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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**126th Legislature
Legislative Council**

**Thursday, December 19, 2013
1:30 PM**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
October 30, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Legislative Council Chair Mark Eves called the October 30, 2013 Legislative Council meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Alfond, Senator Jackson, Senator Haskell, Senator Thibodeau and Senator Katz

Representatives: Speaker Eves, Representative Berry, Representative McCabe, Representative Fredette and Representative Willette

Legislative Officers: David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director
Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library
Scott Clark, Director, Legislative Information Technology
Beth Ashcroft, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

Speaker Eves convened the meeting at 10:33 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF AUGUST 28, 2013 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for August 28, 2013 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Berry. Second by Senator Willette. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

David Boulter, Executive Director, provided a written report as follows:

1. Filming in State House

Numerous scenes for the movie, *Catatonk Blues*, were filmed in the State House on October 3 and 4, 2013 in accordance with Legislative Council approval. The cast and crew of the film were very appreciative of their use of the State House and, overall, everything went smoothly and professionally. The film is expected to be released early next summer.

2. Water leaks in State House

Numerous leaks in the heating system in the State House have been discovered over the past several months. A preliminary review indicates that the leaks may be the result of corrosion and subsequent leaking at piping joints, the cause of which is unknown at this time. An engineering firm is currently investigating the extent and cause of the piping failures.

3. YMCA Youth in Government Program

The State YMCA of Maine will hold its annual civic education program on legislating for high school youth in the State House on Friday through Sunday, November 15-17, 2013. Planning for the program is underway.

Fiscal Report

Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, reported on the following:

Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$298.8	\$318.8	\$20.0	6.7%	\$281.2	13.4%
FYTD	\$608.8	\$622.0	\$13.3	2.2%	\$584.9	6.3%

General Fund revenue was above budget projections by \$20.0 million (6.7%) in September and \$13.3 million (2.2%) for the first quarter of FY 2014. The 6.3% growth rate for the first quarter of FY 2014 revenue differs significantly from a projected decline that was budgeted for FY 2014.

Individual Income Tax was \$19.1 million above budget projections in September, about a third of which reflected a timing issue between August and September relating to withholding payments. \$10 million of this positive variance was due to the strong performance of September's estimated tax payments.

Sales and Use Tax revenue was \$4.0 million above budget projections in September and \$7.6 million through the first quarter. Taxable sales growth in the Building Supply and

Automobile/Transportation sectors has been the major factor contributing to this positive variance.

Corporate Income Tax collections have fallen \$2.9 million (6.8%) below budget for the first quarter of FY 2014. Preliminary data for October indicate that this negative variance will likely remain roughly the same after October.

Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$24.9	\$26.0	\$1.1	4.4%	\$26.4	-1.7%
FYTD	\$61.5	\$62.8	\$1.4	2.2%	\$63.6	-1.2%

Highway Fund revenue was above budget by \$1.1 million in September and \$1.4 for the first quarter of FY 2014. Monthly revenue in the Fuel Taxes category continues to fluctuate relative to budget, but through the first quarter this category was \$1.3 million above budget.

Fall Revenue Forecast Update

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) began its fall revenue forecast update with 2 meetings in October. Friday, October 18th, was an information gathering session followed a week later by a meeting to update the economic forecast that is used in the tax models to forecast the major tax revenue sources. At that meeting, the CEFC revised the economic forecast for job growth and income growth downward. These changes will have a negative effect on the tax model forecasts of the major tax lines. However, some of this negative effect may be offset when the models are targeted based on recent higher than anticipated revenue.

The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) will meet on Thursday, November 21st, to finalize the fall revenue forecast prior to its statutory reporting date of December 1st.

In response to an inquiry from Representative Fredette, Mr. Pennoyer gave a very brief summary on the fiscal status of state accounts. He explained that General Fund revenue for September was very good and the Highway Fund also had a better than expected month. Revenues for October appear to be on track. The CEFC, in its preliminary assessment, did lower the forecast for employment and personal income which would usually have the effect of lowering the economic forecast. But there may be some offsetting effect from the recent positive revenue variance particularly in the individual income tax.

Interim Legislative Studies Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, provided a written report as to the current status of the interim legislative studies and commissions. (Refer to status report in preliminary agenda materials.)

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

Speaker Eves, Chair of the Personnel Committee, gave the following report.

The Personnel Committee held a meeting earlier today, October 30, 2013 to consider the following matters:

1. Request for Part-time Limited Period Position in OPEGA through FY2015

The committee considered Director Ashcroft's request to establish a part-time limited period Legislative Analyst position in the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability through FY15 to assist in completing assigned projects in OPEGA. After discussion, the committee voted to recommend that the Legislative Council authorize OPEGA to establish a part-time position through fiscal year 2014, after which time the Legislative Council will evaluate the need to extend the position.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize OPEGA to establish a part-time, limited period legislative analyst position through FY14 using unspent balances to pay the costs of the position, after which time the Legislative Council will evaluate the need to extend the position. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by President Alfond. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

2. Request for Temporary Disability Income Benefits for a Partisan Staff Member

The committee considered a request by an employee in a Legislative Leadership office for temporary disability income benefits. The request is consistent with the provisions for temporary disability income benefits under the Legislative Council's personnel policies and guidelines. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the committee voted unanimously to approve the request. No Legislative Council action is required.

3. Reappointment of David E. Boulter as Executive Director of the Legislative Council to a new 3 year term.

The committee noted that Executive Director Boulter is seeking reappointment as Executive Director and scheduled a time next month to discuss his reappointment.

2. State House Facilities Committee

Representative Berry, Chair of the State House Facilities Committee, presented the following report.

The State House Facilities Committee met on Wednesday, August 7th to consider the following matters:

1. Renewed MOU with Maine Public Broadcasting Network

The committee reviewed a draft renewal memorandum of understanding (MOU) that has been negotiated with Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN) for televising legislative proceedings during the 2nd regular session of the Legislature. The committee was comfortable with the agreement but added a provision that would allow other news media to

have reasonable use of the state-owned room to be used by MPBN as a broadcast studio and press room on a schedule established by MPBN. MPBN supports the memorandum of understanding as drafted, including the added provision. At its meeting, the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Legislative Council approve the MOU. That item is on the Legislative Council agenda for later today.

2. MPBN request that the Legislature purchase new cameras for House and Senate Chambers

After a brief discussion, the committee members concluded that consideration of new cameras or other broadcasting equipment should not be decided on in 2013 but be deferred until 2014 when the facilities committee could then consider the request in the context of other capital improvement needs for 2014.

3. Capital improvement procurement policy

In light of the absence of a committee member, this matter was tabled to a future meeting.

4. Electric car charging stations

Executive Director Boulter gave the committee an update on the investigation into the feasibility of installing several charging stations on the State House campus, equipment and installation costs, potential for private sector donations and potential locations. The committee will continue its discussion at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot Since the August 28, 2013 Council Meeting

Legislative Council Decisions:

- A. That the Legislative Council exempt the legislative study contained in LD 1515: "An Act to Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services" from the Study Table established under Joint Rule 353 (10).

Motion by: Representative Mark Eves

Second by: Senator Justin Alford

Approved: August 29, 2013

Vote: 10-0 in favor

- B. That the Legislative Council approve the request by the Maine State Police to serve food, buffet-style, to its troopers in the Hall of Flags as part of a formal inspection of its Central Division on or about noon on October 8, 2013.

Motion by: Representative Mark Eves

Second by: Senator Justin Alford

Approved: September 24, 2013

Vote: 10-0 in favor

- C. That pursuant to Joint Rule 353 (6), the Legislative Council authorizes and directs Legislative Council staff to provide sufficient staff resources to the Commission to Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machines in the

State for the remainder of its authorized meetings, in light of the inability of the Department of Administration and Financial Services to provide such staffing.

Motion by: Senator Justin Alfond

Second by: Representative Mark Eves

Approved: September 27, 2013

Vote: 10-0 in favor

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Suggested Protocols for Deciding Legislator Bill Requests

Executive Director Boulter summarized the suggested procedures for deciding legislator bill requests. He drew Legislative Council members' attention to several key aspects of the proposed protocol, including that the initial motion on each bill request will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction in the Second Regular Session, along with a presumed second to that motion. Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair. See the attached procedures.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the suggested procedures for deciding Legislator bill requests. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #2: Consideration of Requests to Introduce Legislation in Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on three hundred ninety-nine (399) bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized ninety-nine (99) bills for introduction in the Second Regular Session, tabled four (4) bill requests and declined to authorize two hundred eighty-nine (289) bill requests. Out of the 399 requests, seven (7) bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsor prior to the Legislative Council's vote. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

Item #3: Memorandum of Understanding between Maine Public Broadcasting Network and Maine Legislative Council for Broadcasting Legislative Proceedings

Representative Berry made a motion to table this matter to a future Legislative Council meeting. Motion by Representative Berry. Second by President Alfond. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0-0-1, with Representative Fredette absent).**

Item #4: Request to Use State House and Grounds for Critical Incident Response Exercise on Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Capitol Police Chief Gauvin briefed the Legislative Council as to the nature of the request by the Maine National Guard, Maine Emergency Management Agency and law enforcement agencies to use the State House and grounds for a critical incident response training exercise on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 (Operation Vigilant Guard). Chief Gauvin explained that the exercise will

begin late in the day, around closing time, so as to have minimal impact on employees or legislative operations. Signs will be placed to inform people of the exercise. There is no intention to practice tactics; the exercise is more of a command coordination, communication coordination and actual logistics training. Representative Berry then asked Mr. Boulter to make sure that staff are made aware of the training exercise before it begins.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the request to use the State House and grounds as part of a critical incident response training exercise for emergency responders on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Motion by Representative McCabe. Second by Representative Willette.
Motion passed unanimous (9-0-0-1, with Representative Fredette absent).

Item #5: Dates for Legislative Policy Forums in January and February 2014

Mr. Boulter reviewed the memo by the Maine Development Foundation describing its plans to hold 4 legislative policy forum breakfasts for legislators in early 2014, and its request that the Legislative Council establish the dates for those forums. After discussion, Speaker Eves suggested the dates of January 14, January 16, January 28, and January 30, 2014.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the dates for the Legislative Policy Forums to be conducted by the Maine Development Foundation as follows: January 14, January 16, January 28, and January 30, 2014. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Senator Thibodeau. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0-0-2, with Representatives Fredette and Willette absent).**

Item #6: Request for Voluntary Budget Savings from the Legislature

Motion: That the Legislative Council refer the request by the director of the Governor's Office of Policy and Management for the Legislature to voluntarily identify budget savings to the Legislative Budget Subcommittee for its review and recommendation. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0-0-2, with Senator Thibodeau and Representative Fredette absent).**

Item #7: Legislative Council Meeting Schedule for 2014

Legislative Council Chair Speaker Eves informed the Legislative Council members of the Legislative Council Meeting Schedule that he has established for calendar year 2014 which is noted below. All meetings will be held in the Legislative Council Chambers and are tentatively scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 23, 2014
 Thursday, February 27, 2014
 Thursday, March 27, 2014
 Thursday, April 24, 2014
 Thursday, May 22, 2014
 Thursday, June 26, 2014

Thursday, July 24, 2014
 Thursday, August 28, 2014
 Thursday, September 25, 2014
 Thursday, October 23, 2014
 Thursday, November 20, 2014
 Thursday, December 18, 2014

[Note: The 127th Legislature convenes on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 so the December meeting date is subject to change.]

Item #8: Notice of Single Audit of the State of Maine

The Office of the State Auditor has notified the Legislative Council by letter that it is performing a Single Audit of the State of Maine for the year ending June 30, 2013. No action by the Legislative Council was required.

Item #9: Acceptance of the Annual Report of the Washington County Development Authority

The Washington County Development Authority submitted its 2013 Annual Report for acceptance by the Legislative Council.

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the 2013 Annual Report of the Washington County Development Authority and place it on file. Motion by Senator Jackson. Second by Senator Alfond. **Motion passed (8-0-0-2,** with Senator Thibodeau and Representative Fredette absent).

Item #10: Executive Session

Motion: That, in accordance with 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining negotiations between the employee representative for the Administrative Unit of Legislative Employees and the Legislative Council and discussing collective bargaining negotiations between the employee representative for the Independent Association of Nonpartisan Legislative Professionals and the Legislative Council. Motion by Senator Alfond. Second by Senator Katz. **Motion passed (8-0-0-2,** with Senator Thibodeau and Representative Fredette absent).

The Legislative Council entered into an executive session at 1:58 p.m. At the conclusion of its executive session, on a motion by Senator Jackson, seconded by President Alfond, the Legislative Council voted unanimously to end its executive session at 2:27 p.m. and reconvene its regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

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		Action
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY		
LR 2268	Representative Lockman of Amherst An Act To Require Signs and Lighting on Boat Ramps	FAILED
LR 2305	Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery	PASSED
LR 2355	Representative Jones of Freedom An Act To Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides for 2 Years	PASSED
LR 2471	Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Create a Mandatory Registry of Persons Convicted of Animal Abuse	FAILED
LR 2481	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients	PASSED
LR 2518	Representative Villa of Harrison An Act To Allow Landowners To Manage, Prepare and Sign Forestry Plans for Their Own Property	FAILED
LR 2568	Representative Marcen of Hollis An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses	FAILED
LR 2651	Representative Hickman of Winthrop An Act To End Hunger, Protect Small Farms and Homesteads and Promote Self-sufficiency for the People of the State	FAILED
LR 2663	Representative Kaenrath of South Portland An Act To Prohibit the Distribution of Live Animals as Prizes	FAILED
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2235	Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage a Strong Job Market by Promoting Affordable Electricity	FAILED
LR 2257	Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Promote National Security and Workforce Development	PASSED

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2459	Representative Cassidy of Lubec An Act To Preserve Maine's Long-term Care Facilities	PASSED
LR 2495	Representative Pringle of Windham An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Education and Prevention Program within the Department of Education	FAILED
LR 2513	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Fully Fund the Priority 1 and 2 Waiting List for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	FAILED
LR 2515	Representative Jorgensen of Portland An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network	FAILED
LR 2531	Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts	FAILED
LR 2564	Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Technology Infrastructure and Grow the Maine Economy in Existing and Emerging Industries	PASSED
LR 2577	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Continue Maine's School-based Oral Health Program	FAILED
LR 2580	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites	FAILED
LR 2596	Senator Cain of Penobscot An Act To Improve the Disability Benefits Process under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	PASSED
LR 2612	Representative Frey of Bangor An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services	PASSED
LR 2625	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Agricultural Development Fund	FAILED

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2291	Representative Pringle of Windham An Act To Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement Benefits To Divorced Spouses	FAILED
LR 2303	Senator Haskell of Cumberland An Act To Strengthen the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	FAILED
LR 2317	Representative Crafts of Lisbon Resolve, To Initiate the Procedures To Request the Federal Joint Committee on the Library of Congress To Replace a Statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection	FAILED
LR 2347	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Develop Lobster Processing Capacity in the State	PASSED
LR 2353	Representative Cassidy of Lubec An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Develop Maine's Lobster Processing Industry	FAILED
LR 2354	Representative Jones of Freedom An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review	FAILED
LR 2364	Senator Mazurek of Knox An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair and Renovate the Rockland Fish Pier	FAILED
LR 2385	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Improve Health Care and Disease Prevention Efforts in the Fund for a Healthy Maine	FAILED
LR 2404	Senator Craven of Androscoggin An Act To Support Homeless Shelters	PASSED
LR 2417	Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Improve Care for Maine's Senior Citizens through a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair Long-term Care Facilities	FAILED

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2627	Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund	FAILED
LR 2634	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Fund Disability Services and Eliminate the Waiting List for Elderly, Disabled Residents	FAILED
LR 2638	Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters by Increasing the Ability of the Department of Environmental Protection To Protect Those Waters	PASSED
LR 2644	Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Convention Center in Portland	FAILED
LR 2653	Representative Rochelo of Biddeford An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources	PASSED
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2231	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Return 50% of a Fine to the Municipality Where the Infraction Occurred	WITHDRAWN
LR 2241	Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on Certain Firearms Forms	FAILED
LR 2263	Representative Maser of Calais An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry	FAILED
LR 2302	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Provide Enforcement Authority to the State Board of Corrections	TABLED
LR 2306	Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Allow the Sale of Fireworks by Religious Organizations	FAILED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2322	Representative Willette of Mapleton An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs	PASSED
LR 2329	Representative Russell of Portland An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation Issued by the Federal Government	FAILED
LR 2345	Representative Parry of Arundel An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence for Emergency Response	PASSED
LR 2349	Senator Jackson of Arundel Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine the Establishment of Safeguards on the Use of Fireworks	FAILED
LR 2360	Representative Brooks of Winterport An Act To Provide Mental Health Services in Appropriate Mental Health Settings	FAILED
LR 2370	Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Authorize the State Board of Corrections To Share Federal Border Revenue with Counties	FAILED
LR 2373	Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Add a Category of Child Care Centers to the Safe Zones List	FAILED
LR 2374	Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Grant the State Board of Corrections Authority To Approve Wages, Benefits and Budgets for Correctional Facilities	FAILED
LR 2375	Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws	FAILED
LR 2376	Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Control the Sale of Marijuana To Limit Addiction	FAILED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2538	Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Promote the Safe Sale and Use of Firearms	FAILED
LR 2553	Representative Russell of Portland An Act To Decriminalize, Tax and Regulate Cannabis for Responsible Adult Use	FAILED
LR 2562	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at a County Jail Located within 40 Miles of the City of Augusta	PASSED
LR 2565	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Require Counties To Use Revenue from Boarding Federal Prisoners To Retire County Jail Debt in Existence before July 1, 2008	FAILED
LR 2570	Representative Long of Sherman An Act To Eliminate the State Board of Corrections	FAILED
LR 2626	Representative Gideon of Freeport An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose	FAILED
LR 2660	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization	FAILED
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2221	Representative Peterson of Rumford An Act To Establish Guidelines for the Stocking and Administration of Epinephrine in Schools	PASSED
LR 2225	Representative Peterson of Rumford An Act To Expand Technology Access for Maine's Citizens through the Department of Education's Laptop Program	FAILED
LR 2227	Representative Peterson of Rumford Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Formulate and Implement a Citizenship Education Component for the Public School Curriculum	PASSED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2397	Senator Youngblood of Penobscot An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants	FAILED
LR 2400	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care	FAILED
LR 2446	Representative Johnson of Greenville An Act To Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods	FAILED
LR 2454	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at Two Bridges County Jail	FAILED
LR 2463	Representative McClellan of Raymond An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks	FAILED
LR 2484	Senator Flood of Kennebec Resolve, To Study the Ability of Dispatchers To Transfer E-9-1-1 Calls to Emergency Responders in Another State	PASSED
LR 2494	Senator Cain of Penobscot An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence	PASSED
LR 2506	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional Facility	FAILED
LR 2514	Representative Volk of Scarborough An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking	FAILED
LR 2524	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Clarify County Jail Debt Financing	TABLED
LR 2529	Representative Marks of Pittsford An Act To Amend the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence	PASSED

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2232	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Allow Public School Districts To Include in the Student Count Students Who Were Home-schooled and Are Attending a Charter School	WITHDRAWN
LR 2236	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Foster a Responsible School Budget Process	FAILED
LR 2238	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Encourage Informed Choices in Planning for Higher Education and Future Careers	PASSED
LR 2246	President Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Promote Higher Education	PASSED
LR 2252	Senator Katz of Kennebec Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education	PASSED
LR 2253	Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Authorize Public Safety Personnel and Members of the Military When Visiting Schools in Their Official Capacity To Wear Their Uniforms	PASSED
LR 2283	Representative Kluney of Limington An Act To Limit Local Contribution to School Construction	FAILED
LR 2320	Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academics	FAILED
LR 2336	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship for the School Lunch Program	FAILED
LR 2340	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Strengthen Public Schools in Maine	FAILED

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LR 2343 Representative Clark of Easton An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Funds within the Education Funding Formula	FAILED
LR 2380 Representative Gillyway of Searsport An Act To Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering	FAILED
LR 2383 Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Increase Transparency of Administrative Costs within the University of Maine System	PASSED
LR 2413 Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter Municipalities	FAILED
LR 2430 Representative Kruger of Thomaston An Act To Amend the School Funding Formula	FAILED
LR 2431 Senator Plummer of Cumberland An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers	FAILED
LR 2433 Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Ensure the Safety During the School Day of Students Who Have Food Allergies	FAILED
LR 2436 Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Enhance Comprehensive Early College Programs	FAILED
LR 2465 Representative Libby of Lewiston An Act Regarding School Emergency Drills	FAILED
LR 2466 Representative Libby of Lewiston An Act To Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary Schools	FAILED
LR 2472 Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Require a High-validity Interest Test for a Person Applying for Admission to Certain Postsecondary Institutions	FAILED

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LR 2605 Representative MacDonald of Boothbay An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Approval Process for and the Operation of Virtual Public Charter Schools in the State	PASSED
LR 2636 Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Allow the Maine State Museum To Retain Revenues from Fees Imposed for Admission	FAILED
LR 2646 Representative Sirocki of Scarborough An Act To Allow Secondary School Students To Carry Over-the-counter Medication	FAILED
LR 2658 Representative Rotundo of Lewiston An Act To Require Financial Audits of Special Purpose Private Schools	FAILED
LR 2670 President Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Create a Public-private Partnership To End Food Insecurity in the State	PASSED
LR 2694 Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Prohibit Providers of Cloud Computing Service to Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions from Processing Student Data for Commercial Purposes	FAILED
ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY	
LR 2319 Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Create the Newport Natural Gas District	PASSED
LR 2324 Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Enhance the Sustainability of the Corinna Water District	PASSED
LR 2328 Representative Russell of Portland An Act To Amend the Law Governing Conflict of Interest and Recusal with Respect to the Public Utilities Commission	PASSED
LR 2334 Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal Request for Service Expansion	PASSED

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LR 2478 Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between School Administrative Units	FAILED
LR 2482 Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Recognize Agricultural Work in Maine High Schools	FAILED
LR 2486 Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in Maine's Public Schools	PASSED
LR 2507 Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin An Act To Improve the Funding Mechanism for Charter Schools	FAILED
LR 2532 Representative Nelson of Falmouth Resolve, To Create the Civics Education Council	FAILED
LR 2555 Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Eliminate Student Reimbursement Inequity for Special Purpose Schools	PASSED
LR 2566 Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Increase the Affordability of Higher Education	FAILED
LR 2572 Representative Rotundo of Lewiston An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students	FAILED
LR 2599 Representative Dickerson of Rockland An Act To Ensure Student Safety and Privacy and To Protect Student Identity	FAILED
LR 2603 Representative MacDonald of Boothbay An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Grading System That Results in a Single Grade for Any Public School or Public Charter School in the State	FAILED
LR 2604 Representative MacDonald of Boothbay An Act To Improve the Process for Grading Public Schools and Public Charter Schools in the State	FAILED

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LR 2348 Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Preserve Certain Private and Special Rights in the Merger of Bangor Hydro Electric Company and Maine Public Service Company	PASSED
LR 2378 Representative Kurniega, III of Deer Isle An Act To Reduce the Number of Members on the Stonington Sanitary District Board	PASSED
LR 2398 Senator Youngblood of Penobscot An Act To Require the Primary Siting Authority for an Expedited Wind Energy Development Project To Make Findings Regarding the Energy- and Emissions-related Benefits of the Project	FAILED
LR 2418 Representative Graham of North Yarmouth An Act To Prevent the Misuse of E-9-1-1 Services	FAILED
LR 2421 Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Require Notification of the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies	FAILED
LR 2424 Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Authorize a Temporary Commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission	FAILED
LR 2437 Representative Dunphy of Embden An Act To Amend the Standard Water District Enabling Act	FAILED
LR 2444 Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Ensure That Large Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State	PASSED
LR 2445 Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Phase Out the State Universal Service Fund	FAILED
LR 2473 Representative Dunphy of Embden An Act To Amend the Charter of the Anson and Madison Water District	PASSED

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LR 2496	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Provide for Economic and Technological Development by Increasing the Allowable Customer Charge in the Event of More than One Grant Being Awarded for Wind Energy Projects	WITHDRAWN
LR 2523	Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Encourage a Provider of Last Resort To Expand Broadband	FAILED
LR 2606	Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Encourage Distributed Generation in the State	FAILED
LR 2618	Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine	PASSED
LR 2619	Senator Millett of Cumberland An Act To Protect Homeowners and Reduce Energy Costs	FAILED
LR 2623	Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin An Act To Assist Electric Utility Ratepayers	TABLED
LR 2624	Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin An Act To Raise the Cap on Rate Impact for Offshore Wind Energy	FAILED
LR 2650	President Alford of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act	PASSED
LR 2671	Representative Boland of Sanford An Act To Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electric Power Transmission	FAILED
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES		
LR 2292	Representative Pringle of Windham An Act To Promote Recycling in Maine's Communities	FAILED
LR 2410	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Ensure the State's Authority in Issues Concerning Federal Relicensing of Dams Located in the State	PASSED

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LR 2665	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels	FAILED
LR 2686	Senator Valentino of York An Act To Relieve the Impact of Erosion Caused by Facilities Installed by the United States Government	PASSED
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2220	Representative Peterson of Rumford Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability	PASSED
LR 2224	Representative Peterson of Rumford An Act To Establish a Program Providing for Adaptive Equipment Accounts for Persons Receiving Long-term Care Services	FAILED
LR 2237	Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Allow Local Health Inspectors To Inspect Restaurants and Other Licensed Establishments	FAILED
LR 2272	Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Establish the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Health and Human Services	FAILED
LR 2293	Senator Mazurek of Knox An Act To Strengthen the Process of Notifying MaineCare Applicants of the MaineCare Estate Recovery Program	FAILED
LR 2315	Representative Bennett of Kennebunk An Act To Amend Maine's Mandated Reporting of Abuse Laws	FAILED
LR 2325	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from Welfare to Work	FAILED
LR 2330	Senator Jackson of Arundel An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing the Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt	PASSED

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LR 2426	Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Allow Site Permits To Be Amended To Require Them To Address Health Effects	FAILED
LR 2438	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Protect Maine Lakes	PASSED
LR 2450	Senator Valentino of York An Act To Require Swimmers in Open Water To Be More Visible	FAILED
LR 2468	Representative McClellan of Raymond An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes	PASSED
LR 2480	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Require an Earlier Implementation Date for Maine's Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint if Certain Conditions Are Met	FAILED
LR 2487	Representative Grant of Gardiner An Act To Ensure Transparency and Accountability in Decisions by the Department of Environmental Protection	PASSED
LR 2488	Representative Grant of Gardiner An Act To Protect the Health of Maine's Citizens from Toxic Chemicals in Products	TABLED
LR 2527	Representative DeChant of Bath An Act To Change the Name and Classification of New Meadows Lake	FAILED
LR 2597	Representative Harlow of Portland An Act To Require Notification of the Potential Hazards of Coal Tar Solvent Products	FAILED
LR 2601	Representative Stuckey of Portland An Act To Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class B	FAILED

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LR 2331	Senator Woodbury of Cumberland An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices	PASSED
LR 2335	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Encourage Communication Regarding Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness	FAILED
LR 2338	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Quality Child Care	PASSED
LR 2342	Representative McElwee of Caribou An Act To Enhance Insurance Coverage for Telemedicine Services	PASSED
LR 2352	Senator Tuttle of York An Act To Require Doctors' Offices To Be Accessible by Persons with Disabilities	FAILED
LR 2357	Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People	PASSED
LR 2359	Representative Farnsworth of Portland Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop Alternative Options for Transportation of MaineCare Recipients	FAILED
LR 2366	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements by Pharmacy Benefits Managers	PASSED
LR 2367	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense Sterile and Nonsterile Compounds	FAILED
LR 2371	Representative Wilson of Augusta Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Expansion of Riverview Psychiatric Center	FAILED

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LR 2389	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Support Maine Foster Children beyond the Age of 18	PASSED
LR 2394	Representative McGowan of York An Act To Increase Treatment for and Education Regarding Alcohol Abuse	FAILED
LR 2406	Representative Fiedorff of Newport Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Independence from Welfare Dependency	FAILED
LR 2419	Representative Duprey of Hampden An Act To Protect Children in Home Day Care	FAILED
LR 2432	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Require Reimbursement under MaineCare for Hearing Aids	FAILED
LR 2447	Representative Johnson of Greenville An Act To Reduce Nuisance Marijuana Growing	FAILED
LR 2452	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Extend Support to Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Who Are Completing Their Education	FAILED
LR 2453	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Replace Current MaineCare-funded Nonemergency Transportation Services with a More Reliable and Efficient System of Transportation Services To Better Meet the Needs of the Elderly and Other MaineCare-eligible Clients	PASSED
LR 2491	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act Relating to Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use	FAILED
LR 2492	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec Resolve, To Reduce Hunger and Increase Access to Healthy Foods by Participants in the Food Supplement Program	FAILED

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LR 2569	Representative Briggs of Mexico Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness	FAILED
LR 2574	Senator Vitell of Sagadahoc An Act To Improve the Use of Dental Services by MaineCare-eligible Children	PASSED
LR 2581	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Involuntary Commitment	FAILED
LR 2582	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Create Greater Cost Efficiency and Promote Better Health Outcomes by Integrating Improved Access to Dental Care for Adults in MaineCare's Care Management and Coordination Initiatives	FAILED
LR 2588	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	PASSED
LR 2589	Representative Devin of Newcastle Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Educate the Public and Its Program Participants about Bisphenol A	FAILED
LR 2590	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Increase Program Integrity in the MaineCare Program and Increase State Recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act	PASSED
LR 2600	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Amend the Requirements Regarding Self-identification by Health Care Practitioners	FAILED
LR 2607	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Preserve Access to Nursing Home Care by Correcting Chronic Shortfalls in MaineCare Reimbursement	PASSED
LR 2611	Representative Libby of Lewiston An Act To Require Immunization of Asylées	FAILED

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LR 2497	Representative Fiedorff of Newport An Act To Improve Participation in the ASPIRE-TANF Program	FAILED
LR 2500	Representative Sanborn of Gorham An Act To Eliminate Financial Inequality in the Provision of Community-based Behavioral Health Services	PASSED
LR 2501	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Promote and Sustain Home Care Services for Seniors Offered by the County Extension Services	FAILED
LR 2502	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Consolidate and Simplify Licensing and Program Requirements for Center-based Early Childhood Services for Children with Special Needs	FAILED
LR 2503	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse	PASSED
LR 2510	Representative Sanderson of Chelsea An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries	FAILED
LR 2512	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Improve Hospital-based Acute Behavior Health Treatment	FAILED
LR 2534	Representative Dorney of Norridgewock An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services and Increase Public Safety	PASSED
LR 2554	Representative Pringle of Windham Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel	PASSED
LR 2567	Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Require a Prescription for Any Medication Containing Pseudoephedrine	FAILED

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LR 2613	Representative Gideon of Freeport An Act To Increase Safety for Children by Requiring the Labeling of Inhalers	FAILED
LR 2614	Representative Frey of Bangor An Act To Utilize the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Manage Need for Inpatient Hospitalization	PASSED
LR 2664	Representative Hayes of Buckfield An Act To Facilitate the Detection of Breast Cancer	FAILED
LR 2667	Representative Jorgensen of Portland An Act To Improve Access to Home-based Care	FAILED
LR 2682	Representative Dorney of Norridgewock An Act To Assist Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipients	FAILED
LR 2684	Representative Carey of Lewiston An Act To Prevent Overdoses in Maine	FAILED
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE		
LR 2230	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Exempt a Veteran from the Requirement of Taking a Hunter Safety Course To Obtain a Hunting License	WITHDRAWN
LR 2233	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Delete All References in the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws to Certain Birds as Wild Game Birds	WITHDRAWN
LR 2240	Representative Shaw of Standish An Act To Expand Marketing at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	FAILED
LR 2280	Representative Shaw of Standish An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting	PASSED

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LR 2321	Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fish Ladder on Webber Pond in Vassalboro	PASSED
LR 2341	Representative Clark of Easton An Act To Promote Religious Freedom	FAILED
LR 2356	Representative Jones of Freedom An Act To Create an Annual Flintlock Hunting Season	FAILED
LR 2361	Representative Harvell of Farmington An Act To Repeal the Prohibition on the Use of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building	FAILED
LR 2390	Representative Wood of Sabattus An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings	FAILED
LR 2434	Senator Boyle of Cumberland An Act To Protect Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitat from Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting	FAILED
LR 2443	Representative Shaw of Standish An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Discharge of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building	FAILED
LR 2469	Senator Cushing of Penobscot An Act To Allow the Use of Slingshots in Small Game Hunting	FAILED
LR 2474	Senator Sherman of Aroostook An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing	FAILED
LR 2519	Representative Villa of Harrison An Act To Allow Swim Areas To Be Designated by Associations Owning Frontage on Inland Waters	FAILED

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LR 2457	Representative DeChant of Bath An Act To Ensure Fairness in the Application of the Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Laws	FAILED
LR 2508	Senator Whittemore of Somerset An Act To Clarify Licensing Requirements for Limited Insurance Producers Sales	FAILED
LR 2628	Representative Powers of Naples An Act To Stop Predatory Lending Practices by Payday Lenders	PASSED
LR 2629	Representative Chase of Wells An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses	FAILED
LR 2662	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Protect Homeowners Facing Foreclosure	FAILED
JUDICIARY		
LR 2222	Representative Peterson of Rumford Resolve, To Create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Law and the Public Good	FAILED
LR 2248	Representative Shaw of Standish An Act To Enhance Freedom of Access	FAILED
LR 2266	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act To Amend the Freedom of Access Law	FAILED
LR 2294	Representative Stauley of Medway An Act Relating to Investigation of Criminal Cases That Are Not Solved after 5 Years	FAILED
LR 2337	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act Regarding "Paper Roads" Established before 1998	FAILED

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LR 2528	Representative Luchini of Ellsworth Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Amend Its Rules Pertaining to Paddle Boarding	FAILED
LR 2578	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millinasset Lake	FAILED
LR 2621	Representative Johnson of Greenville An Act To Encourage Access to Maine's Rivers and Lakes for Fishing	FAILED
LR 2649	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Provide State Park Access to Maine Veterans	FAILED
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
LR 2269	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders	FAILED
LR 2307	Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Provide Reimbursement of Health Care Insurance Costs for New Businesses	FAILED
LR 2395	Representative McGowan of York An Act To Strengthen Access Requirements and Review Standards for Health Insurance Plans	PASSED
LR 2402	Representative Rankin of Hiram An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplant Suitability	PASSED
LR 2412	Representative Priest of Brunswick An Act To Amend the Power of Sale Foreclosure Law To Make Real Estate Titles More Marketable	FAILED
LR 2420	Representative Graham of North Yarmouth An Act To Exempt Epinephrine Autoinjectors from the Prior Authorization Requirement	FAILED

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LR 2344	Representative Cray of Palmyra An Act Regarding the Formation of Resident-owned Communities and Trailer Park Cooperatives	FAILED
LR 2351	Senator Tuttle of York An Act To Improve Compensation for Jurors	FAILED
LR 2365	Senator Millett of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Maine Human Rights Act To Include Marital Status	FAILED
LR 2391	Representative Dion of Portland Resolve, To Ensure the Continued Effectiveness of Maine's Drug Courts	FAILED
LR 2396	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Department in the Department of the Attorney General	FAILED
LR 2401	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Provide an Exemption from Estate Recovery for the Estate of a Person Who Purchased at Least 3 Years of Long-term Care Insurance Coverage	FAILED
LR 2441	Representative Stauley of Medway An Act To Protect Conservation Easements on the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River from Expansion to the Federal Government	FAILED
LR 2461	Representative Beaulieu of Auburn An Act To Ensure That Meritorious Freedom of Access Act Requests Receive Appropriate Attention	FAILED
LR 2467	Representative Libby of Lewiston An Act To Conform Residential Lease Laws to Commercial Lease Laws	FAILED
LR 2490	Representative Beavers of South Berwick An Act To Encourage and Protect Innovation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing	PASSED

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LR 2505	Representative Timberlake of Turner An Act To Reform Certain Remedies and Procedures in Civil Actions	FAILED
LR 2517	Representative Chenette of Saco An Act To Allow Active Members of the Military Service To File an Intent to Marry in Any Municipality	FAILED
LR 2522	Representative Russell of Portland An Act To Expand the Breadth of Protected Speech in the State	FAILED
LR 2571	Representative Clark of Easton An Act To Allow the Placement of Cameras and Electronic Surveillance Equipment on Private Property without Written Permission of the Landowner	FAILED
LR 2592	Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Increase Legal Protection for Public Safety Personnel	FAILED
LR 2608	Representative Mitchell of Penobscot Nation An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court and Penobscot Nation Division of Child Support Enforcement	PASSED
LR 2654	Representative Hayes of Buckfield An Act Relating to the Rights of Parents Who Deliver a Child to a Safe Haven Provider	FAILED
LR 2687	Representative Gifford of Lincoln An Act To Require a Company To Disclose the Amount of and Reason for a Settlement Entered into with an Individual	FAILED
LR 2693	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Review the Laws Relating to the Award of Spousal Support in Divorce Actions	FAILED

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LR 2403	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Create a Program To Provide Training for Workers	PASSED
LR 2409	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Protect under State Law the Employment and Reemployment Rights of Military Service Members Returning to the Civilian Workforce in the State	PASSED
LR 2429	Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Prohibit the Finance Authority of Maine from Issuing College Loans to Students Who Do Not Meet Admission Requirements	FAILED
LR 2439	Senator Boyle of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Designation of Pine Tree Development Zones	FAILED
LR 2449	Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity	FAILED
LR 2451	Senator Valentino of York An Act To Require Owners of Condominiums To Comply with the Laws Regarding Treatment of Bedbug Infestations	FAILED
LR 2464	Senator Cushing of Penobscot An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law	FAILED
LR 2470	Representative Poullot of Augusta An Act To Allow Tenants To Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable	FAILED
LR 2485	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act To Amend the Insurance Laws Regarding Pilot Projects	FAILED
LR 2489	Representative Lockman of Amherst An Act To Protect "Fair Share" Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees	FAILED

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LR 2223	Representative Peterson of Rumford An Act To Encourage Small Business and Guarantee Property Rights by Prohibiting Restrictions on a Homeowner's Ability To Operate a Business in a Residential Area	FAILED
LR 2234	Representative Villa of Harrison Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Develop a Portable Voucher System To Subsidize Rental Housing for Veterans in the State	PASSED
LR 2245	Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Amend the Definition of "Employer" in the Laws Relating to Unemployment Compensation	FAILED
LR 2273	Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Protect Maine Businesses from Illegitimate Patent Assertions	FAILED
LR 2274	Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Assist Victims of Domestic Violence	FAILED
LR 2289	Senator Patrick of Oxford An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation	PASSED
LR 2295	Representative Plante of Berwick An Act To License and Regulate Persons Providing Physical Therapy for Animals	FAILED
LR 2309	Senator Saville of Franklin An Act To Allow the Creation of a Mechanics Lien by Electricians	FAILED
LR 2372	Representative Wilson of Augusta Resolve, To Direct the Maine State Housing Authority To Finance the Construction Costs or Renovations for a Veterans' Home or Homeless Shelter	FAILED
LR 2393	Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Improve the Process for Determining whether a Mobile Home Is Abandoned	FAILED

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LR 2493	Senator Cain of Penobscot An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	FAILED
LR 2499	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine	PASSED
LR 2509	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program	FAILED
LR 2598	Representative Dickerson of Rockland Resolve, To Require the Review of Laws and Rules Governing Cosmetology-related Licenses	FAILED
LR 2609	Representative Gideon of Freeport An Act To Update Parts of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code	FAILED
LR 2610	Senator Mazurek of Knox An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt Collection	PASSED
LR 2639	Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act To Maintain and Expand Employment Opportunities in the State	PASSED
LR 2640	Senator Boyle of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act	FAILED
LR 2641	Senator Millett of Cumberland An Act To Promote Maine Startups and Improve Maine's Economy	FAILED
LR 2647	Senator Haskell of Cumberland An Act To Prohibit Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement	PASSED
LR 2661	Senator Valentino of York An Act To Establish the Greenlight Maine Program	FAILED

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
LR 2691	Senator Woodbury of Cumberland An Act To Promote Maine Prosperity	FAILED
MARINE RESOURCES		
LR 2267	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Radiation-poisoned Seafood to Maine's Tribal Members	FAILED
LR 2479	Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Fishing for Lobster across Different Zones	FAILED
LR 2511	Representative Devin of Newcastle Resolve, Establishing a Commission To Study the Effects of Ocean Acidification and Its Potential Impacts on Commercial Shellfish Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast	FAILED
LR 2587	Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Permit Wet Storage Sites for Cultured Marine Organisms	PASSED
LR 2602	Representative MacDonald of Boothbay An Act To Improve the Process for Student Access to Commercial Lobster Licenses	FAILED
LR 2637	Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Increase the Size of Biodegradable Escape Panels on Lobster Traps	FAILED
LR 2648	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Allow Retired Department of Marine Resources Patrol Officers To Qualify for Any 2 Marine Fisheries Licenses under Moratorium or Limited Entry	FAILED
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
LR 2244	Representative Davis, Sr. of Sangerville An Act Regarding the County Commissioner Districts for Piscataquis County	FAILED

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
LR 2382	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement	PASSED
LR 2416	Representative Beaulieu of Auburn An Act To Change the Terms of the County Commissioners for Androscoggin County	FAILED
LR 2425	Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Require Comparable Positions in State Government To Be Paid Comparably	FAILED
LR 2440	Representative Brooks of Winterport Resolve, To Authorize a Pilot Project Designed To Ensure the Preservation and Accessibility of Oral Testimony Presented at Legislative Public Hearings	FAILED
LR 2448	Representative Johnson of Greenville Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey the Chesuncook Community Church Building in Chesuncook to the Greenville Union Church	FAILED
LR 2681	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Incorporate the Bayville Village Corporation	PASSED
TAXATION		
LR 2242	Representative Weaver of York An Act To Prevent Double Taxation of Retirement Benefits from Other States	FAILED
LR 2247	Senator Thibodeau of Waldo An Act To Restore the Circuitbreaker Program	FAILED
LR 2249	Representative Carey of Lewiston An Act To Reinstale Legislative Approval for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs	PASSED

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		Action
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
LR 2251	Representative Hayes of Buckfield An Act Regarding Municipal Obligations with Respect to Veterans' Graves in Public Burial Grounds	FAILED
LR 2277	Representative Graham of North Yarmouth An Act To Improve Accountability of State Agencies	FAILED
LR 2286	Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide the Indian Representatives a Vote in the Maine Legislature	FAILED
LR 2297	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Change the Statutory References to the State Holiday "Patriot's Day" to "Patriots' Day"	FAILED
LR 2298	Representative Theriault of Madawaska An Act To Allow Richard and Ann Cayer To Succeed from the Town of Madawaska	FAILED
LR 2316	Representative Cassidy of Lubec An Act To Designate the Lobster Roll the State Sandwich	FAILED
LR 2323	Representative Poullot of Augusta An Act To Require That State Agencies Share Information Required by Multiple State Agencies for Multiple Purposes To Reduce Burdensome Collection Costs	FAILED
LR 2362	Representative Moriarty of Cumberland An Act To Reduce Restrictions on Candidacy for Elective Office for Officers or Employees in Classified and Unclassified State Service	FAILED
LR 2369	Senator Vitell of Sagadahoc An Act To Clarify Apportionment Laws for County Commissioner Districts in Sagadahoc County	FAILED
LR 2377	Representative Wilson of Augusta Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Assist Homeless Veterans with the Construction of a Homeless Veterans Shelter	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2258	Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Residents	PASSED
LR 2259	Representative Doak of Columbia Falls An Act To Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from the State Income Tax	FAILED
LR 2260	Representative Doak of Columbia Falls An Act To Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles Owned by Disabled Veterans	FAILED
LR 2261	Representative Doak of Columbia Falls An Act To Repeal the Lodging Tax on Assisted Living Facilities for Maine's Elderly	FAILED
LR 2262	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015	FAILED
LR 2271	Representative Moriarty of Cumberland An Act To Restore the Authority of a Municipality To Provide Municipal Property Tax Assistance	FAILED
LR 2275	Representative Kinney of Limington An Act To Remove the Cap on Itemized Deductions under the Income Tax	FAILED
LR 2278	Representative Parry of Arundel An Act To Restore Property Tax Fairness to Seniors	FAILED
LR 2281	Representative Welsh of Rockport An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Collection of Minor Amounts of Property Taxes	PASSED
LR 2290	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Apply Retroactively the Sales Tax on Camper Trailers and Motor Homes Purchased for Rental in the Same Manner as on Automobiles Purchased for Rental	WITHDRAWN

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TAXATION		
LR 2296	Representative Evangelos of Friendship An Act To Provide Priority Funding for State-municipal Revenue Sharing	FAILED
LR 2299	Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Allow a Municipality To Assess the Value of Real Property as of the Date of the Destruction of That Real Property	PASSED
LR 2301	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs with an Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption	FAILED
LR 2311	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Require the Transfer of a Tree Growth Management Plan at the Time the Property is Transferred	FAILED
LR 2339	Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Provide a Refundable Income Tax Credit for Adoption	FAILED
LR 2346	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Clarify the Implementation of the Sales Tax Imposed on Newspapers and Periodicals	PASSED
LR 2350	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Taxation of Periodicals	WITHDRAWN
LR 2381	Representative Willette of Mapleton An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities	FAILED
LR 2388	Representative Chase of Wells An Act To Reinstate Municipal Authority To Provide Property Tax Assistance	FAILED
LR 2399	Representative Casavant of Biddeford An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief for Residents Who Are Senior Citizens	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2520	Representative Villa of Harrison An Act To Provide a One Hundred Percent Exemption from Property Tax to Disabled Veterans	FAILED
LR 2530	Representative Rotundo of Lewiston An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing Funds	FAILED
LR 2533	Representative Nelson of Falmouth An Act To Allow the Carry-over of Excess Donations	FAILED
LR 2563	Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Maine Residents	FAILED
LR 2573	Representative Chenette of Saco An Act To Reinstate Municipal Authority for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs	FAILED
LR 2579	Representative Harlow of Portland An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by Providing a Property Tax Exemption	FAILED
LR 2593	Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine	FAILED
LR 2617	Senator Boyle of Cumberland An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits	FAILED
LR 2620	Senator Sherman of Aroostook An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taxes Required Following the Sale of Real Property	FAILED
LR 2655	Representative Turner of Burlington An Act To Repeal the Law Requiring Certain Businesses To Collect Sales Tax	FAILED
LR 2659	Representative Casavant of Biddeford An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief To Persons over 70 Years of Age	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2405	Senator Haskell of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption	PASSED
LR 2407	Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan	PASSED
LR 2408	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Establish an Education and Skills Training Tax Credit for Veterans	PASSED
LR 2428	Representative Keschl of Belgrade RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a 2/3 Vote of the Legislature to Increase or Decrease a Tax	FAILED
LR 2442	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Restore Full Funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program	FAILED
LR 2455	Representative Weaver of York An Act To Repeal the Tax Imposed on Private Nonmedical Institution Services	FAILED
LR 2475	Senator Sherman of Aroostook Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional Offices	FAILED
LR 2498	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive	PASSED
LR 2504	Representative Crockett of Bethel An Act Regarding the Tax Treatment of a Change in the Title of a Motor Vehicle Involving Spouses When One Spouse Is on a Military Deployment	PASSED
LR 2516	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2666	Senator Burus of Washington An Act To Exempt Fuel Used in Off-road Commercial and Construction Equipment from Fuel Taxes	FAILED
LR 2668	Senator Craven of Androscoggin An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit	FAILED
TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2250	Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Establish a License Plate for Franco-Americans	FAILED
LR 2255	Senator Mason of Androscoggin An Act To Establish a Maine Bicentennial License Plate	FAILED
LR 2284	Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford An Act To Require a Person Operating a Motorcycle To Wear Protective Headgear and Eye Gear	FAILED
LR 2285	Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Handheld Cellular Telephone while Operating a Motor Vehicle	FAILED
LR 2310	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Allow Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters To Be Authorized Emergency Vehicles	FAILED
LR 2358	Representative Davis, Sr. of Sangerville An Act To Amend the Law Governing Exemptions for the Use of Safety Belts	FAILED
LR 2387	Representative Rochelo of Biddeford An Act To Improve the Quality of Transportation in Southern Maine by Establishing a Biddeford and Saco Transportation District	FAILED
LR 2392	Representative Saucier of Presque Isle Resolve, To Place Signs on U.S. Route 1 Regarding the Location of the Planets of the World's Largest Mock Solar System	FAILED

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TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2435	Representative Verow of Brewer Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove from Consideration One of the Proposed Routes for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector	FAILED
LR 2456	Representative Weaver of York An Act To Require an Emergency Contact Phone Number To Be Included on Vehicle Registrations	FAILED
LR 2462	Representative McClellan of Raymond An Act To Allow a Person with Special Needs To Obtain a Provisional Driver's License	FAILED
LR 2476	Representative Chenette of Saco Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Place Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Thornton Academy	FAILED
LR 2525	Representative Peoples of Westbrook An Act To Amend a Provision in the Law Concerning Instruction Permits	PASSED
LR 2526	Representative Werts of Auburn An Act To Ensure Coordination between the Department of Transportation and Local Businesses	FAILED
LR 2591	Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Increase Penalties for Operating without Insurance	FAILED
LR 2622	Senator Sherman of Arundel An Act To Increase the Safety of Bicyclists	FAILED
LR 2645	Representative Beaulieu of Auburn An Act To Establish a Gold Star Mother License Plate	FAILED
LR 2652	Representative Wallace of Dexter An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road	FAILED

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		Action
VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2384	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate	PASSED
LR 2411	Senator Tuttle of York Resolve, Directing the Maine Army National Guard To Petition the Federal Government To Recognize Soldiers Who Trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick as Being Disabled Due to that Training	PASSED
LR 2414	Representative Luchini of Ellsworth An Act To Correct Errors in the Laws Governing Liquor Enforcement	FAILED
LR 2415	Representative Luchini of Ellsworth An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Administration of the Liquor Laws	PASSED
LR 2460	Senator Tuttle of York An Act To Ensure the Preservation of Commercial Tracks That Do Not Have Gaming Licensure	FAILED
LR 2477	Representative Saucier of Presque Isle An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws	FAILED
LR 2483	President Alford of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses	PASSED
LR 2521	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws Statewide	PASSED
LR 2575	Representative Carey of Lewiston An Act To Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol To Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization	FAILED
LR 2576	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Restore Early Voting and Strengthen Maine Voting Rights	FAILED
LR 2635	Senator Patrick of Oxford Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund	PASSED

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TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2656	Representative Cray of Palmyra An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Use of Flotation Tires by Farmers	FAILED
LR 2685	Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63	FAILED
VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2226	Representative Peterson of Rumford Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens	FAILED
LR 2243	Representative Marks of Pittston An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals	FAILED
LR 2254	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Clarify the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Agency Relationships	FAILED
LR 2256	Representative Willette of Mapleton An Act To Clarify What Constitutes an Agent of a Political Candidate	FAILED
LR 2270	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec Resolve, To Direct the State To Hold an Appeals Hearing for Donald Martin for Wrongful Termination of Employment	FAILED
LR 2300	Senator Tuttle of York An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Rural Areas	FAILED
LR 2308	Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Change the Amount of Time a Landlord Has To Address Issues Causing Uninhabitability	FAILED
LR 2368	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Require Disclosure of Spending or Contributions Exceeding \$250 To Influence Elections	FAILED

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		Action
VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2642	Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth An Act To Improve Regulations Concerning Craft and Microbreweries for Offsite Events	FAILED
LR 2669	President Alford of Cumberland An Act To Permit the Sharing of Liquor License Revenue	PASSED
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Total number of bills tabled: 4		
Total number of bills screened: 399		

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
November 21, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Legislative Council Chair Mark Eves called the November 21, 2013 Legislative Council meeting to order at 10:24 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators:	President Alfond, Senator Jackson, Senator Haskell, Senator Thibodeau and Senator Katz
Representatives:	Speaker Eves, Representative Berry, Representative McCabe, Representative Fredette and Representative Willette
Legislative Officers:	David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library Scott Clark, Director, Legislative Information Technology Beth Ashcroft, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

Speaker Eves convened the meeting at 10:24 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

Legislative Council Chair Eves asked if there was any objection to taking several items out of order. There was no objection. The Chair then moved to **New Business, Item 1.**

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Suggested Protocols for Deciding Appeals of Legislative Council Action on Bill Requests

Executive Director Boulter summarized the suggested procedures for deciding appeals of Legislative Action on bill requests. He drew Legislative Council members' attention to several key aspects of the proposed protocol, including that the initial motion on each bill request will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction in the Second Regular Session, along with a presumed second to that motion. Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair. See the attached procedures.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the suggested procedures for deciding appeals of Legislative Council decisions on bill requests. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Representative Berry. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #2: Consideration of Legislators' Appeals of Council Action on Bill Requests for the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on one hundred and three (103) appeals of Council action on bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized twenty-nine (29) appeals, tabled nine (9) appeals and declined to authorize sixty-one (61) appeals. Out of the 103 appeals, four (4) appeals of Council action on bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsor prior to the Legislative Council's vote. The Legislative Council's action on the appeals is attached.

The Legislative Council also considered a previously tabled bill request from the October 30, 2013 meeting. The Council declined to authorize this bill. The Legislative Council's action is attached.

Item #3: Request for Authority to Convene Task Force on Adult Learners

Director Boulter requested that the Task Force on Adult Learners, with the majority of its members having been appointed, be authorized to meet and conduct its business, pursuant to Part GGGGG-1 of PL 2013, c.368.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize the Task Force on Adult Learners to meet and conduct its business, with a majority of task force members having been appointed. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0-0-2, with Representatives Fredette and Willette absent).**

Item #4: Request for Extension of Reporting Deadline Date and Permission to Meet on December 4, 2013 (Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities)

The Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities submitted a request to hold a fifth meeting on December 4, 2013. In addition, the commission requested an extension of its deadline to submit its final report and recommendations on December 12, 2013.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the request by the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Commission to establish to hold a fifth meeting on December 4, 2013 and to extend

its final report deadline to December 12, 2013. Motion by Senator Jackson. Second by Representative Berry. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0-0-2, with Representatives Fredette and Willette absent).**

Item #5: Request for Extension of Reporting Date and Permission to Meet on December 9, 2013 (Maine Health Exchange Advisory Commission)

The Maine Health Exchange Advisory Commission submitted a request to hold an additional meeting on December 9, 2013. In addition, the commission requested an extension of its deadline to submit its final report and recommendations on December 15, 2013.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the request by the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Commission to hold a fifth meeting on December 9, 2013 and to extend its final report deadline to December 15, 2013. Motion by Senator Haskell. Second by President Alfond. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0-0-2, with Representatives Fredette and Willette absent).**

Item #6: Request for Extension of Reporting Date (Commission to Study the Board of Corrections and the County Corrections System)

The Commission to Study the Board of Corrections and the County Corrections System submitted a request for an extension of its deadline to submit its final report and recommendations from December 4th to December 15, 2013.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the request by the Commission to Study the Board of Corrections and the County Corrections System to extend its final report deadline to December 15, 2013. Motion by Representative Berry. Second by Senator Katz. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0-0-2, with Representatives Fredette and Willette absent).**

Item #7: Proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for 126th Legislature, Second Regular Session

Clerk of the House Millicent MacFarland submitted a proposed fee schedule for Legislative Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. In her proposal, she noted that all documents offered in the document service are also available directly on the Legislature's website, and the public is being encouraged to use the online information.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the Document Fee Service for the 126th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session as proposed by the Clerk of the House. Motion by Representative McCabe. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0-0-2, with Representatives Fredette and Willette absent).**

Item #8: Submission of Loring Development Authority of Maine's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2013

The Loring Development Authority of Maine submitted its 2013 Annual Report for acceptance by the Legislative Council.

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the 2013 Annual Report of the Loring Development Authority of Maine and place it on file. Motion by Senator Haskell. Second by Representative Berry. **Motion passed (8-0-0-2, with Representatives Fredette and Willette absent).**

The Legislative Council then returned to the other items on its agenda.

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The Legislative Council took no action on this item.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

David Boulter, Executive Director, reported on the following:

1. YMCA Youth in Government Program

The YMCA of Maine's Youth in Government program was held in the State House on November 15-17, 2013. About 150 high school students from across the state attended this annual civic education program to learn about the legislative process.

2. Maine Development Foundation

The Maine Development Foundation is continuing its preparation for the Legislator Policy Forums on the topics identified in its letter to the Legislative Council last month (health insurance marketplace, ways to care for Maine's aging population and opportunities, and entrepreneurs and innovation in Maine) and on the days in January established by the council. A schedule will be developed and distributed when one is finalized. The first policy forum is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

Fiscal Report

Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, reported on the following:

Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
October	\$253.8	\$258.4	\$4.6	1.8%	\$245.0	5.5%
FYTD	\$862.5	\$880.5	\$17.9	2.1%	\$830.0	6.1%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$4.6 million (1.8%) in October and \$17.9 million (2.1%) for the first four months of FY 2014. The 6.1% growth rate for the first four months remains significantly higher than the decline budgeted for FY 2014.

Sales and Use Tax revenue was \$5.0 million over budget in October and \$12.6 million for the fiscal year-to-date (FYTD). Taxable sales growth for the first quarter of FY 2014 grew 6.9% led by the Building Supply and Automobile/Transportation sectors. This growth rate is significantly above the budgeted rate.

Individual Income Tax was under budget in October by \$8.0 million, but remained \$5.3 million over budget for the FYTD. October's variance may be largely related to timing issues in

withholding and refunds. Refunds were under budget for the month by \$9.4 million with roughly \$7 million paid out on the last day of the month.

Corporate Income Tax was slightly under budget in October and remained \$2.9 million (6.5%) below budget for the FYTD.

The Cigarette and Tobacco Tax and Insurance Companies Tax categories both had sizeable positive variances for October creating solid FYTD positive variances for both categories.

Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
October	\$27.0	\$27.9	\$0.9	3.4%	\$32.1	-13.1%
FYTD	\$88.4	\$90.7	\$2.3	2.6%	\$95.7	-5.2%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$0.9 million in October and \$2.3 for the first four months of FY 2014. Stronger Gasoline Tax collections, potentially spurred by lower gasoline prices, have built up a positive variance of \$1.3 million for the fiscal year. Bureau of Motor Vehicle revenue has also been performing well, aided by strong automobile sales growth in the early part of this fiscal year.

Fall Revenue Forecast Update

Mr. Pennoyer reported that the Revenue Forecasting Committee met on November 21st to finalize the fall revenue forecast in time for its statutory reporting date of December 1st. The committee revised its revenue forecast upward for all funds for the current biennium. General Fund revenue was increased by \$20.6M over the current biennium. The Highway Fund was increased by \$1.7M over the biennium. The Fund for a Healthy Maine revenue projection was increased by \$2.6M for the biennium and MaineCare dedicated revenue taxes were projected upward over the biennium by \$432,000. There is one modest change pending that would potentially change the distribution of revenue between FY14 and FY15 but the total biennial amount for the General Fund would be unchanged.

Representative Berry asked if the upward revision to the Fund for a Healthy Maine revenue is due to the conclusion of the recent lawsuit. Mr. Pennoyer answered that there is \$5.6M pending that is not recognized in the forecast. The State prevailed in its suit; however, the unsuccessful states are seeking a stay on the release of those funds. No resolution has been reached yet. Representative Berry then asked if the \$2.6M was due entirely to other reasons. Mr. Pennoyer reported that the forecast is based on the effect of using the more positive past revenue experience above what was previously budgeted, outweighing the generally negative effects from the slower economic growth projected in the economic forecast. This was particularly true for the major tax lines, the sales and income taxes.

Senator Katz asked whether he was correct in understanding that the forecast projects \$12.8M more revenue in the current fiscal year than was budgeted earlier. Mr. Pennoyer concurred.

Interim Legislative Studies Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, provided a report as to the current status of the interim legislative studies and commissions. (Refer to status report in preliminary

agenda materials.) She reported that most study commissions have been meeting and some have completed their meetings. The Commission to Study Transparency Costs and Accountability of Health Care System Finance and the Commission to Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machine Facilities have completed their meetings and are preparing their reports. The Maine's Workforce & Economic Future Committee has concluded its four meetings and the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee has concluded its work as well.

Senator Katz asked when the reports from the BETR/BETE Committee and the Nonprofit Tax Review Task Force will be released. Ms. Hylan Barr responded that she would check on the status of them.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

No report

2. State House Facilities Committee

No report

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Memorandum of Understanding between Maine Public Broadcasting Network and Maine Legislative Council for Broadcasting Legislative Proceedings

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the Renewed Memorandum of Understanding between Maine Public Broadcasting Network and Maine Legislative Council for Broadcasting Legislative Proceedings, subject to MPBN's submission of an updated equipment listing as required by Attachment B-1 of the MOU, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into the MOU once that information has been received. Motion by Representative Berry. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed (7-0-0-3, with Senator Thibodeau, Representatives Fredette and Willette absent).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

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Representative Beaulieu of Auburn	
LR 2416	FAILED
An Act To Change the Terms of the County Commissioners for Androscoggin County	
Representative Beck of Waterville	
LR 2485	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Insurance Laws Regarding Pilot Projects	
Representative Boland of Sanford	
LR 2671	FAILED
An Act To Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electric Power Transmission	
Senator Boyle of Cumberland	
LR 2434	PASSED
An Act To Protect Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitat from Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting	
LR 2439	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Designation of Pine Tree Development Zones	
LR 2617	PASSED
An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits	
LR 2640	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act	
Representative Briggs of Mexico	
LR 2569	FAILED
Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness	

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Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin	
LR 2685	FAILED
Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63	
Representative Cooper of Yarmouth	
LR 2237	PASSED
An Act To Allow Local Health Inspectors To Inspect Restaurants and Other Licensed Establishments	
Senator Craven of Androscoggin	
LR 2668	PASSED
An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit	
Senator Cushing of Penobscot	
LR 2464	PASSED
An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law	
Representative Devin of Newcastle	
LR 2511	PASSED
Resolve, Establishing a Commission To Study the Effects of Ocean Acidification and Its Potential Impacts on Commercial Shellfish Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast	
Senator Dutremble of York	
LR 2593	PASSED
An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine	
Representative Farnsworth of Portland	
LR 2512	PASSED
An Act To Improve Hospital-based Acute Behavior Health Treatment	
Representative Fowle of Vassalboro	
LR 2531	PASSED
An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts	

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Representative Brooks of Winterport	
LR 2440	FAILED
Resolve, To Authorize a Pilot Project Designed To Ensure the Preservation and Accessibility of Oral Testimony Presented at Legislative Public Hearings	
Senator Burns of Washington	
LR 2578	FAILED
An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millimagassett Lake	
LR 2660	FAILED
An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization	
Senator Cain of Penobscot	
LR 2493	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	
Representative Carey of Lewiston	
LR 2575	FAILED
An Act To Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol To Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization	
Representative Chase of Wells	
LR 2629	FAILED
An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses	
Representative Clark of Easton	
LR 2343	FAILED
An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Funds within the Education Funding Formula	

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Representative Predette of Newport	
LR 2262	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015	
LR 2325	FAILED
An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from Welfare to Work	
LR 2406	FAILED
Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Independence from Welfare Dependency	
LR 2497	FAILED
An Act To Improve Participation in the ASPIRE-TANF Program	
LR 2509	TABLED
An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program	
Representative Gaffine of Westbrook	
LR 2582	PASSED
An Act To Create Greater Cost Efficiency and Promote Better Health Outcomes by Integrating Improved Access to Dental Care for Adults in MaineCare's Care Management and Coordination Initiatives	
Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland	
LR 2506	TABLED
An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional Facility	
Representative Gideon of Freeport	
LR 2626	PASSED
An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose	
Representative Gillway of Searsport	
LR 2380	FAILED
An Act To Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering	

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Representative Graham of North Yarmouth LR 2277	FAILED
An Act To Improve Accountability of State Agencies	
Senator Gratwick of Penobscot LR 2413	PASSED
An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter Municipalities	
LR 2452	FAILED
An Act To Extend Support to Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Who Are Completing Their Education	
Representative Harlow of Portland LR 2579	PASSED
An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by Providing a Property Tax Exemption	
Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor LR 2478	PASSED
An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between School Administrative Units	
Senator Johnson of Lincoln LR 2580	PASSED
An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites	
Representative Johnson of Greenville LR 2446	FAILED
An Act To Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods	
LR 2447	FAILED
An Act To Reduce Nuisance Marijuana Growing	

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Senator Langley of Hancock LR 2436	FAILED
An Act To Enhance Comprehensive Early College Programs	
LR 2449	FAILED
An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity	
Representative Libby of Lewiston LR 2466	FAILED
An Act To Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary Schools	
Representative Lockman of Amherst LR 2268	FAILED
An Act To Require Signs and Lighting on Boat Ramps	
LR 2489	FAILED
An Act To Protect "Fair Share" Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees	
Representative MacDonald of Boothbay LR 2604	FAILED
An Act To Improve the Process for Grading Public Schools and Public Charter Schools in the State	
Representative Maker of Calais LR 2263	PASSED
An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry	
Representative Malaby of Hancock LR 2335	FAILED
An Act To Encourage Communication Regarding Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness	

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Representative Johnson of Greenville LR 2448	TABLED
Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey the Chesuncook Community Church Building in Chesuncook to the Greenville Union Church	
Representative Jones of Freedom LR 2354	FAILED
An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review	
Representative Jorgensen of Portland LR 2667	FAILED
An Act To Improve Access to Home-based Care	
Representative Kaenrath of South Portland LR 2663	FAILED
An Act To Prohibit the Distribution of Live Animals as Prizes	
Senator Katz of Kennebec LR 2694	TABLED
An Act To Prohibit Providers of Cloud Computing Service to Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions from Processing Student Data for Commercial Purposes	
Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec LR 2269	FAILED
An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders	
LR 2491	TABLED
An Act Relating to Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use	
Senator Langley of Hancock LR 2320	PASSED
An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies	

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Representative Malaby of Hancock LR 2336	PASSED
An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship for the School Lunch Program	
LR 2581	TABLED
An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Involuntary Commitment	
Representative Marean of Hollis LR 2568	PASSED
An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses	
Representative Marks of Pittston LR 2243	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals	
Representative McClellan of Raymond LR 2462	FAILED
An Act To Allow a Person with Special Needs To Obtain a Provisional Driver's License	
LR 2463	FAILED
An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks	
Representative McGowan of York LR 2394	FAILED
An Act To Increase Treatment for and Education Regarding Alcohol Abuse	
Representative Nelson of Falmouth LR 2533	FAILED
An Act To Allow the Carry-over of Excess Donations	

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Representative Plante of Berwick		
LR 2295	An Act To License and Regulate Persons Providing Physical Therapy for Animals	FAILED
Senator Plummer of Cumberland		
LR 2431	An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers	FAILED
Representative Pouliot of Augusta		
LR 2470	An Act To Allow Tenants To Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable	FAILED
LR 2472	An Act To Require a High-validity Interest Test for a Person Applying for Admission to Certain Postsecondary Institutions	FAILED
Representative Pringle of Windham		
LR 2291	An Act To Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement Benefits To Divorced Spouses	FAILED
LR 2495	An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Education and Prevention Program within the Department of Education	PASSED
Representative Rotundo of Lewiston		
LR 2530	An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing Funds	FAILED
LR 2572	An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students	PASSED

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Representative Short of Pittsfield		
LR 2432	An Act To Require Reimbursement under MaineCare for Hearing Aids	WITHDRAWN
LR 2433	An Act To Ensure the Safety During the School Day of Students Who Have Food Allergies	WITHDRAWN
Representative Stanley of Medway		
LR 2294	An Act Relating to Investigation of Criminal Cases That Are Not Solved after 5 Years	WITHDRAWN
LR 2396	An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Department in the Department of the Attorney General	FAILED
Representative Stuckey of Portland		
LR 2601	An Act To Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class B	WITHDRAWN
Senator Thomas of Somerset		
LR 2301	An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs with an Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption	FAILED
LR 2400	An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care	FAILED
Representative Verow of Brewer		
LR 2435	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove from Consideration One of the Proposed Routes for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector	FAILED

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Representative Russell of Portland		
LR 2329	An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation Issued by the Federal Government	FAILED
Representative Sanderson of Chelsea		
LR 2510	An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries	PASSED
Representative Saucier of Presque Isle		
LR 2477	An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws	TABLED
Senator Saviello of Franklin		
LR 2480	An Act To Require an Earlier Implementation Date for Maine's Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint if Certain Conditions Are Met	PASSED
LR 2516	An Act To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law	PASSED
Representative Shaw of Standish		
LR 2248	An Act To Enhance Freedom of Access	TABLED
Senator Sherman of Aroostook		
LR 2474	An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing	FAILED
LR 2475	Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional Offices	FAILED

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Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc		
LR 2369	An Act To Clarify Apportionment Laws for County Commissioner Districts in Sagadahoc County	FAILED
Representative Volk of Scarborough		
LR 2514	An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking	PASSED
Representative Wallace of Dexter		
LR 2652	An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road	FAILED
Representative Weaver of York		
LR 2242	An Act To Prevent Double Taxation of Retirement Benefits from Other States	FAILED
Representative Werts of Auburn		
LR 2526	An Act To Ensure Coordination between the Department of Transportation and Local Businesses	PASSED
Representative Willette of Mapleton		
LR 2381	An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities	FAILED
Representative Wilson of Augusta		
LR 2241	An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on Certain Firearms Forms	FAILED
LR 2370	An Act To Authorize the State Board of Corrections To Share Federal Boarder Revenue with Counties	FAILED

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Representative Wilson of Augusta	
LR 2374	TABLED
An Act To Grant the State Board of Corrections Authority To Approve Wages, Benefits and Budgets for Correctional Facilities	
LR 2375	FAILED
An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws	
LR 2377	PASSED
Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Assist Homeless Veterans with the Construction of a Homeless Veterans Shelter	
Representative Wood of Sabattus	
LR 2390	FAILED
An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings	
Senator Woodbury of Cumberland	
LR 2691	FAILED
An Act To Promote Maine Prosperity	
Senator Youngblood of Penobscot	
LR 2397	FAILED
An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants	
LR 2398	FAILED
An Act To Require the Primary Siting Authority for an Expedited Wind Energy Development Project To Make Findings Regarding the Energy- and Emissions-related Benefits of the Project	

Total number of bills accepted: 29
Total number of bills tabled: 9
Total number of bills screened: 103

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Action

Representative Grant of Gardiner

LR 2488

FAILED

An Act To Protect the Health of Maine's Citizens from Toxic
Chemicals in Products

Total number of bills accepted: 0

Total number of bills tabled: 0

Total number of bills screened: 1

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Legislative Council

**Executive Director's Report
December 19, 2013**

1. HVAC Piping Leaks in the State House

As I reported to you earlier, numerous leaks and corroded piping have been discovered in the HVAC system in the State House this year. An engineering firm has investigated the problems and has completed its initial investigation. The firm is scheduled to prepare a report within its findings and recommendations within 2 weeks. In the meantime, corrective measures are being taken immediately in high risk areas in the building.

2. Status of Bill Drafting

In anticipation of today's "Bill Signing Day," the Revisor's office has drafted and sent nearly 170 bills to sponsors for their review and signature. Of these, 11 have been finalized and sent to the chambers for printing and referral to committees. Only 14 bills have not yet been completed by the Revisor's office and they will be ready for sponsor review shortly. Hopefully, Legislators will take full advantage of Bill Signing Day to sign their bills so they may be printed and waiting for committee attention when the Legislature convenes on January 8th.

Fiscal Briefing

Legislative Council Meeting

December 19, 2013

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (also see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
November	\$217.0	\$227.2	\$10.2	4.7%	\$234.5	-3.1%
FYTD	\$1,079.6	\$1,107.6	\$28.1	2.6%	\$1,064.5	4.0%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$10.2 million (4.7%) in November, increasing the positive variance of the fiscal year through November to \$28.1 million (2.6%). These positive variances do not reflect the December revenue forecast, which increased budgeted revenue for FY 2014 by \$12.7 million.

The bulk of November's positive variance can be attributed to a recovery of Individual Income Tax withholding payments, which were over budget for the month by \$10.4 million and \$1.1 million over budget for the fiscal year. The \$17.0 million Individual Income Tax positive variance for the fiscal year is due primarily to the spike in the third estimated payments received in September. The December revenue forecast increased budgeted revenue for the Individual Income Tax upward by \$11.1 million for FY 2014, but did not factor in September's spike yet until final estimated payments are analyzed.

Corporate Income Tax also had a very strong performance in November. The \$5.1 million positive variance for the month pushed Corporate Income Tax into positive territory for the fiscal year through November. Maine Revenue Services is currently reviewing several returns requesting refunds. As a result, the December revenue forecast reduced budgeted revenue from this tax by \$10.4 million.

Sales and Use Tax revenue was \$0.4 million over budget in November and was \$13.0 million for the fiscal year through November. The December revenue forecast increased budgeted Sales and Use Tax revenue in FY 2014 by \$10.2 million.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (also see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
November	\$28.1	\$29.7	\$1.6	5.8%	\$28.4	4.7%
FYTD	\$116.5	\$120.5	\$3.9	3.4%	\$124.1	-2.9%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$1.6 million (5.8%) in November and \$3.9 million (3.4%) for the fiscal year through November. The FY 2014 \$0.7 million increase in Highway Fund budgeted revenue in the December revenue forecast is not yet reflected. The Fuel Taxes category, which was not revised in the December revenue forecast, has built up a \$3.2 million positive variance through November.

3. Cash Update

November cash balances seem to be holding up well. General Fund internal borrowing has been increasing but remains below last year's levels through November. Positive revenue variances have helped offset the negative cash effects of the \$98.5 million Other Special Revenue borrowing in the Biennial Budget to balance FY 2014.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 (FY 2014)
November 2013 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category				Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
	November '13 Budget	November '13 Actual	November '13 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax	89,438,405	89,818,623	380,218	386,761,390	399,761,401	13,000,011	3.4%	10.2%	1,098,475,270
Service Provider Tax	4,132,573	4,064,855	(67,718)	17,297,906	15,955,797	(1,342,109)	-7.8%	-4.4%	50,591,819
Individual Income Tax	100,702,708	112,469,893	11,767,185	511,998,478	529,023,334	17,024,856	3.3%	-3.9%	1,369,627,772
Corporate Income Tax	(1,898,692)	3,220,858	5,119,550	45,912,157	47,943,192	2,031,035	4.4%	26.1%	180,143,079
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	11,644,986	12,271,645	626,659	59,927,283	62,624,721	2,697,438	4.5%	1.7%	135,900,000
Insurance Companies Tax	5,249,457	2,786,219	(2,463,238)	13,104,447	12,921,913	(182,534)	-1.4%	-9.7%	80,715,000
Estate Tax	2,109,365	2,246,895	137,530	8,569,700	5,938,090	(2,631,610)	-30.7%	-76.8%	27,553,982
Other Taxes and Fees *	7,269,073	6,581,709	(687,364)	49,505,723	51,043,281	1,537,558	3.1%	-14.2%	127,316,248
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,806,866	1,460,165	(346,701)	10,356,041	9,522,402	(833,639)	-8.0%	-4.0%	24,402,335
Income from Investments	77	15,709	15,632	66,278	124,440	58,162	87.8%	77.1%	77,710
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,360,586	4,398,003	(962,583)	23,586,543	21,873,430	(1,713,113)	-7.3%	4.0%	55,750,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(7,465,986)	(11,238,882)	(3,772,896)	(22,935,679)	(25,920,702)	(2,985,023)	-13.0%	54.5%	(60,780,498)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(5,047,335)	(4,880,459)	166,876	(25,681,004)	(27,007,151)	(1,326,147)	-5.2%	30.8%	(64,893,005)
Other Revenue *	3,707,203	3,957,595	250,392	1,087,699	3,824,432	2,736,733	251.6%	709.9%	36,809,186
Totals	217,009,286	227,172,831	10,163,545	1,079,556,962	1,107,628,578	28,071,616	2.6%	4.0%	3,061,688,898

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

General Fund Revenue
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November 2013 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category				Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
	November '13 Budget	November '13 Actual	November '13 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	11,970,000	11,999,965	29,965	0.3%	24.3%	13,584,806
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	669,909	1,204,579	534,670	3,276,132	3,277,173	1,041	0.0%	-4.1%	9,176,840
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,695,952	1,498,772	(197,180)	8,454,822	9,727,300	1,272,478	15.1%	2.4%	20,453,164
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	141,450	192,283	50,833	1,029,625	1,255,238	225,613	21.9%	1.0%	7,847,099
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	0	(1,169,972)	(1,169,972)	N/A	-137.1%	10,000,000
- Finance Industry Fees	1,945,992	1,303,700	(642,292)	9,729,960	10,124,850	394,890	4.1%	3.1%	23,851,990
- Milk Handling Fee	92,164	141,282	49,118	460,820	469,926	9,106	2.0%	-71.4%	1,105,967
- Racino Revenue	687,622	508,469	(179,153)	3,994,370	3,794,383	(199,987)	-5.0%	-39.3%	8,807,718
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	172,230	0	(172,230)	1,553,326	1,358,846	(194,480)	-12.5%	-13.8%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	955,374	1,055,380	100,006	6,275,508	7,076,603	801,095	12.8%	5.8%	16,101,822
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	908,380	677,244	(231,136)	2,761,160	3,128,970	367,810	13.3%	-69.4%	11,863,281
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	7,269,073	6,581,709	(687,364)	49,505,723	51,043,281	1,537,558	3.1%	-14.2%	127,316,248
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	639	2,700	2,061	8,052	19,790	11,738	145.8%	109.4%	8,408,196
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	176,027	213,049	37,022	880,138	901,409	21,271	2.4%	7.0%	2,112,332
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,306,011	1,432,768	126,757	6,244,790	7,882,831	1,638,041	26.2%	17.1%	15,000,000
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,015,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(10,283,750)	(10,381,884)	(98,134)	-1.0%	-4.5%	(10,283,750)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	0	0	0	(87,250)	0	87,250	100.0%	100.0%	(87,250)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(6,122,258)	(6,069,901)	52,357	0.9%	1.1%	(6,122,258)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,224,526	2,309,078	84,552	10,447,977	11,472,187	1,024,210	9.8%	9.5%	21,766,916
Subtotal - Other Revenue	3,707,203	3,957,595	250,392	1,087,699	3,824,432	2,736,733	251.6%	709.9%	36,809,186
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	5,757	5,757	0	(756,172)	(756,172)	N/A	97.6%	0
- BEIR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(6,418,648)	(7,640,965)	(1,222,317)	(21,888,341)	(21,530,557)	357,784	1.6%	16.9%	(38,205,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	(1,047,338)	(3,603,673)	(2,556,335)	(1,047,338)	(3,633,973)	(2,586,635)	-247.0%	N/A	(22,575,498)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(7,465,986)	(11,238,882)	(3,772,896)	(22,935,679)	(25,920,702)	(2,985,023)	-13.0%	54.5%	(60,780,498)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,201,437	1,117,739	(83,698)	8,217,718	8,810,616	592,898	7.2%	1.2%	21,532,511

Highway Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 (FY 2014)
November 2013 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	November '13 Budget	November '13 Actual	November '13 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	% Change from Prior Year	
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	16,198,998	16,721,554	522,556	69,622,930	71,470,710	1,847,780	2.7%	0.4%	188,780,000
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,387,217	4,872,020	1,484,803	14,784,552	16,505,624	1,721,072	11.6%	10.2%	42,980,000
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,438,058)	(1,603,601)	(165,543)	(7,760,526)	(8,069,269)	(308,743)	-4.0%	-2.3%	(17,027,938)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(405,089)	(418,156)	(13,067)	(2,162,431)	(2,216,208)	(53,777)	-2.5%	-0.7%	(4,720,822)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	17,743,068	19,571,817	1,828,749	74,484,525	77,690,858	3,206,333	4.3%	2.1%	210,011,240
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	4,606,278	4,194,409	(411,869)	26,359,411	26,904,551	545,140	2.1%	0.8%	64,805,936
- License Plate Fees	273,649	275,917	2,268	1,487,888	1,568,766	80,878	5.4%	2.6%	3,351,681
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	421,970	546,099	124,129	1,994,576	2,150,332	155,756	7.8%	3.2%	9,384,523
- Title Fees	891,732	927,596	35,864	4,976,560	5,704,051	727,491	14.6%	-48.2%	12,417,140
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	635,452	537,952	(97,500)	3,531,717	3,519,532	(12,185)	-0.3%	-3.7%	8,522,204
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	(4,051,340)	(4,305,270)	(253,930)	-6.3%	0.5%	(15,118,567)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	6,829,081	6,481,973	(347,109)	34,298,812	35,541,962	1,243,150	3.6%	-12.5%	83,362,917
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	185,050	184,833	(217)	1,360,900	1,025,711	(335,189)	-24.6%	-23.4%	2,982,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	114,497	97,118	(17,379)	588,496	516,135	(72,361)	-12.3%	-8.5%	1,313,165
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	90,384	80,127	(10,257)	462,950	440,129	(22,821)	-4.9%	-4.2%	1,039,868
Interest Earnings	10,204	5,048	(5,156)	51,020	27,428	(23,592)	-46.2%	-3.6%	122,453
Other Highway Fund Revenue	3,122,334	3,302,393	180,059	5,281,697	5,227,456	(54,241)	-1.0%	4.4%	9,025,866
Totals	28,094,618	29,723,309	1,628,691	116,528,400	120,469,679	3,941,279	3.4%	-2.9%	307,858,009

2013 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated December 19, 2013

Study/Committee	2013 Meetings Authorized	2013 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status Notes
NEW STUDIES						
Tax Expenditure Review Task Force (LD 1509 - emergency; PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. S)	6	9/16/13 9/30/13 10/21/13 11/4/13 11/25/13 12/2/13		12/4/2013	Sen. Haskell & Rep. Goode	Meetings concluded; report in progress.
Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities (LD 986 - emergency; Resolve 2013, c. 78)	4	10/11/13 10/25/13 11/8/13 11/15/13 12/4/13		12/4/2013	Sen. Craven & Rep. Stuckey	One additional meeting authorized; meetings concluded; report in progress.
Commission to Study the Incidence of and Mortality Related to Cancer (LD 1574 - emergency; Resolve 2013, c. 77)	4	10/25/13 11/8/13 11/21/13 12/6/13		12/4/2013	Sen. Lachowicz & Rep. McGowen	Meetings concluded; report in progress.
Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee (Joint Order H.P. 1136, as amended by S-327)	4	9/23/13 10/21/13 11/18/13 12/2/13		12/4/2013 (preliminary) 11/5/2014 (final)	Sen. Craven & Rep. Treat	Meetings concluded; preliminary report in progress.
Commission to Study Transparency, Costs and Accountability of Health Care System Financing (Joint Order H.P. 1123)	4	9/23/13 10/16/13 10/30/13 11/20/13		12/4/2013	Sen. Gratwick & Rep. Gattine	Meetings concluded; report in progress.
Criminal Code Revision Planning Committee (Joint Order S.P. 31 as amended by S-326)	4	11/6/13 12/4/13 12/16/13		3/1/2014	Sen. Gerzofsky	Appointments complete; conducting work.
Nonprofit Tax Review Task Force (LD 1509 - emergency; PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. AA)	4	10/30/13 11/15/13 11/20/13 11/25/13 12/09/13		12/1/2013	Commissioner of DAFS or designee	Meetings concluded; report in progress. (staffed by DAFS)
Forensic Mental Health Services Oversight Committee (LD 1515 - emergency; PL 2013, c. 434, Sec. 12)	4	11/12/13 12/3/13	12/20/13	1/15/2014	Sen. Gerzofsky & Rep. Gattine	Appointments complete; conducting work.
Commission to Study the State Board of Corrections and the Unified County Corrections System (Joint Order H.P. 1132 as amended by S-324)	6	9/20/13 10/4/13 10/25/13 11/1/13 11/15/13 12/6/13		12/4/2013	David Flanagan	Meetings concluded; report in progress. (staffed by ME County Commissioners Assoc.)

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ON-GOING LEGISLATIVE STUDIES						
Legislative Youth Advisory Council (3 MRSA section 168-B)	may hold 2 per year			2nd Friday in February in even numbered years		Appointments not completed. Did not convene this interim.
Right to Know Advisory Committee (1 MRSA section 411)	4	7/24/13 10/3/13 11/12/13 12/17/13		1/15 annually	Sen. Valentino	Meetings concluded; report in progress.
Commission to Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machine Facilities (PL 2011, c. 699)	6	7/26/13 9/6/13 10/24/13		2/15/2014	Sen. Patrick & Rep. Luchini	Meetings concluded; report in progress. (OPLA staffing with DAFS providing administrative support)
Citizen Trade Policy Commission (10 MRSA section 11)	at least 2 per year	7/1/13 9/19/13 11/15/13 12/12/13		annually	Sen. Jackson & Rep. Treat	Appointments complete; conducting work.

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AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MEETINGS						
AFA (range of issues)	monthly or as necessary (3 MRSA section 522)	8/13/13 8/22/13 10/2/13 10/8/13 11/13/13 12/12/13		n/a	Sen. Hill & Rep. Rotundo	AFA has 90 CO bills. Interim meetings concluded.
ACF (update from DACF regarding merger; review Outcome-based Forestry report and annual report of Board of Agriculture)	1	11/22/13		n/a	Sen. Jackson & Rep. Dill	ACF has 6 CO bills. This meeting was authorized 9/25/13. Interim meeting concluded.
CJPS (discuss CO LDs 222, 297, 502, 662, 1513; monitor Gov. task force on rangers carrying firearms; monitor coordinated jail system changes)	3	9/25/13 12/11/13		n/a	Sen. Gerzofsky & Rep. Dion	CJPS has 7 CO bills; will be discussing 5. Interim meetings concluded.
EDU (EPS review; review college and career readiness of Maine students)	5	7/31/13 8/1/13 10/8/13 10/29/13 12/10/13		n/a	Sen. Millett & Rep. MacDonald	EDU has 7 CO bills. Interim meetings concluded.
ENR (solid waste management issues, LDs 694, 907, 1363, and CO LD 1483; and 9/20 GOC letter - Subcommittee of 5 ENR members)	5	10/2/13 10/16/13 11/12/13 12/16/13		n/a	Sen. Boyle & Rep. Welsh	ENR has 4 CO bills; will be discussing 1. Interim meetings concluded.
EUT (Renewable energy policy: CO LDs 795, 1085, 1146, 1252, 1403, 1456, 1507)	5	9/20/13 10/21/13 11/14/13 12/11/13 12/18/13		n/a	Sen. Cleveland & Rep. Hobbins	EUT has 21 CO bills; will be discussing 7. Interim meetings concluded.
HHS (range of issues, including budget and emerging and developing issues)	3	9/11/13 10/29/13 12/10/13		n/a	Sen. Craven & Rep. Farnsworth	HHS has 9 CO bills. Interim meetings concluded.
IFS (range of issues)	2			n/a	Sen. Gratwick & Rep. Treat	IFS has 9 CO bills. Will not be holding any interim meetings.
MAR (elver fishing issues, CO LD 1397)	2	12/5/13 12/13/13		n/a	Sen. Johnson & Rep. Kumiega	MAR has 3 CO bills; will be discussing 1. Interim meetings concluded.
MWEF (a number of issues related to workforce, downtown revitalization and small business development)	4	9/17/13 10/1/13 10/22/13 11/7/13		n/a	Sen. Valentino & Rep. Berry	MWEF has 1 CO bill. Interim meetings concluded.
SLG (discontinued and abandoned roads, LD 1273 and CO LD 1177 - Subcommittee of 4 SLG members)	3	9/27/13 10/18/13 12/13/13		n/a	Sen. Lachowicz & Rep. Graham	SLG has 6 CO bills; will be discussing 1. Interim meetings concluded.
VLA (wholesale spirits contract RFP; update on competitive bidding process for casinos; update on transfer of liquor and licensing from DPS to DAFS)	1	10/30/13		n/a	Sen. Tuttle & Rep. Luchini	VLA has 11 CO bills. Interim meeting concluded.

**Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
November 21, 2013 Council Meeting**

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 2707 An Act to Revoke MaineCare Transportation Contracts

Submitted by: Senator Troy Jackson

Approved: November 21, 2013 Vote: 6-4 in favor (with Senators Thibodeau
and Katz, and Representatives Fredette and Willette opposed)

**LR 2709 An Act to Prohibit Possession of Simulated or Replica Firearms at or near a
School**

Submitted by: Senator Dawn Hill

Approved: December 17, 2013 Vote: 6-3-1-0 in favor (with Senators
Thibodeau and Katz and Representative Willette opposed, and Representative Fredette
abstained)

Legislative Council Decisions:

That the Legislative Council approve the request by the Commission to Study the Incidence of
and Mortality Related to Cancer to extend its final report deadline to December 15, 2013.

Motion by: Representative Mark Eves

Second by: Senator Justin Alfond

Approved: December 2, 2013 Vote: 10-0 in favor

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Legislative Schedule

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November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day Holiday	12	13	14 YMCA Youth in Government Program	15 YMCA Youth in Government Program
16 YMCA Youth in Government Program	17	18	19 New Member Orientation (tentative)	20 Legislative Council Meeting	21 New Member Orientation (tentative)	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Holiday	28 Thanksgiving Friday Holiday	29
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