by \$2 and increasing the payments to tagging agents from \$1 per animal to \$3 per animal.

LR: 2355 Sponsor: Representative Pratt

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Streamline the Permitting Process for Muzzle-loading Permit Renewal

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would allow a person holding a muzzle-loading permit to renew the permit without complications if the permit holder has not committed a crime since the permit was last issued.

LR: 2394 Sponsor: Senator Bryant, B.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Regarding the Electronic Tagging of Big Game Animals

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would allow harvested big game animals to be electronically tagged.

LR: 2447 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Ensure That Search and Rescue Dogs Are Afforded the Same Protections and Accommodations as Service Animals

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would ensure that all search and rescue dogs have access to public facilities and housing accommodations as service animals do.

## **JUDICIARY**

LR: 2049 Sponsor: Representative Blodgett

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Ensure Expedient Resolution of Cases before the Maine Human Rights Commission

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would require that cases filed with the Maine Human Rights Commission be disposed of by the commission within a one-year time frame.

LR: 2097 Sponsor: Representative Perry, A.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Ensure Grandparents' Rights to Children

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would specify that if a child has been left in the sole financial care and sole physical custody of a caregiver relative for at least 18 months and the court finds it to be in the best interest of the child to remain in that custody, the court shall order the child to remain in that custody.

LR: 2124 Sponsor: Senator Bowman

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Protect Confidential Consumer Records in Self-service Storage Facilities

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would protect the confidentiality of personal information kept in self-service storage facilities if the tenant defaults on rental payments by requiring that the tenant notify the facility operator when the tenant intends to store such information; prohibiting the sale at auction of such information if the facility operator knows of its existence; and requiring a purchaser of the contents of a unit to return any personal information.

LR: 2130 Sponsor: Representative Dostie

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Freedom of Access to Information

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would clarify the laws governing freedom of access to information to specifically prohibit members of a school board, commission, agency or legislative body from using a series of communications of any kind to discuss, deliberate or take action on any item of business.

LR: 2203 Sponsor: Representative-Soctomah

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Develop a Policy of Communication on Issues Affecting Tribal Communities of the

Passamaquoddy Tribe

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would develop a policy of communication on issues affecting tribal communities based on federal policy.

LR: 2328 Sponsor: Representative Treat

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Protect Information Maintained by Registries

#### SUMMARY

This resolve would direct the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary to review a recent Superior Court decision related to public access to information maintained by registries of deeds and report recommended legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature by February 15, 2009.

#### **LABOR**

LR: 2087

Sponsor: Senator Jackson

An Act To Protect Maine Workers

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would prevent a company from doing business in Maine for 5 years if that company has committed a major violation of the federal alien labor certification program.

LR: 2110

Sponsor: Speaker Pingree

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Unemployment Law Regarding Vacation Pay

**SUMMARY** 

Under current law, an individual is disqualified from receiving unemployment compensation benefits for any week in which the individual receives, is entitled to receive or has received remuneration in the form of vacation pay. This bill would remove that restriction.

LR: 2127

Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu

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Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Employer" for Unemployment Compensation Purposes

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would clarify the definition of "employer" for unemployment compensation purposes to address the situation of 2 part-time employers who both lay off the same employee within a few days or simultaneously. Both employers would be considered the claimant's last employer for purposes of the laws governing unemployment compensation.

**LR:** 2134

Sponsor: President Mitchell, E.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Aid in the Prevention of the Spread of H1 N1 Influenza by Ensuring the Provision of Earned Paid Sick Time

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would require a large business employer to give 52 accrued paid sick hours per year to an employee and a small business employer to give 26 accrued paid sick hours per year to an employee. Earned paid sick time may be used by an employee during an absence from employment for illness of an employee or illness of an employee's family member, for accessing necessary preventative health care or if the employee or the employee's family member is a victim of stalking, domestic violence or sexual abuse.

LR: 2179

Sponsor: President Mitchell, E.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Provide Continued Protection of Benefits for Retirees of the Maine Public Employees

Retirement System

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would further protect retirees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System from the impact on retirement benefits of decreases in the Consumer Price Index. This bill would require that if the Consumer Price Index decreases for one or more years, adjustments in the subsequent year or years must result in cost neutrality.

LR: 2254 Sponsor: Representative Martin, J. L.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Authorize the Issuance of "Stop Work" Orders if a Construction Contractor or Subcontractor Has Knowingly Misrepresented the Classification of Employees

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would authorize the Executive Director of the Workers' Compensation Board to issue "stop work" orders if a construction contractor or subcontractor has knowingly misrepresented one or more employees as independent contractors. This bill would also prohibit that contractor or subcontractor from performing work on a public building for a period of 3 years.

LR: 2350 Sponsor: Representative Butterfield

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Relating to the Membership of the Workers' Compensation Board

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would clarify the current restrictions on Workers' Compensation Board membership related to lobbying or being a service provider to the workers' compensation system.

LR: 2369 Sponsor: Senator Hobbins

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Regarding Maine Public Employees Retirement System Life Insurance Policies

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would amend the laws governing the payment of life insurance proceeds by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in the case in which a person who dies has not named a beneficiary for a life insurance policy but has made a will.

#### LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

LR: 2039 Sponsor: Senator Perry, J.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Regarding the Sale of Malt Liquor from a Mobile Service Bar on a Golf Course

#### **SUMMARY**

Current law does not address a municipal golf course that contracts for service on the golf course with an outside vendor who holds the liquor license. This bill would allow for an employee of the contracted licensee to serve malt liquor on the golf course while providing shared responsibility between the contracted licensees and the municipal golf course for violations.

LR: 2084 Sponsor: Representative Berry

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Prevent Predatory Signature Gathering and To Strengthen the Citizens Initiative and Veto

Process

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would allow a person to have the person's own signature removed from a citizens initiative or people's veto petition, if the request is made in writing to the Secretary of State, indicating that the person was given incorrect information.

LR: 2147 Sponsor: Representative Martin, J.R.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Exempt Certain Mobile Homes from the Radon Testing Requirement

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would exempt rented mobile homes that do not have an enclosed foundation from mandatory radon testing.

LR: 2192 Sponsor: Representative Fitts

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Taste-testing of Alcoholic Beverages

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would repeal current language requiring retail licensees for the sale of alcohol beverages to be consumed off the premises to conduct taste-testing activities in a manner that precludes the possibility of observation by children and replace that language with a requirement to post signs alerting parents to the times and dates of tasting events taking place in the stores, thereby allowing parents to assume the responsibility of making a decision regarding whether or not their children may be exposed to observing an alcohol beverage taste-testing activity. The bill also would correct a drafting error in the original legislation by amending the requirement that retailers stock a minimum number of malt beverage products in order to qualify to conduct taste-testing activity by replacing the term "brands" with "labels," thereby making the language consistent with the provisions for wine.

LR: 2243 Sponsor: Senator Goodall

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Transfer the Ownership of the Bath Armory to the City of Bath

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would transfer the ownership of the Bath Armory to the City of Bath for the Bath Youth Meetinghouse and Skatepark for free or for one dollar.

LR: 2296 Sponsor: Representative Haskell

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Pertaining to Educational Benefits for Veterans and Their Dependents

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would amend the definition of "child" as it pertains to when educational benefits are granted to include that, if a child is unable to enroll in a degree program prior to turning 22 years of age due to the veteran's total permanent disability claim pending with the Veterans Administration, then the child may apply to begin the benefit within 2 years from the date of the veteran's award notification letter.

LR: 2304 Sponsor: Se

Sponsor: Senator Bliss

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Clarify Licensing for Freestanding Event Halls

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would specifically authorize a freestanding event hall owned by a qualified caterer to purchase a liquor license in the same manner as a Class A restaurant.

LR: 2310

Sponsor: Senator Nutting, J.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Strengthen the Ballot Initiative Process

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would add a \$1,000 fine if a person is proven to have violated the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 904. The bill would also make it illegal for circulators who have been convicted of fraud or forgery to circulate petitions. The bill would require petition circulating companies to register with the State.

LR: 2416

Sponsor: Representative Fitts

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Instant Redeemable Coupons Included with a Spirits Product

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would clarify that instant redeemable coupons included with a spirits product may be attached to the product by an agent of the manufacturer or the manufacturer's sales representative.

LR: 2477

Sponsor: Representative Berry

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Streamline Wine Registration Requirements

#### **SUMMARY**

The bill would establish in statute a provision currently governed by rule that sets the fee and procedure for registration of wine labels by a certificate of approval holder.

LR: 2485

Sponsor: Representative Cain

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Direct Initiatives Be Subject to Legislative Rules Regarding Process

#### **SUMMARY**

This constitutional resolution would propose that the Constitution of Maine be amended to require that citizen initiatives be subject to the general legislative rules applied to other legislation, including fiscal notes.

## MARINE RESOURCES

LR: 2365 Sponsor: Senator Damon

An Act To Eliminate the 3 Trap Limit off Hancock County

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would eliminate one area of the coast where people who fish for lobsters are presently limited to 3 traps per trawl.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

LR: 2111 Sponsor: Representative Eberle

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Prevent the Spread of Invasive Plants and Protect Maine's Lakes

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would ban bass tournaments on lakes that are known to be infested with invasive plants. The bill would also ban the extraction of water by water trucks from lakes that are known to be infested with invasive plants for use in backyard ponds or pools or for irrigation.

LR: 2116 Sponsor: Representative Johnson

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Expand Eligibility of Certain Municipal Landfills To Participate in the State's Remediation and Closure Program

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would allow a small number of additional open municipal landfills that were allowed by the Department of Environmental Protection to remain open after January 1, 2000 to become eligible for the State's remediation and closure program.

LR: 2182 Sponsor: Speaker Pingree

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Clarify Maine's Phaseout of Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would ban products used for food packaging or food storage, including but not limited to pallets, that contain the "deca" mixture of polybrominated diphenyl ethers.

LR: 2240 Sponsor: Senator Goodall

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Improve Maine's Air Quality and Reduce Regional Haze at Acadia National Park and Other Federally Designated Class I Areas

## **SUMMARY**

The federal Clean Air Act and regional haze rule require states with sources that are reasonably anticipated to cause or contribute to impairment of visibility in federally designated Class I areas to implement reasonable measures to reduce visibility impairment within those areas. To address these impacts and satisfy federal requirements, this bill would, in concert with the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states, incrementally reduce the allowable sulfur content of liquid fossil fuels beginning in 2014 extending into 2018.

LR: 2349 Sponsor: Representative Butterfield

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Require the Use of Biofuel in No. 2 Home Heating Oil

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would require the use of biofuel in No. 2 home heating oil beginning July 1, 2011. The percentage required would increase over time as the production of biofuels increases in the State.

LR: 2389 Sponsor: Representative Innes

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Provide Leadership, Tax Fairness and Responsible Recycling for Consumer Products

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would establish a product stewardship program for consumer products that addresses the life cycle impacts of a product and oversees the collection, transportation and reuse, recycling or disposal of unwanted products.

LR: 2432 Sponsor: Representative Soctomah An Act Related to Qualified Waste-to-energy Power SUMMARY Date Accepted: 10/15/09

This bill would provide for development of appropriate adaptations to the State's energy policy to accommodate federal qualified waste-to-energy developments.

#### STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR: 2075 Sponsor: Representative Magnan

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Authorize Municipal Officers To Resolve Road Naming Disputes

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would authorize municipal officers to make the final decision when there is a dispute in the naming of a town road, private way or private road for E-9-1-1 purposes.

LR: 2138 Sponsor: Representative Crockett, P.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Concerning Fees for Documents at the County Registry of Deeds

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would define a reasonable fee for copies obtained from the county registries of deeds pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, section 751 as any fee that does not exceed \$2 per page.

LR: 2169 Sponsor: Representative Curtis

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Somerset County Budget Procedure

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would amend the procedure for adopting the Somerset County budget by allowing the budget to be increased, decreased or altered if new information were obtained during a public process. The budget must be approved by a majority vote of the budget committee at a meeting called for that purpose. The bill would also require that, if the county does not approve a new budget, it operate on an interim budget not to exceed the previous year's budget.

LR: 2193 Sponsor: President Mitchell, E.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Restore Longevity Pay

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would restore longevity pay for state workers.

#### **TAXATION**

LR: 2085 Sponsor: Representative Flemings

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Increase Financial Assets of Maine Citizens by Allowing Split Tax Refunds

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would allow a recipient of a Maine income tax refund to request that the refund be sent to more than one account, as is done in other states.

LR: 2086 Sponsor: Representative Martin, J. L.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Improve Employment Opportunities for Maine Workers in the Forest Industry

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would define bonded laborers, would curtail tree growth tax benefits for owners of land who allow bonded laborers to harvest on that land and further would impose on any such owner liability for full payment of the commercial forestry excise tax on any such land in excess of 500 acres.

LR: 2135 Sponsor: President Mitchell, E.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Improve the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit Program

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would address the current capital gap for early stage businesses seeking equity investment to grow and to create jobs in Maine by increasing the existing seed capital investment tax credit from 40% of an eligible investment to 60% to attract and encourage investors. In addition to increasing the tax credit from 40% to 60% uniformly across the State, the bill would eliminate the up-front credit for investors in certain venture capital funds, provide that the increased credit not have a revenue impact until calendar year 2011 and increase the total of authorized credits from the current \$30 million to \$50 million starting in 2012. It also would make the tax credit refundable in order to provide an incentive for out-of-state investors to invest in Maine businesses.

LR: 2157 Sponsor: Representative Watson

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act to Make a Minor Technical Change in the Tax Laws Governing the Sales Tax Exemption for Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would remove the requirement that a snowmobile club be classified as a nonprofit organization in order to be eligible for the sales tax exemption for snowmobile trail grooming equipment.

LR: 2178 Sponsor: Representative Watson

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Avoid Unnecessary Removal of Land from the Tree Growth Tax Law Program

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would give landowners who fail to meet the filing deadline for recertification for participation in the tree growth tax program one year to comply while keeping the land enrolled. The bill would establish the tax payment for a one-year grace period according to fair market value and the landowner would pay the higher tax rate and a penalty for this grace period if the land is removed from the program.

LR: 2250 Sponsor: Senator Sherman

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Law Governing Sales Tax Exemptions for Certain Nonprofit Youth Organizations SUMMARY

This bill would expand application of the sales tax exemption for nonprofit youth organizations whose primary purpose is to provide athletic instruction to also include nonprofit youth organizations that provide artistic instruction in nonresidential settings.

LR: 2253 Sponsor: Representative Crockett, P.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Promote Efficiency and To Streamline Access to the Maine Residents Property Tax Program for Seniors, People with Disabilities and Working Families with Low Incomes

## **SUMMARY**

This resolve directs Maine Revenue Services and the Department of Health and Human Services, office of integrated access and support to examine ways to increase administrative efficiencies and reduce the burden on applicants applying for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program by accessing information already available through the Department of Health and Human Services Automated Client Eligibility System. It also requires both departments to report their findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters by January 1, 2011.

LR: 2286 Sponsor: Representative Cushing

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Encourage Extended Stays in Maine Waters

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would extend to 90 days the time during which boat owners may moor in Maine ports and marinas without incurring additional taxation.

LR: 2300 Sponsor: Representative Piotti

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Modify the Maine Tax Code To Support Renewable Energy

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would adjust the method by which Maine communities assess taxes on new renewable energy projects in order to better benefit the region in which those projects are located.

LR: 2459 Sponsor: Representative Crockett, P.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Increase the Affordability of Renewable Energy for Homeowners and Small Businesses SUMMARY

This bill would permit municipal governments to offer long-term financing of solar and wind electric generation systems through a property tax lien financing program.

LR: 2471 Sponsor: Representative Cain

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Increase Transparency and Accountability and Assess the Impact of Tax Incentive Programs SUMMARY

This bill would provide a mechanism for Maine Revenue Services to improve data collection in the State's tax incentive programs to assess their impact over time to inform policy decisions.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

LR: 2035

Sponsor: Representative Fitts

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Impose Service Requirements on Railroads That Receive Funds from the Department of

**Transportation** 

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would require that any railroad receiving funds from the State demonstrate and meet certain service requirements or pay a penalty for failure to meet those service requirements.

LR: 2077

Sponsor: Senator Gooley

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Name Route 27 from Kingfield to Stratton the Caleb Dalton Stevens Memorial Highway

**SUMMARY** 

This resolve would name Route 27 from Kingfield to Stratton the Caleb Dalton Stevens Memorial Highway.

LR: 2096

Sponsor: Representative Eves

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in North Berwick the North Berwick Veterans Memorial Bridge

**SUMMARY** 

This resolve would name a bridge in North Berwick the North Berwick Veterans Memorial Bridge for veterans events in the town to take place in May of 2010.

Sponsor: Representative Johnson LR: 2115

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of State Land to the Natural Resource Education Center of Greenville

**SUMMARY** 

This resolve would transfer the Department of Transportation rest stop on Route 15 in Greenville to the Natural Resource Education Center of Greenville.

LR: 2155

Sponsor: Representative Martin, J. L.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Require the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Accept Certification of Disability from the Bureau

of Maine Veterans' Services

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would require the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to accept certification of a person's disability from the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services for the purpose of obtaining a disability registration plate.

Sponsor: Representative Crockett, P.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Allow the State To Receive Full Funding under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance

Program

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would amend the laws governing motor carriers to achieve compatibility with federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program regulations in order to allow the State to receive full funding under the program. The State currently receives 50% funding under the program.

Sponsor: Senator Sherman

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Review the Fiscal Impact on the State of the Closure of the Railroad Track between Madawaska and Millinocket

## **SUMMARY**

This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to review the fiscal impact on the State of the proposed closure of the railroad track between Madawaska and Millinocket and report its findings to the

Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

LR: 2245 Sponsor: Representative Pinkham

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, To Name the New Bridge over Gilman Stream in New Portland the Joshua Bernard Memorial

Bridge

**SUMMARY** 

This resolve would name the new bridge over Gilman Stream in New Portland the Joshua Bernard Memorial Bridge.

LR: 2279 Sponsor: Senator Courtney

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Dedicate Surplus Transportation Funds to Highway Maintenance and Paving

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would require that any additional revenues over the amount budgeted in the Highway Fund budget be dedicated solely to maintenance and paving.

LR: 2360 Sponsor: Representative Tardy

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act Regarding the Placement of a Sign at Saddleback Mountain

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would allow Saddleback Mountain, located in the Town of Rangeley, to erect a 5-foot-by-6-foot directional sign on the access road to the resort, at the corner of Route 4 and Dallas Hill Road. Prior to the sign's placement, Saddleback Mountain must receive approval from the Town of Rangeley.

LR: 2362 Sponsor: Senator Marrache

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Establish a Commission To Promote General Aviation in the State

SUMMARY

This bill would establish in the laws an ongoing commission to aid the Department of Transportation in developing and maintaining aviation and airports in the State.

LR: 2364 Sponsor: Senator Damon

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Regulate the Use of Traffic Surveillance Cameras

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would prohibit the use of traffic surveillance cameras and add automated license plate recognition systems to the list of regulated surveillance technology.

LR: 2418 Sponsor: Representative Pilon

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the "We Support Our Troops" Registration Plates

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would clarify where in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management proceeds from the sale of "We Support Our Troops" registration plates are to be deposited and specifies the authority of the We Support Our Troops Advisory Board with respect to the determination of the use of these proceeds.

LR: 2439 Sponsor: Senator Raye

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Preserve the "We Support Our Troops" Registration Plate

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would reduce the number of "We Support Our Troops" registration plates that must be outstanding to keep the registration plate from being retired.

LR: 2442 Sponsor: Representative Piotti

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Improve Safety and Reduce Maintenance Costs on Maine Highways

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would direct the Department of Transportation to develop rules requiring through-truck traffic to use federally maintained roads rather than state-maintained roads.

#### UTILITIES AND ENERGY

LR: 2045 Sponsor: Representative Peterson Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Maintain Internet Access for Maine Citizens and Businesses

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would continue to authorize Internet services pricing to be based exclusively on market competition as long as pricing for these services is based on a unitary scheme, such as a monthly fee for specified bandwidth. If, however, an internet service provider chooses to alter the pricing structure to a metered fee based on utilization within that bandwidth, that pricing would be subject to review and approval by the Public Utilities Commission and would require the filing of a rate case with full disclosure of the attendant costs, margins and reasons for the pricing changes, and would allow the Public Advocate to intervene on behalf of Maine consumers.

LR: 2082 Sponsor: Representative Pilon Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Require That a Utility Company Notify the Owner of Property prior to Disconnecting Services SUMMARY

This bill would require that a utility company notify the owner of property prior to disconnecting services.

LR: 2109 Sponsor: Representative Chase Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Authorize Sanitary Districts To Waive an Automatic Sewer Lien Foreclosure

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would provide the option for sanitary districts to waive the automatic foreclosure of a sewer lien in the same way as municipalities may currently waive automatic foreclosure of a tax lien.

LR: 2153 Sponsor: Representative Martin, J. L. Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Raise the Indebtedness Limit of the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would raise the indebtedness limit of the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District from \$2,500,000 to \$3,500,000.

LR: 2183 Sponsor: Speaker Pingree

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Noise Limitations on Wind Turbines

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would amend the laws governing noise limitations on wind turbines to account for variables such as ambient noise provided by the wind itself.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

LR: 2184 Sponsor: Representative Thomas Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Dexter Utility District

# **SUMMARY**

This bill would amend the charter of the Dexter Utility District to allow the district to disconnect a customer's water service if that customer fails to pay for sewer service.

LR: 2204 Sponsor: Senator Weston Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Create the Lincolnville Sewer District

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would create the Lincolnville Sewer District.

LR: 2255 Sponsor: Representative Hayes

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would revise and update the charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation.

LR: 2293 Sponsor: Representative Tardy

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Corinna Water District

**SUMMARY** 

This bill would amend the charter of the Corinna Water District to permit trustees to be elected in the same manner as other town officials.

LR: 2303 Sponsor: Representative Adams

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Adopt Rules To Improve the Safety of Multiunit Rental Dwellings

## **SUMMARY**

This resolve would direct the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules to authorize utilities to notify the owners of multiunit rental dwellings when the utility for a particular rental unit is going to be shut off for nonpayment. This bill would ensure that certain tenant information remains confidential and would provide information to tenants about utility payment assistance programs.

LR: 2370 Sponsor: Senator Bartlett

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Electric Utility Industry Laws as They Relate to Renewable Resources SUMMARY

This bill would amend various definitions in the electric utility industry laws as they relate to renewable resources.

LR: 2390 Sponsor: Representative Edgecomb

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Caribou Water District

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would amend the charter of the Caribou Water District to make changes necessary for the operation of the Caribou Water District.

LR: 2446 Sponsor: Representative Martin, J. L.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Ensure That Maine's Energy Corridor Policy Does Not Harm Maine's Renewable Power SUMMARY

This bill would extend the reporting deadline of the Commission to Study Energy Infrastructure to May 1, 2010 and authorize the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. It would require the commission to include findings regarding renewable energy, economic effects and impact on consumers as well as give preference to energy project development in the State.

LR: 2458 Sponsor: Representative Hinck

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Create a Smart Grid in the State

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would establish a state policy on smart grid infrastructure. It would establish a state policy to transition Maine's energy infrastructure to a smart grid by 2012. The bill would provide a ranked set of resource preferences for reducing energy consumption and lowering costs to consumers. The bill would require state agencies to advocate for this policy and require the Public Utilities Commission to ensure applicable standards are met.

LR: 2474 Sponsor: Senator Mills, P.

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Require That New Sources of Electrical Generation in the State Must Provide a Tangible Benefit to Maine Ratepayers in the Form of Discounts to Future Electrical Rates

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would require new sources of electrical generation to provide a tangible benefit in the form of discounts.

LR: 2478 Sponsor: Representative Berry

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Enhance Maine's Clean Energy Opportunities

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would include in the Efficiency Maine Trust's triennial plan the investigation of the national and regional carbon market and consider the appropriate participation of the State. The bill would also require the Public Utilities Commission to purchase all cost-effective energy-efficient supply made available through the Efficiency Maine Trust as part of standard-offer purchases.

LR: 2499 Sponsor: Representative Adams

Date Accepted: 10/15/09

An Act To Strengthen the Community-based Renewable Energy Pilot Program

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would revise recently enacted legislation on feed-in tariffs and community-based energy generation facilities to correct some issues that have arisen.

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**Sponsor: Representative Adams** 

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Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Adopt Rules To Improve the Safety of Multiunit Rental Dwellings

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An Act To Strengthen the Community-based Renewable Energy Pilot Program

**Sponsor: Senator Alfond** 

LR: 2251

An Act To Increase Maine's High School Graduation Rate

LR: 2276

An Act To Improve the Availability, Efficiency and Cost of Services for Infants, Young Children and Their Families

LR: 2277

An Act To Create Jobs and Stimulate Economic Development by Making Captive Insurers Eligible for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits for 10 Years

**Sponsor: Senator Bartlett** 

LR: 2156

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An Act To Amend the Electric Utility Industry Laws as They Relate to Renewable Resources

Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu

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An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Employer" for Unemployment Compensation Purposes

**Sponsor: Representative Berry** 

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An Act To Prevent Predatory Signature Gathering and To Strengthen the Citizens Initiative and Veto Process

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Sponsor: Representative Blanchard

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An Act To Allow the Board of Dental Examiners To Grant Permits To Qualified Individuals To Practice as Dental Residents

**Sponsor: Senator Bliss** 

LR: 2304

An Act To Clarify Licensing for Freestanding Event Halls

**Sponsor: Representative Blodgett** 

LR: 2049

An Act To Ensure Expedient Resolution of Cases before the Maine Human Rights Commission

Sponsor: Representative Boland

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An Act To Create the Children's Wireless Protection Act

**Sponsor: Senator Bowman** 

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An Act To Protect Confidential Consumer Records in Self-service Storage Facilities

Sponsor: Senator Bryant, B.

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An Act Regarding the Electronic Tagging of Big Game Animals

**Sponsor: Representative Butterfield** 

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An Act To Require the Use of Biofuel in No. 2 Home Heating Oil

LR: 2350

An Act Relating to the Membership of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sponsor: Representative Cain

LR: 2471

An Act To Increase Transparency and Accountability and Assess the Impact of Tax Incentive Programs

LR: 2485

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Direct Initiatives Be Subject to Legislative Rules Regarding Process

**Sponsor: Representative Chase** 

LR: 2109

An Act To Authorize Sanitary Districts To Waive an Automatic Sewer Lien Foreclosure

Sponsor: Representative Cornell du Houx

LR: 2047

An Act To Clarify the State's Initiative Involving the Federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008

**Sponsor: Senator Courtney** 

LR: 2279

An Act To Dedicate Surplus Transportation Funds to Highway Maintenance and Paving

Sponsor: Representative Crockett, P.

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An Act Concerning Fees for Documents at the County Registry of Deeds

LR: 2188

An Act To Allow the State To Receive Full Funding under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

LR: 2197

An Act Concerning Statewide Communications Interoperability

LR: 2253

Resolve, To Promote Efficiency and To Streamline Access to the Maine Residents Property Tax Program for Seniors, People with Disabilities and Working Families with Low Incomes Rev 2459

An Act To Increase the Affordability of Renewable Energy for Homeowners and Small Businesses

**Sponsor: Representative Curtis** 

LR: 2169

An Act To Amend the Somerset County Budget Procedure

**Sponsor: Representative Cushing** 

LR: 2286

An Act To Encourage Extended Stays in Maine Waters

**Sponsor: Senator Damon** 

LR: 2364

An Act To Regulate the Use of Traffic Surveillance Cameras

LR: 2365

An Act To Eliminate the 3 Trap Limit off Hancock County

**Sponsor: Senator Diamond** 

LR: 2417

An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

**Sponsor: Representative Dostie** 

LR: 2130

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Freedom of Access to Information

**Sponsor: Representative Eberle** 

LR: 2111

An Act To Prevent the Spread of Invasive Plants and Protect Maine's Lakes

**Sponsor: Representative Edgecomb** 

LR: 2390

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Caribou Water District

**Sponsor: Representative Eves** 

LR: 2096

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in North Berwick the North Berwick Veterans Memorial Bridge

**Sponsor: Representative Fitts** 

LR: 2035

An Act To Impose Service Requirements on Railroads That Receive Funds from the Department of Transportation

LR: 2192

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Taste-testing of Alcoholic Beverages

LR: 2416

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Instant Redeemable Coupons Included with a Spirits Product

## **Sponsor: Representative Flemings**

LR: 2085

An Act To Increase Financial Assets of Maine Citizens by Allowing Split Tax Refunds

## **Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky**

LR: 2421

An Act To Enhance the Redevelopment of the Brunswick Naval Air Station

LR: 2447

An Act To Ensure That Search and Rescue Dogs Are Afforded the Same Protections and Accommodations as Service Animals

# **Sponsor: Senator Goodall**

LR: 2240

An Act To Improve Maine's Air Quality and Reduce Regional Haze at Acadia National Park and Other Federally Designated Class I Areas

LR: 2243

Resolve, To Transfer the Ownership of the Bath Armory to the City of Bath

## **Sponsor: Representative Goode**

LR: 2198

Resolve, To Define High-risk Populations for the Purposes of Hospital Surveillance for Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus and To Implement Public Law 2009, chapter 346

## **Sponsor: Senator Gooley**

LR: 2077

Resolve, To Name Route 27 from Kingfield to Stratton the Caleb Dalton Stevens Memorial Highway

## **Sponsor: Representative Haskell**

LR: 2117

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Task Force

LR: 2296

An Act Pertaining to Educational Benefits for Veterans and Their Dependents

## **Sponsor: Representative Haves**

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## **Sponsor: Representative Hinck**

LR: 2458

An Act To Create a Smart Grid in the State

**Sponsor: Senator Hobbins** 

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An Act Regarding Maine Public Employees Retirement System Life Insurance Policies

**Sponsor: Representative Innes** 

LR: 2389

An Act To Provide Leadership, Tax Fairness and Responsible Recycling for Consumer

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An Act Regarding Accidental Death Benefits for Beneficiaries of Deceased Firefighters

**Sponsor: Representative Johnson** 

LR: 2115

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of State Land to the Natural Resource Education Center of

Greenville

LR: 2116

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Remediation and Closure Program

Sponsor: Representative Legg

LR: 2125

An Act Concerning the Use of Long-term Antibiotics for the Treatment of Lyme Disease

Sponsor: Representative Magnan

LR: 2075

An Act To Authorize Municipal Officers To Resolve Road Naming Disputes

**Sponsor: Senator Marrache** 

LR: 2038

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An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Maternal and Infant Death Review Panel

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An Act To Establish a Commission To Promote General Aviation in the State

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An Act To Protect University of Maine Students from Unnecessary Tuition Increases

Sponsor: Representative Martin, J. L.

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An Act To Require the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Accept Certification of Disability from the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services

LR: 2254

An Act To Authorize the Issuance of "Stop Work" Orders if a Construction Contractor or Subcontractor Has Knowingly Misrepresented the Classification of Employees

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An Act To Ensure That Maine's Energy Corridor Policy Does Not Harm Maine's Renewable Power

Sponsor: Representative Martin, J.R.

LR: 2147

An Act To Exempt Certain Mobile Homes from the Radon Testing Requirement

**Sponsor: Representative Mazurek** 

LR: 2094

An Act To Expand the Opportunity for Persons To Acquire Health Care Coverage under the State's "Mini-COBRA" Program

**Sponsor: Representative McCabe** 

LR: 2099

An Act To Regulate the Transportation of Firewood

Sponsor: Senator Mills, P.

LR: 2474

An Act To Require That New Sources of Electrical Generation in the State Must Provide a Tangible Benefit to Maine Ratepayers in the Form of Discounts to Future Electrical Rates

LR: 2492

An Act To Adopt a Drug Benefit Equity Law

Sponsor: President Mitchell, E.

LR: 2134

An Act To Aid in the Prevention of the Spread of H1 N1 Influenza by Ensuring the Provision of Earned Paid Sick Time

LR: 2135

An Act To Improve the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit Program

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An Act To Provide Continued Protection of Benefits for Retirees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

LR: 2193

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LR: 2310

An Act To Strengthen the Ballot Initiative Process

Sponsor: Representative O'Brien

LR: 2067

An Act To Streamline Maine's Pesticide Notification System

Sponsor: Representative Perry, A.

LR: 2097

An Act To Ensure Grandparents' Rights to Children

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An Act Enabling Expedited Partner Therapy

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LR: 2039

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**Sponsor: Representative Peterson** 

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**Sponsor: Representative Pilon** 

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**Sponsor: Speaker Pingree** 

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An Act To Amend the Unemployment Law Regarding Vacation Pay

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LR: 2183

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Noise Limitations on Wind Turbines

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**Sponsor: Representative Piotti** 

LR: 2149

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**Sponsor: Representative Pratt** 

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An Act To Streamline the Permitting Process for Muzzle-loading Permit Renewal

Sponsor: Senator Raye

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LR: 2480

An Act To Repeal the Fee Increase for Copies of Vital Records

**Sponsor: Senator Rector** 

LR: 2479

An Act To Enhance the Small Enterprise Growth Fund

Sponsor: Representative Rotundo

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**Sponsor: Representative Schatz** 

LR: 2289

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An Act To Increase Payments to Agents Who Provide Tags for Wild Game

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LR: 2288

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LR: 2324

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## **Sponsor: Senator Sherman**

LR: 2234

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Review the Fiscal Impact on the State of the Closure of the Railroad Track between Madawaska and Millinocket

LR: 2250

An Act To Amend the Law Governing Sales Tax Exemptions for Certain Nonprofit Youth Organizations

## **Sponsor: Senator Simpson**

LR: 2358

An Act To Increase the Financial Stability of Low-income Families

## Sponsor: Representative Smith, N.

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An Act To Establish an Office of Administrative Law Judges for Licensing Boards

## **Sponsor: Representative Soctomah**

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## **Sponsor: Representative Sutherland**

LR: 2351

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## Sponsor: Representative Tardy

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# **Sponsor: Representative Thomas**

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**Sponsor: Representative Watson** 

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LR: 2178

An Act To Avoid Unnecessary Removal of Land from the Tree Growth Tax Law Program

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**Sponsor: Senator Weston** 

LR: 2204

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