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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
January 7, 1998

KIEFFER, KILKELLY, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY,
MICHAUD, MILLS, MITCHELL, MURRAY,
NUTTING, O'GARA, PARADIS, PINGREE,
RAND, RUHLIN, SMALL, TREAT, THE
PRESIDENT - MARK W. LAWRENCE

31 Senators having answered the Roll, the Chair declared a quorum present.

Pursuant to the Provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senators of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Legislature were convened in the Senate Chamber at ten o'clock in the morning and were called to order by the President, **MARK W. LAWRENCE** of York County.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 23

Prayer by Senator John T. Jenkins of Androscoggin.

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to Governor Angus S. King, Jr., informing him that a quorum of Senators is assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

SENATOR JOHN T. JENKINS: Good morning everyone. I'd first like to give praise and recognition to God and our constituents, our leadership, our staff and especially Joan Atwood for allowing me this opportunity to speak today, and this distinguished body. Today's invocation comes from the book of Metathia, or Matthew, 22nd chapter, 14th verse and it's entitled, "For many are called but few are chosen."

READ and PASSED.

The President appointed the Senator from Knox, Senator **PINGREE** to deliver the message to the Governor.

And I write, many are called but few will answer. Of those who answer, few will qualify. Of those who qualify, few are chosen. Of those chosen, one will make a difference. The one of which I speak can be that of a single person or the collective of like-minded individuals. Therefore, I call upon our greater angels to help those of us who have chosen to serve, that our efforts will make a difference for the common good. Let us meditate.

Subsequently, the Senator from Knox, Senator **PINGREE** reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

To the One who is known by many names, Alpha, Omega, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, we have answered the call and were chosen to serve. Help each individual be the one to seek areas of agreement rather than disagreement. Help each individual be the one to offer solutions when it would be easier to criticize. Help each of us be the one to recognize Your presence in each of our colleagues when we would anger and seek to defame. And when the day is done, may each and every one leave with the full confidence that they have done their level best in honoring their public commitment to best serve those who chose us. We humbly ask these things of the One who is known by many names. Thank you.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 24

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the House of Representatives informing that Body that a quorum of Senators is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

Doctor of the Day, Lisa Letourneau, M.D., Scarborough.

READ and PASSED.

The President appointed the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **RAND** to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator to the House of Representatives.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Michael H. Michaud of Penobscot.

Subsequently, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **RAND** reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

Off Record Remarks

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

At this point, a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative **KONTOS** of Windham, informing the Senate a quorum was present for the consideration of such business as might come before the House of Representatives.

QUORUM CALL

YEAS: Senators: **ABROMSON, AMERO, BENNETT, BENOIT, CAREY, CASSIDY, CATHCART, CLEVELAND, DAGGETT, FERGUSON, GOLDTHWAIT, HALL, HARRIMAN, JENKINS,**

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 715

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House

January 5, 1998

Senator John Jenkins
Representative Marc Vigue
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic
Development
118th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 717

118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 5, 1998

Dear Senator Jenkins and Representative Vigue:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Roland "Dan" Martin of Caribou for reappointment as a member of the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, M.R.S.A. §13080-B, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and confirmation by the Senate.

Senator Marge Kilkelly
Representative Norman Paul
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
118th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Kilkelly and Representative Paul:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated F. Dale Speed of Princeton and Millard A. Wardwell of Penobscot for reappointment as members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, M.R.S.A. §7033-A, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 716

118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 5, 1998

Senator Peggy Pendleton
Representative Shirley Richard
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
118th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 718

118TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 5, 1998

Senator Sharon Treat
Representative Steven Rowe
Chairpersons
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
118th Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Pendleton and Representative Richard:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Lee "Pete" Pedersen of Vinalhaven Island for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, M.R.S.A. §8204, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

Dear Senator Treat and Representative Rowe:

Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Jean T. Wilkinson of Cumberland Foreside for reappointment as a member of the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38, M.R.S.A. §341-C, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 685

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 2, 1997

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 2, 1997, four bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 2, 1997, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act Regarding Short-rotation Tree Fiber Farming and Genetically Engineered Trees" (S.P. 682) (L.D. 1907) (Presented by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 1997 with the United States Internal Revenue Code" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 683) (L.D. 1908) (Presented by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative MORGAN of South Portland)

(Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Temporary Structure Property is Subject to Taxation" (S.P. 684) (L.D. 1909) (Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative GREEN of Monmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Public Service Corporation Exception" (S.P. 681) (L.D. 1906) (Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 687

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 3, 1997

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 3, 1997, one bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on December 3, 1997, as follows:

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act to Amend the Election Laws" (S.P. 686) (L.D. 1917) (Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 8, 1997

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 689

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 5, 1997

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 5, 1997, one bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on December 5, 1997, as follows:

Criminal Justice

Bill "An Act to Permit the Consideration of Any Location in the State for the Location of the New Criminal Justice Academy" (S.P. 688) (L.D. 1924) (Presented by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington, Representatives AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Wallagrass, KNEELAND of Easton, O'NEAL of Limestone, WHEELER of Bridgewater) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 694

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 8, 1997, four bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 8, 1997, as follows:

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act Relating to Reciprocal Insurers and Captive Insurance Companies" (S.P. 693) (L.D. 1928) (Sponsored by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Tax Exemptions for Pollution Control Equipment" (S.P. 692) (L.D. 1927) (Sponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Make Additional Allocations from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1998" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 690) (L.D. 1925) (Sponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Additional Time for the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Certain Rules" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 691) (L.D. 1926) (Sponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 697

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 9, 1997

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 9, 1997, two bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 9, 1997, as follows:

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Protect the Privacy of Alternative Dispute Resolution Participants" (S.P. 695) (L.D. 1930) (Sponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, President LAWRENCE of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Create Incentives for Employers to Contribute toward the Costs of Comprehensive Health Insurance for Families" (S.P. 696) (L.D. 1931) (Sponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative WINGLASS of Auburn and President LAWRENCE of York, Senator MILLS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 700

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 10, 1997

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 10, 1997, one bill and one resolve were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 10, 1997, as follows:

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act to Promote Competition in the State's Liquor Industry" (S.P. 698) (L.D. 1932) (Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (S.P. 699) (L.D. 1933) (Presented by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative GREEN of Monmouth and Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 702

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 16, 1997

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 16, 1997, one bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on December 16, 1997, as follows:

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Simplify the Process of Transferring Ownership of a Business Licensed by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology under the Terms of a Divorce Settlement" (S.P. 701) (L.D. 1946) (Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 704

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 18, 1997

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 18, 1997, one bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on December 18, 1997, as follows:

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Improve Traffic Safety" (S.P. 703) (L.D. 1947) (Presented by Senator RAND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TRIPP of Topsham, Representatives LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MORGAN of South Portland, ROWE of Portland and SAXL of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 711

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 29, 1997

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 29, 1997, five bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 29, 1997, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Kennebec County for the Costs of County Jail Construction" (S.P. 710) (L.D. 1958) (Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative POULIN of Oakland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Restore Certain Provisions Related to Earnable Compensation for State Employee and Teacher Members of the Maine State Retirement System" (S.P. 706) (L.D. 1954) (Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot, Representative COLWELL of Gardiner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Restore the Normal Retirement Age for State Employees and Teachers" (S.P. 707) (L.D. 1955) (Presented by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and, Senators RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Prevailing Wage Laws to the Maine Turnpike Authority" (S.P. 708) (L.D. 1956) (Presented by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and, Senators RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representative HATCH of Skowhegan) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Sanford Sewerage District" (S.P. 709) (L.D. 1957) (Presented by Senator MacKINNON of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 713

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 31, 1997

Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On December 31, 1997, one bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on December 31, 1997, as follows:

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Expand Eligibility for the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program" (S.P. 712) (L.D. 1959) (Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

S/Joseph W. Mayo
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 705

**STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE PLANNING OFFICE
38 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0038**

November 5, 1997

Hon. Senator Mark Lawrence
President of the Senate
Legislative Council
Maine State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence,

In accordance with P.L. 1996, chapter 705 (as amended), the State Planning Office is pleased to forward you the strategic planning pilot(s) for the policy area(s) that include agencies under your committee's jurisdiction. I have also enclosed a summary of all ten pilot objectives.

Policy area strategic planning is required under P.L. 1996, chapter 705, as the next step in transitioning to performance budgeting. Maine's performance budgeting model provides for a coordinated approach to strategic planning; one where state agencies move towards interagency planning across policy areas over a phased time frame.

Phase 1-Agencies develop strategic plans-February 1, 1997
Phase 2-Agencies pilot performance budgeting-February 1, 1997
Phase 3-Agencies pilot strategic planning by policy area-September 1, 1997

Phase 4-Agencies develop full policy area strategic plans-
June 30, 1998

Phase 5-Agencies develop full performance budgets-
September 1, 1998

Planning by policy area builds on the work agencies have already done in their individual strategic planning processes; framing shared outcomes and coordinating strategies based on their February 1, 1997 strategic plans.

The benefits of joint strategic planning among agencies with common goals and objectives are many. It will make the results achieved by state government easier to communicate to the public. It will foster coordination among state agencies with common objectives; providing a way to track complimentary and contradictory objectives across agencies. Further, it will allow objectives to truly reflect the outcome desired for Maine citizens. Agencies, planning individually, tend to develop measurable objectives that are limited in scope and not focused on the outcome. This is because often agencies do not control all the resources or programs within the state directed toward a specific outcome. Joint planning across agencies puts the focus on the measurable objective and the programs designed to achieve it, not on a single administrative unit.

Agencies began the process of developing policy area strategic plans with a pilot. The purpose of the pilots was to:

- * identify goals and objectives common among individual agencies based on their February 1, 1997 strategic plans;
- * develop at least one shared measurable objective for which the agencies would coordinate strategies and share responsibility for achieving;
- * evaluate the time frame and process needed to develop joint agency strategic plans; and
- * provide input to the Budget Director/Legislative Council regarding the composition of policy areas.

Pilots were developed by agencies within the policy areas currently used by the Bureau of the Budget. Chapter 705 provides for the State Budget Officer and the Legislative Council or the council's designee, in consultation with state agencies, to designate new policy areas by December 31, 1997 for the purpose of implementing performance budgeting.

Chapter 705 (as amended) also requires the departments of Labor, Education, Human Services, and Mental Health & Mental Retardation and the Maine Technical College System to develop a shared measurable objective for their job training efforts. The Economic Development & Training policy area pilot included these agencies and fulfills this requirement.

Technical assistance with the pilot process was provided by the Bureau of Budget and State Planning Office, as well as several staff from other state agencies who volunteered to facilitate the policy areas' efforts. Each policy area formed working groups of individuals designated by the Commissioner or agency head. Each policy area working group was oriented and asked to solicit input from stakeholders (including legislative policy committees and customers) throughout the process of developing their shared objective. Pilots, consisting of an assessment of the environment, a shared measurable objective, agency objectives and strategies that support the shared objective, and the funding

program that supports the shared objective, were due on September 1, 1997.

After reviewing the pilots and the pilot process, budget and planning staff have concluded that agency plans are not sufficiently complete to provide the foundation needed for planning by policy area. Agencies' joint planning efforts were also hampered by a lack of baseline data, uncertain commitment to outcomes that are beyond the control of any one individual agency, and insufficient time to solicit and receive input from legislative policy committees. We will ask the Commission on Performance Budgeting to review the pilots in order to make any recommendations to the Governor and Legislature they view necessary to implement the next planning requirement -- full strategic plans by policy area by June 30, 1998.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jack Nicholas, Director, Bureau of the Budget at 624-7810.

Sincerely,

S/Evan D. Richert, AICP
Director

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 463

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 5, 1998

Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
State House Station 3
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Madam Secretary:

Please be advised that I have made the following appointments:

Pursuant to my authority under 38 MRSA §551-A, I have appointed Ronald Hunter of Belfast to the Oil Spill Advisory Committee.

Pursuant to my authority under 1997 Resolves, Chapter 65, I have appointed the following Senators to the Commission to Study the Unemployment Compensation Commission:

Senator Sharon Treat of Kennebec
Senator John Cleveland of Androscoggin.

Pursuant to my authority under 1997 Resolves, Chapter 72, I have appointed Senator Sharon Treat of Kennebec to Serve on the Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications for People with Disabilities.

Pursuant to my authority under Chapter 548, P.L. 1997, I have appointed Senator Robert Murray, Jr. of Penobscot to the Work Group to Study the Legal Rights of Children Who Testify in Cases in Which They Have Been the Alleged Victims of Sexual Abuse.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence,
President of the Senate

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 464

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
23 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0023**

TO: The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell
Speaker of the House

FROM: J. Duke Albanese, Commissioner

DATE: November 3, 1997

RE: FY 98 Report of All School Administrative Unit State and Local Revenues

In accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A., section 15618-A, a report of all school administrative unit state and local revenues designated for K-12 education in their FY 98 budgets has been compiled and a copy is provided for your use.

It should be noted that the amounts budgeted in the various categories may not be the same as actual expenditures for these categories, for the following reasons:

1. Some budgeted amounts may be unexpended and carried forward to the following year. The statewide balance forward, for all budget categories, is usually between 2% and 3%.
2. School administrative units which do not utilize a line-item budget may transfer funds to other categories.
3. For certain types of funds that are transferred between school administrative units (for tuition costs and for transportation and other services provided to another school administrative unit) the amount is budgeted in both school administrative units since each unit must appropriate these funds. Since these instances cannot be netted out in the State Total Summary, the state totals will overestimate actual expenditures to some degree.

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 465

**MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
323 STATE STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131**

August 11, 1997

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Speaker of the House
Members of the 118th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence, Speaker Mitchell and members of the 118th Maine Legislature:

Pursuant to MRSA 20-A, Section 12721, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the Maine Technical College System's five-year Strategic Plan, which was recently adopted by our Board of Trustees. This plan was developed over the course of a year, and reflects the shared goals and vision of the broad community of the Maine Technical College System.

If you have any questions regarding this plan or any other matter concerning the Maine Technical College System, I hope you will not hesitate to contact me at 287-1070.

Sincerely,

S/John Fitzsimmons
President

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 466

**MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
353 WATER STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

December 1, 1997

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence:

Pursuant to PL 1997, Chapter 552, I am pleased to submit "More and More Needy: A Study of Homeless Persons in Maine". This report was prepared by the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities. The Task Force was instructed to study and provide recommendations on:

- * How best to provide housing and shelter services to homeless persons with mental illness.
- * The current safety and health requirements, including any licenses or permits required, and
- * The future role of the Task Force.

The Task Force report includes 9 recommendations. The recommendations include: increased funding for the Shelter Operating Subsidy program; core training for shelter workers and for mental health case workers; annual plans for connecting shelter guests to needed services and annual plans for mental health agencies to reach out to shelter guests; the provision of a seamless housing system; the creation of additional supported housing; and additional assignments for the Task Force.

On behalf of the members of the Task Force, I am pleased to submit this report. We appreciate your interest in this effort. I look forward to any questions or comments that you may have.

Yours truly,

S/Dana Totman
Chairman

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 467

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
MARGARET CHASE SMITH CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY
5715 COBURN HALL
ORONO, MAINE 04469-5715**

October 23, 1997

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Maine State Government Internship Program 1997 Report

Dear Secretary O'Brien:

In accordance with 1967 Public Law, Chapter 493, Section 294, Item 8, I am enclosing copies of the 1997 State Government Internship Report for distribution to the members of the Maine Senate.

Thank you for your assistance in making this Report available to the members of the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Steven C. Ballard
Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 469

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
SERVICES
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & CONTROL
14 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0014**

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Legislature

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Title 5, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 1547, the accompanying Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of Maine is submitted for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1996. This report is prepared on a budgetary basis and is meant to show compliance with budgetary and legal requirements. As you know, we also published a FY96 audited GAAP financial report just before the last General Obligation Bond offering.

At this time we are compiling the FY97 Budgetary Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and the FY97 General Purpose Financial Report prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The GAAP General Purpose Financial Report will include Component Units and this is an improvement over FY96. It will also include proper presentation of operating and capital leases, and requires supplementary information for the State's Risk Pool. The inclusion of the last two items will eliminate two audit qualifications we had on last year's statements.

As in FY96, the GAAP statements will include accruals made to governmental funds which are not made on the budgetary basis. An example of the types of accruals made to the GAAP statements which are not made on the budgetary basis include Medicaid, certain taxes, tax refunds, general purpose aid to education, accrued payroll and deferred compensation.

Total compliance with GAAP/GASB standards will be achieved when fixed assets are complete by the end of FY98.

Questions and comments about this report or any phase of State finances are always welcome.

Sincerely,

S/Carol F. Whitney

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 470

**MAINE INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 87
HALLOWELL, MAINE 04347**

December 15, 1997

The Honorable Mark Lawrence
President of the Senate
118th Maine Legislature
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Elizabeth Mitchell
Speaker of the House
118th Maine Legislature
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

From: John R. Nicholas, State Budget Officer

Subject: Report on the forecast of revenues and expenditures for the General Fund and the Highway Fund for the FY 98-99 biennium and the FY 2000-2001 biennium in accordance with Title 5, section 1665, subsection 7.

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

The Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission (MITSC) has been hard at work in its review of the civil laws of Maine, pursuant to Resolves 1997, Chapter 45. I am pleased to submit to you their findings and legislative recommendations, to date. This report is a snapshot of issues at a point in time. MITSC's review of the civil laws is ongoing work. MITSC is looking forward to discussing this work with the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary when the 118th Legislature reconvenes in January 1998.

MITSC has filed two pieces of legislation along with its report and has submitted them under separate cover:

- * An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission Relating to Tribal Land Use: and
- * An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission Relating to the Names of Geographic Features in Passamaquoddy Territory.

In Addition to reviewing the civil laws of Maine, Chapter 45 requires MITSC to convene an annual Assembly of Governors and Chiefs. I am very pleased to report that the first annual Assembly was held on December 4, 1997 at the Wabanaki Center in Orono. The attendance was excellent and the session was productive and positive.

Very truly yours,

S/Diana Scully
Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 471

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
STATE HOUSE STATION 58
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

Date: December 11, 1997

To: Honorable Angus S. King, Jr., Governor
Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Speaker of the House
Honorable Michael H. Michaud, Senate Chair
Honorable George J. Kerr, House Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

The Bureau of the Budget is pleased to present its four year budget forecast for the General Fund and the Highway Fund for the FY 98-99 biennium and the FY 2000-2001 biennium in accordance with Title 5, section 1665. This effort was initiated and passed into law by the 117th Legislature as fulfillment of one of the recommendations of the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring to provide a platform for long term financial planning.

The report that was due September 30, 1997 but was postponed in order to benefit from the Revenue Reprojection due December 1, 1997 from the Revenue Forecasting Committee. That delay will allow the forecast to be based on the current structure of State revenues and expenditures for both the General fund and the Highway Fund using the programmatic and budgetary effects of the First Regular Session and the First Special Session of the 118th Legislature and the most current revenue projections. As such, this effort should provide an objective view of revenue and expenditure trends over the long term as a basis for fiscal planning and decision making.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 472

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

December 2, 1997

President Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence:

Please find attached the State Single Audit Report for the 1996 Fiscal Year. Also included is the Management Letter resulting from the audit.

The 1996 fiscal year report is the first time in the State's history that the audited annual financial statements are the same financial statements as those reported by the State Controller. The Department of Audit was asked, and was able, to complete the audit of the financial statements in time for the state's issuance of new debt. Availability of audited numbers was a factor in retaining the State's good bond rating, which keeps the cost of borrowing money low.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past and future support. As you may be aware, I satisfied the statutory certification requirements to hold the position of State Auditor by passing the May 1997 examination to become a Certified Internal Auditor. I am pleased to report that my examination results ranked among the thirty highest in the world.

The Department of Audit has been able to produce a quality product on a timely basis because of continuing support from the Legislature. We would be pleased to answer any questions that you may have regarding the work of the Department or other matters of interest to you.

Sincerely,

S/Gail M. Chase, CIA
State Auditor

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 473

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

November 26, 1997

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence:

Please find enclosed certified copies of the Governor's Proclamations displaying the final results of the November 4, 1997, Referendum and Special Elections.

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 474

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

December 3, 1997

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Proclamation declaring the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, February 10, 1998, so that "An Act to Prevent Discrimination" may be submitted to the people of Maine for a referendum vote.

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 476

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 30, 1997

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President
Maine State Senate
The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

The Select Committee to Study the Health Effects of Reformulated Gasoline is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council, the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and to the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Philip E. Harriman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Verdi L. Tripp
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 477

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 15, 1997

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President
Maine State Senate

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - SENATE, JANUARY 7, 1998

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives

State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Mitchell:

On behalf of the Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Person with Mental Retardation we are pleased to submit the enclosed report. The Commission was authorized in Resolve 1997, Chapter 79. It has been a pleasure to work with the members of the commission. We look forward to presenting the report and accompanying legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services during January.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

S/Rep. Randall L. Berry

S/Jean Manning

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 461

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
23 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0023**

TO: Members of the 118th Legislature
Bureau of the Budget

FROM: J. Duke Albanese, Commissioner

DATE: November 26, 1997

RE: Actual Education Costs for Base Year 1996-97

Pursuant to the provisions of 20-A MRSA section 15604, I am providing notification of the "actual education costs" as defined in subsection 1, of 20-A MRSA section 15604 for the base year 1996-97.

A. Operating costs	
(1) Elementary	\$588,610,510
(2) Secondary	302,943,137
B. Special education costs for programs operated by administrative units	
	128,459,468
C. Special education tuition and board excluding medical costs	
	34,931,842
(1) Tuition and board for pupils placed by administrative units	
	\$12,498,134
(2) Tuition and board for State	

Wards and special education pupils placed directly by the State	5,965,863
(3) Adjustments under section 15612, subsection 6 (Special Education Hardship grants)	0
(4) Cost to the state for state agency clients (section 15613 subsection 5)	14,993,845
(5) Adjustments under section 15612, subsection 11 (Out-of-District Placement Adjustment)	1,474,000
D. Vocational education costs	24,553,360
E. Transportation operating costs	62,408,321
F. Bus Purchases	
(1) Purchase of Buses-Regular Approvals	4,487,116
G. Debt Service Costs	
(1) Principal and Interest	62,631,452
(2) Insured Value Factor	2,215,205
(3) Leased (approved)	5,961,694
(4) Other major capital costs	3,999,641
H. Cost of reimbursement for private school services	201,000
I. Cost of state expenditure for teacher retirement benefits	135,599,057
J. Early childhood educational programs	541,514

These expenditures are from state and local monies only, except that Federal P.L. 81-874 (Impact Aid) funds are included.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 462

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 5, 1997

The Honorable Joy J. O'Brien
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Madam Secretary,

Pursuant to Senate Rule 201.1, Part C, I am re-assigning Senator Leo Kieffer of Aroostook to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Senator Vinton Cassidy, who had been temporarily assuming Senator Kieffer's duties on the committee, will no longer serve as a member of the committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 475

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the paper to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, December 12, 1997.

S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 10-21-97-02
OF THE HOULTON BAND COUNCIL
THE GOVERNING BODY
HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS
(A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE)
HOULTON, MAINE 04730**

WHEREAS; The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe pursuant to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act, P.L. 96-420, codified at 25 U.S.C. 1721-1735 as amended; and

WHEREAS; The Houlton Band Council did designate by Resolution number 05-05-86-02 its Chairman, Clair Sabattis on May 5, 1986 pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A. 602 as required by Title 3 M.R.S.A. 601; and

WHEREAS; Title 3 M.R.S.A. 602 provides that such designation shall remain in effect until the Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians make a new designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians hereby Repeals Tribal Resolution numbered 05-05-86-02; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; That the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians now designates Brenda Commander, Tribal Chief as the official authorized to execute any certificates of approval of legislation required by Title 3 M.R.S.A. 601 and such designation shall remain in effect until the Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians make a new designation.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Tribal Council members of the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians do hereby certify that the Houlton Band Council is composed of seven(7) members of whom 6 were present at a Houlton Band Council Meeting this 21 day of Oct., 1997; and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 5 members of whom have affixed their signature below.

S/Danya Boyce, Council
S/Sally Lindsay, Council
S/Gloria Tomah, Council

S/Anthony Tomah, Council
S/Linda Raymond, Council

S/Brenda Commander, Tribal Chief

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 479

**THE SENATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 31, 1997

Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to my authority under 38 MRSA §343-D, I have appointed Alan Prosser of Portland to the Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Jane A. Amero
Senate Republican Leader

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - SENATE, JANUARY 7, 1998

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Interpreter Service for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 722 L.D. 1965

Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: LAFOUNTAIN III of York,
Representatives: JONES of Greenville, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, THOMPSON of Naples, WATSON of Farmingdale.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend and Clarify Laws Concerning Nuclear Safety"
S.P. 714 L.D. 1960

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich and Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, TREAT of Kennebec.
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **TABLED 1** Legislative Day, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Apply ERISA Standards to Pension Benefits for Teachers and State Employees to Clarify that They Are Nonforfeitable Once Accrued"
S.P. 719 L.D. 1962

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Resolve, to Ensure that Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Are Provided in an Efficient, Accessible and Cost-effective Manner (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 721 L.D. 1964

Presented by Senator TREAT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin,
Representatives: BUMPS of China, JONES of Greenville, KERR of Old Orchard Beach.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Bureau of Revenue Services to Report on the Incidence of Tax Burdens to Business Sectors of the State's Economy and to Income Classes of Citizens"
S.P. 720 L.D. 1963

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **AMERO** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **PINGREE** of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, January 8, 1998, at 3:00 in the afternoon.