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**One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature**  
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ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
1st Legislative Day  
Wednesday, January 5, 2000

Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Representatives to the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to order by G. STEVEN ROWE of Portland, Speaker of the House.

Prayer by Honorable Birger Johnson, Pastor, United Church of Christ, South Portland.

National Anthem by Deering High School Concert Band, Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, John F. Comis, D.O., Litchfield.

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A roll call was taken. 148 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were: Representative BELANGER of Caribou  
Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden  
Representative WATSON of Farmingdale

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At this point, pursuant to his authority under House Rule 401.1, the Chair assigned Representative TRUE of Fryeburg to Seat 12 and Representative CIANCHETTE of South Portland to Seat 14.

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On motion of Representative SAXL of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 31)

**ORDERED**, that a Committee of eleven be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Angus S. King, Jr., and inform him that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

**READ and PASSED** and the Speaker appointed the following members:

Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska  
Representative BAGLEY of Machias  
Representative RINES of Wiscasset  
Representative McDONOUGH of Portland  
Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford  
Representative BUMPS of China  
Representative KASPRZAK of Newport  
Representative JODREY of Bethel  
Representative RICHARDSON of Greenville  
Representative GERRY of Auburn  
Representative SOCTOMAH of the  
Passamaquoddy Tribe

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On motion of Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham, the following House Order: (H.O. 32)

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

**READ and PASSED** and Representative SAXL of Portland was appointed to convey the message and subsequently

reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

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At this point, Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

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At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Farmingdale, Representative WATSON and the Representative from Caribou, Representative BELANGER and they were added to the quorum call of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

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At this point, pursuant to his authority under House Rule 201, the Chair addressed the House.

The SPEAKER: Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it is a great pleasure to welcome you back to the House chamber and to the challenging work that awaits us. A lot of work behind the scenes went into preparing this facility and off-site committee locations for our return today. I would like to take a couple of minutes to thank the people. I would like to thank the Clerk and Assistant Clerk and their staff for all their work. My thanks extend, of course, to the Sergeant at Arms and the Chamber Staff. Also thanks to members in the Secretary of the Senate's Office for their help in getting the session ready. I would like to thank the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, her staff and all of the Directors of the Non-partisan offices and their staffs. (Paul Mayotte – Legislative Information Services; Teen Griffin – Legislative Information Office; David Boulter, OPLA – help with organizing session; Meg Matheson and Jim Clair – getting bills ready for session). No small feat. As you see these folks, I hope you would express your appreciation as well.

I would of course like to thank the staff from the Speaker's Office. I know personally that they work very hard. I would also like to thank the staffs of the House Democrat and Republican offices for their help and patience. I don't know if you heard the blasting that was going on, those of you who were here, it took some patience to get ready for the session. Special thanks to Chief Don Switter of the Capitol Security Office and all of his staff. On that, I would like to say thank you to the Executive Branch and all the members with the help they extended to us in getting ready for this session. We had a lot of help and we would like to thank them.

Special thanks to Stan Fairservice, the Legislative Council's Owner's Representative and to Fred Beale, facilities support, and for our maintenance staff and Granger Northern employees and the more than 200 employees of the general contractor and subcontractors.

I am going to interrupt my little speech for a second to take care of some business.

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A message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator Rand of Cumberland of that body announcing a quorum present and that the Senate was ready to transact any business that might properly come before it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Murphy who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. There is a thank you missing from that list. When we elect a Speaker of the House, we elect the leader of the House. Since October I have seen the Speaker of the House here every single day with two missions. Despite our challenges in terms of this construction, that the public have access to the process. Also, a variety of decisions and that we carry on the people's business. Also, that is a consideration for the members of this House. Speaking for our caucus, Mr. Speaker, we have always known you were a leader and from October on you have proven that. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: Thank you all. I wanted to add just a couple other thanks. My thanks to the leaders in this body for all of their assistance. My thanks to the members. Many of you have been involved in this and I really appreciate that. I have mentioned Stan Fairservice. Stan is the Legislative Council's Owner's Representative. He has done an awful lot. Fred Beale, facilities support. I am sure you have seen Fred here. For all the maintenance staff and the Granger Northern Employees and the more than 200 employees of the general contractor and subcontractor working on this facility.

Without the terrific effort of all of these people, we would not be able to begin our work today. The next three months will be an enormously busy time. We have a shorter than usual session and a large number of bills, many dealing with complicated and difficult issues that were held over from the last session. We have the added complication of logistics, with committees meeting at five separate locations around the city.

How we respond to these challenges is our choice. I hope that we maintain a positive attitude. There will be inconveniences for sure; but our success will depend on the people in this room. If we want to succeed, we will succeed. If we choose to be negative, it will be a long and difficult session. A positive attitude is contagious. Let's catch the spirit and together let's make this a positive session. If we are positive, the public will be positive. This will affect how the public views us.

As I look over the next 13 weeks, I'm excited. I believe we truly have a unique opportunity this year to build on the accomplishments of the last session and make a real difference in the lives of Maine people.

The good news is that we begin the session with a \$250 million budget surplus for this biennium. Now I know that there are probably 153 different ideas in this chamber for what we ought to do with the money. There is no shortage of proposals, in fact, no shortage of very good proposals, but I believe the one thing we share is a common and sincere desire that it be used for the betterment of our citizens.

That shared purpose helped elevate the tone of debate in the last session. We had our differences, but throughout the session we maintained a tone of civility and mutual respect. I'm hopeful that that tone will prevail in this session as well. The beauty of the democratic process is that we can disagree without being disagreeable. We can look beyond our differences for the common ground and the common good. If the outcome sometimes is less than we had hoped, remember the words of a former Congressman who noted that "democracy does not mean

perfection. It means a chance to fight for improvement." This session the existence of a budget surplus provides us with an opportunity to fight for real improvements for the people of Maine.

The benchmark we should use in evaluating every proposal is whether they will improve the lives of Maine families. Will Maine people be healthier, better educated, better prepared, and more capable of achieving the quality life they deserve? The experience of the last decade suggests that we must be financially prudent. We know that state revenues can fall as fast as they increase. But we shouldn't let excessive caution lead us to miss the opportunity for making important investments in Maine people. Investments in areas such as education and health care will bring long-term returns in the prosperity and well being of our communities.

These are supposed to be the best of times. The stock market is strong. The unemployment rate is low. But not all Maine families are benefiting. In fact, too many Maine families are simply treading water. Some are even falling farther behind. The question is what can we do to generate more broadly shared prosperity that lifts up all people, that raises all boats, in every part of the state.

The answer must begin with investing in education. Now, more than ever before, education is linked to economic prosperity.

In the last session we made a substantial investment in general purpose aid for education. But we can, and must, do more. No child should be denied access to a quality education because of geography or income. And by increasing the state's share of education, we can help relieve pressure on local property taxes. We know that the education of our children must begin before they enter kindergarten. It begins with quality day care, good parenting skills and early childhood education programs that help every child get the nurturing and care they require. It must include investments in higher education and efforts to make college more affordable and accessible to a growing proportion of our population. And it must embrace adult workers who are seeking to improve their skills and remain competitive in an economy driven by technological change.

In the last session, we supported the creation of a community college system that united our technical college system and the University of Maine system. This session I hope to see us build on that accomplishment by further reducing tuition levels and making courses more geographically accessible to Mainers who may not live near a university or college campus.

The other great challenge that we have is also a golden opportunity. And that is to address is health care. In the last session the legislature decided to use Maine's payments from the tobacco settlement for health-related purposes. I believe it was a wise decision. We allocated the first \$21 million from the settlement. In the coming weeks, we will have the opportunity to allocate an additional \$78 million we anticipate receiving this biennium. This funding will enable us to make major strides in smoking prevention and cessation, in substance abuse treatment and prevention, in providing health insurance to children and their parents, in funding our dental care program and prescription drugs for seniors. And also, importantly, to invest in the care of children. I know we support that.

In conclusion, let me repeat that we need to be fiscally responsible. But we must also be confident about our future and make smart investments that lay the foundation for long-term health and prosperity. I'm confident that we can work together to do that.

Thirteen weeks is a short time. But I believe that at the end of the year, when we look back on the actions of the 119th Legislature, we will be able to say that our votes and our decisions helped create the conditions for Maine people to enjoy a healthier, better educated, better prepared and more prosperous future.

Again, I ask you to join me in making this a positive session. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your commitment. Thank you.

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At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Hampden, Representative Plowman and she was added to the quorum call of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1630)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 7, 1999  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 7, 1999, 7 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 7, 1999, as follows:

**Business and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Provide Equity Between Private and Public Electrical Training Programs" (H.P. 1619) (L.D. 2266) (Presented by Representative GAGNE of Buckfield) (Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FISHER of Brewer, HEIDRICH of Oxford, McKENNEY of Cumberland, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Make Changes to the Cub Care Program" (H.P. 1622) (L.D. 2269) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of Marital Property" (H.P. 1620) (L.D. 2267) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Freedom of Access to All Reports Commissioned by the State" (H.P. 1621) (L.D. 2268) (Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and Representatives: TOWNSEND of Portland, BOWLES of Sanford, COLLINS of Wells, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MURPHY of Kennebunk, NASS of Acton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Service of Protection from Harassment Orders in Court" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1624) (L.D. 2271) (Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Allow a Person with a Disability to Ride in Vehicles Being Towed" (H.P. 1618) (L.D. 2265) (Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Disability License Plates" (H.P. 1623) (L.D. 2270) (Presented by Representative SANBORN of Alton) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,  
S/ Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
S/ Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1631)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 8, 1999  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 8, 1999, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 8, 1999, as follows:

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Increase the Availability of Family Foster Homes" (H.P. 1625) (L.D. 2272) (Presented by Representative BROOKS of Winterport) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Asthma Management Education" (H.P. 1626) (L.D. 2273) (Presented by Representative DESMOND of Mapleton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of Maine Game Wardens to Stop Motor Vehicles" (H.P. 1627) (L.D. 2274) (Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Revise the Spousal Support Statute" (H.P. 1629) (L.D. 2276) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Submitted by the Family Law Advisory Commission

pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2.)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Work Center Product and Services Set Aside" (H.P. 1628) (L.D. 2275) (Presented by Representative WESTON of Montville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BUMPS of China) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,  
S/Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
S/Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**  
Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1635)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 10, 1999  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 10, 1999, 3 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 10, 1999, as follows:

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Bill "An Act to Maintain the Eel and Elver Management Fund and Regulate Permits for Eel Weirs" (H.P. 1632) (L.D. 2284) (Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Probate Code" (H.P. 1633) (L.D. 2285) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Paternity Establishment" (H.P. 1634) (L.D. 2286) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,  
S/Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
S/Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**  
Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1641)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 16, 1999  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 15, 1999, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 15, 1999, as follows:

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Make Organizational Changes in the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council" (H.P. 1640) (L.D. 2291) (Presented by Speaker ROWE of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Improve Business Entity Filings and Authorize Mergers, Consolidations and Conversions of Various Business Entities" (H.P. 1639) (L.D. 2290) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Utilities and Energy**

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Regulation of Public Heating Utilities" (H.P. 1637) (L.D. 2288) (Presented by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Standard-offer Service to Certain Customers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1638) (L.D. 2289) (Presented by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Joint Select Committee on Research and Development**

Bill "An Act to Expand the Maine Technology Institute Board" (H.P. 1636) (L.D. 2287) (Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representative BELANGER of Caribou, Senator: KONTOS of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,  
S/Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
S/Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**  
Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1647)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 17, 1999  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature  
Mark W. Lawrence

President of the Senate  
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 17, 1999, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 17, 1999, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Animal Welfare Laws" (H.P. 1646) (L.D. 2306) (Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Build the Capitol Park Connector Trail" (H.P. 1642) (L.D. 2302) (Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, COLWELL of Gardiner, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, NASS of Acton, O'BRIEN of Augusta, STANLEY of Medway, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Resolve, to Evaluate Accountability of the Child Development Services Delivery System (H.P. 1644) (L.D. 2304) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, DUGAY of Cherryfield, QUINT of Portland, SAVAGE of Buxton, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: LIBBY of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Child Care Licensing Laws" (H.P. 1645) (L.D. 2305) (Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco, Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, PARADIS of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Amend Truck Weights" (H.P. 1643) (L.D. 2303) (Presented by Representative LINDAHL of Northport) (Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/ Joseph W. Mayo

Clerk of the House

S/ Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1669)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 27, 1999

G. Steven Rowe

Speaker of the House

119th Legislature

Mark W. Lawrence

President of the Senate  
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 27, 1999, 19 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 27, 1999, as follows:

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Increase the Bonding Limit of the Trustees of the City of Brewer High School District from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1651) (L.D. 2320) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and Representatives: KANE of Saco, LINDAHL of Northport, Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook, TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Portland College to Grant Degrees" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1657) (L.D. 2326) (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Teacher Recruitment and Retention (H.P. 1658) (L.D. 2327) (Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Amount for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services Under the Medicaid Program (H.P. 1655) (L.D. 2324) (Presented by Representative KANE of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, FULLER of Manchester, GAGNON of Waterville, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Corporate and Other Entities" (H.P. 1664) (L.D. 2333) (Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1665) (L.D. 2334) (Presented by Representative THOMPSON for the Revisor of Statutes pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94.)

**Labor**

Bill "An Act Concerning Eligibility Requirements for State Employees in the Purchase of Military Service Credits" (H.P. 1649) (L.D. 2318) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

**Legal and Veterans Affairs**

Bill "An Act Concerning the Rules of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery" (H.P. 1659) (L.D. 2328) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Bill "An Act to Designate as Public Assistance Emergency Assistance for Dependents of Veterans" (H.P. 1660) (L.D. 2329) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to

Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to Report to the Legislature on Matters Related to State Veterans Laws" (H.P. 1661) (L.D. 2330) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

#### **Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act to Address Financial Inequities in Special Waste Fees" (H.P. 1656) (L.D. 2325) (Presented by Representative DUNCAN of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, KNEELAND of Easton, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, O'NEAL of Limestone, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

#### **State and Local Government**

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in the Maine State Prison in Thomaston (H.P. 1650) (L.D. 2319) (Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska) (Cosponsored by Representative BUMPS of China, Senator: PENDLETON of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

#### **Taxation**

Bill "An Act to Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption" (H.P. 1662) (L.D. 2331) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

#### **Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Provide Special Motor Vehicle Registration Plates for Korean War Veterans" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1652) (L.D. 2321) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: MATTHEWS of Winslow, O'NEIL of Saco, PERRY of Bangor, STANLEY of Medway, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senator: RUHLIN of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Create a Purple Heart Motorcycle License Plate" (H.P. 1653) (L.D. 2322) (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Certifying Driving Time Prior to Obtaining a License" (H.P. 1654) (L.D. 2323) (Presented by Representative WHEELER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Fees for Certain Veterans' License Plates" (H.P. 1663) (L.D. 2332) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78.)

#### **Utilities and Energy**

Bill "An Act Increasing the Authorized Indebtedness of the Veazie Sewer District" (H.P. 1648) (L.D. 2317) (Presented by

Representative CAMPBELL of Holden) (By Request) (Cosponsored by Senator: MURRAY of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Revise the Charter of the Madawaska Water District" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1666) (L.D. 2335) (Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska) (Cosponsored by Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,  
S/Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1670)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 28, 1999

G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 28, 1999, two bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 28, 1999, as follows:

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

Resolve, to Provide Funds to the Bureau of Veterans' Services to Enhance the Efficiency of Regional Field Offices in Delivering Services to Veterans (H.P. 1667) (L.D. 2336) (Reported by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits, pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Resolve, to Provide Funds to Assist in the Expansion of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System (H.P. 1668) (L.D. 2337) (Reported by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.)

Sincerely,  
S/Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
S/Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1673)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**



December 29, 1999  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 29, 1999, 2 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 29, 1999, as follows:

**Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act to Provide Assistance in the Cleanup of the Plymouth Waste Oil Site" (H.P. 1672) (L.D. 2339) (Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Crosswalk Law" (H.P. 1671) (L.D. 2338) (Presented by Representative POWERS of Rockport) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Joseph W. Mayo

Clerk of the House

S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1682)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

November 23, 1999

Honorable Joseph Mayo

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 119th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled, "Maine Death with Dignity Act."

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky

Secretary of State

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State of Maine  
Department of State

I, **Dan A. Gwadosky, Secretary of State**, hereby certify that written petitions bearing signatures of 48,566 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on September 24, 1999, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "Maine Death with Dignity Act."

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total vote cast in the last

gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 42,101.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the twenty-third day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

**S/DAN A. GWADOSKY**

Secretary of State

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

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative SAXL of Portland, the accompanying Bill "An Act to Enact the Maine Death with Dignity Act" (I.B. 3) (L.D. 2348) was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1683)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

November 16, 1999

Honorable Joseph Mayo

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 119th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled, "An Act to Allow Video Lottery Terminals."

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky

Secretary of State

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State of Maine  
Department of State

I, **Dan A. Gwadosky, Secretary of State**, hereby certify that written petitions bearing signatures of 44,157 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on September 10, 1999, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act to Allow Video Lottery Terminals."

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total vote cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 42,101.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the Sixteenth day of November in

the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

**S/DAN A. GWADOSKY**  
Secretary of State

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

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative SAXL of Portland, the accompanying Bill "An Act to Allow Video Lottery Terminals" (I.B. 4) (L.D. 2349) was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 261)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL**  
**AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**  
**35 STATE HOUSE STATION**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE**  
**04333-0035**

June 30, 1999

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to the Charitable Solicitations Act, 9 MRSA Section 5010, enclosed is the 1998 Annual Report on the activity of charitable organizations in the State of Maine.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

S/S. Catherine Longley  
Commissioner

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 262)

**CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT**  
**SOUTHERN MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**FORT ROAD**  
**SOUTH PORTLAND, ME 04106**

August 27, 1999

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate  
Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe,

I am pleased to forward a copy of the report for the Maine Quality Centers pursuant to the requirements of 1997 Public Law Chapter 761.

The Maine Quality Centers is an economic development program of the Maine Technical College System. The program's statutory mission is ". . .to meet the workforce education and training needs of new and expanding businesses in the State and

provide new employment and career advancement opportunities for Maine people."

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

S/James H. McGowan  
State Director  
Maine Quality Centers

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 263)

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

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Rowe:

We are pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998. This report complies with the State's audit requirements, including those placed upon the State as a condition for the receipt of \$1.5 billion in federal funds. This audit has been performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. It satisfies the requirements of Title 31, Chapter 75, United States Code, otherwise known as the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, and the related Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*, issued by the Office of Management and Budget.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report  
Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable To Each Major Program, Internal Control over Compliance and on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in Accordance With OMB Circular A-133
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Department of Audit, I would like to express my gratitude to employees throughout State government who have assisted us during the conduct of our audit and in the issuance of this report. We continue our mutual effort to improve financial reporting and accountability to the citizens of our State.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions or comments about the 1998 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Gail M. Chase, CIA  
State Auditor  
September 17, 1999

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 264)

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

October 1, 1999  
The Honorable G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature  
The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

In accordance with Title 5, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 1547, I am pleased to submit the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of Maine for the Fiscal year ended June 30, 1998.

At this time the Fixed Asset inventory and automation is virtually done, meaning the GAAP transition is nearing completion. Fiscal Year 2000's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report or CAFR will be in GAAP format, rather than budgetary, another fiscal victory for the State.

We would like to thank you for attention and support during the transition to GAAP. Your understanding of the need to use GAAP financial reporting and the approval of a second CPA were key to the transition's success and time line.

Should you have any questions about this budgetary CAFR or the planning of the fiscal year GAAP 2000 CAFR, please contact Terry Brann, CPA, Manager of Financial Reporting and Analysis; Joseph Shaw, Deputy State Controller; or myself.

Sincerely,  
S/Carol F. Whitney  
State Controller

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 265)

**STATE OF MAINE  
Angus S. King, Jr., Governor  
Mark W. Lawrence, Senate President  
G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House**

September 22, 1999  
Hon. Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Pursuant to our authority under Chapter 443, P.L. 1999, we have appointed Sandra Featherman of Biddeford Chair of the Commission on the State Ceiling on Tax-exempt Bonds.

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

Sincerely,  
S/Angus S. King, Jr.  
Governor  
S/Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
S/G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 266)

**STATE OF MAINE  
Angus S. King, Jr., Governor  
Mark W. Lawrence, Senate President  
G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House**

October 14, 1999  
Hon. Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 10, Section 929-A, we have appointed the following members of the public to the Maine Economic Growth Council:

Idella Harter of Augusta  
Laurie LaChance of Augusta.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,  
S/Angus S. King, Jr.  
Governor  
S/Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
S/G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 267)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 5, 2000  
Hon. Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Mayo:

Pursuant to my authority, I have appointed the following members to serve on study commissions and task forces:

Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine, Chapter 82, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative Bruce S. Bryant of Dixfield  
Representative Kenneth A. Honey of Boothbay  
Citizens' Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Maine's Wildlife and Fish, Chapter 86, Resolves of 1999, Section 2  
Representative Matthew Dunlap of Old Town  
Representative William R. Savage of Buxton  
Representative Howard A. Chick of Lebanon

Committee to Address the Recognition of the Tribal Government Representatives of Maine's Native Sovereign Nations in the Legislature, Pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1524, as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-271)

Representative Richard H. Thompson of Naples

Representative Joseph E. Brooks of Winterport

Representative William J. Schneider of Durham

Capital Riverfront Improvement District Governing Board, Chapter 58, P.& S. 1999, Section 2

Representative Charles E. Mitchell of Vassalboro

Commission to Encourage Incorporations in Maine, Chapter 67, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative Verdi L. Tripp of Topsham

Representative Charles E. Mitchell of Vassalboro

Representative Patricia T. Jacobs of Turner

Representative G. Paul Waterhouse of Bridgton

Representative Richard W. Rosen of Bucksport

Task Force to Review the Educational Program and the Governance System of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, Pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1587

Representative Elizabeth Watson of Farmingdale

Representative Michael F. Brennan of Portland

Representative Richard H. Thompson of Naples

Representative Tarren R. Bragdon of Bangor

Judith L. Gayton

Committee to Establish a Memorial Dedicated to the Civilian Conservation Corps, Chapter 83, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative Robert W. Duplessie of Westbrook

Commission to Study Bulk Purchasing of Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies, Chapter 75, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative Elaine Fuller of Manchester

Representative David G. Lemoine of Old Orchard Beach

Representative Joseph Bruno of Raymond

Representative Christine R. Savage of Union

Reginald S. Gracie, Jr., R. Ph.

Task Force to Study the Operation of and Support for the Board of Environmental Protection, Chapter 85, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative John L. Martin of Eagle Lake

Representative Scott W. Cowger of Hallowell

Representative David L. Tobin of Windham

Representative Robert A. Daigle of Arundel

Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy, Chapter 89, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative Thomas M. Davidson of Brunswick

Representative Jean Ginn Marvin of Cape Elizabeth

Sally Sutton

James Mays Ph. D.

Michael Edgecomb

Matthew Jancovik

The Select Commission to Study State Participation in Funding Cleanup and Remediation of Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites, Chapter 505, P.L. 1999, Part B

Representative Linda Rogers McKee of Wayne

Representative Robert W. Duplessie of Westbrook

Representative Robert A. Daigle of Arundel

Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits, Chapter 78, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative John L. Tuttle, Jr., of Sanford

Representative Rosita Gagne of Buckfield

Representative Pamela Henderson Hatch of Skowhegan

Representative Edward R. Dugay of Cherryfield

Representative Janice E. Labrecque of Gorham

Representative John T. Buck of Yarmouth

Representative Russell P. Treadwell of Carmel

Task Force to Study the Improvement of Public Water Supply Protection, Chapter 80, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative Scott W. Cowger of Hallowell

Representative Thomas Bull of Freeport

Representative Ronald F. Collins of Wells

Commission to Review Traffic Congestion Along the U.S. Route 1 York Corridor and the Route 236 Corridor, Chapter 64, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative Gary J. Wheeler of Eliot

Representative Mary Black Andrews of York

Task Force to Study the Implementation of Alternative Programs and Interventions for Violent and Chronically Disruptive Students, Pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 598, as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-276) as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-766) thereto

Representative Shirley K. Richard of Madison

Representative Daniel B. Williams of Orono

Representative James H. Tobin, Jr., of Dexter

Commission to Propose an Alternative Process for Forensic Examinations for Sexual Assault Victims, Chapter 84, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative William S. Norbert of Portland

Representative Roger L. Sherman of Hodgdon

Jennifer Enoch

Dr. Spence Bisbing, D.O.

Committee on Sawmill Biomass, Pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1583, as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-451)

Representative Charles C. LaVerdiere of Wilton

Representative Gary L. O'Neal of Limestone

Representative William R. Savage of Buxton

Representative Monica M. McGlocklin of Embden

Representative Ruel P. Cross of Dover-Foxcroft

Representative Walter R. Gooley of Farmington

Bruce Bornestein

Dan Levesque

Advisory Committee on Dental Education, Chapter 496, P.L. 1999

Representative Elaine Fuller of Manchester

Representative Judith B. Peavey of Woolwich

Gloria Nadeau

Judy Feinstein

Karen Cox

Dr. Jerrold Cohen

Bonnie Post

Task Force on State Office Building Location, Other State Growth-related Capital Investments and Patterns of Development, Chapter 63, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Representative Kenneth T. Gagnon of Waterville

Representative David M. Etnier of Harpswell

Representative Laura J. Sanborn of Alton

Representative Ronald E. Usher of Westbrook

Representative Carol Weston of Montville

Representative Randall L. Bumps of China

Representative Peter E. Cianchette of South Portland

Representative Clifton E. Foster of Gray

Commission to Study Single-sales Factor Apportionment, Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 771

Representative Patrick Colwell of Gardiner

Representative Steven S. Stanley of Medway  
Representative Eleanor M. Murphy of Berwick  
Representative Kevin L. Shorey of Calais  
Commission to Study Children in Need of Services, Chapter 87,  
Resolves of 1999, Section 2  
Representative Michael W. Quint of Portland  
Representative Elizabeth Watson of Farmingdale  
Representative Glenys P. Lovett Scarborough  
Shannon Bonsey  
Robert Rowe  
Commission to Study the Enhancement of Fire Protection  
Services throughout the State, Chapter 65, Resolves of 1999,  
Section 2  
Representative Christopher T. Muse of South Portland  
Representative Julie Ann O'Brien of Augusta  
Commission on the State Ceiling on Tax-exempt Bonds, Chapter  
443, P.L. 1999  
Rosalyn Bernstein  
Michael McNeil  
Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security,  
Chapter 117, Resolves of 1997, Section 1  
Representative Edward R. Dugay of Cherryfield  
Representative Michael W. Quint of Portland  
Representative Lois A. Snowe-Mello of Poland  
Dawn Girardin  
John R. Hanson  
Jo-Ann Pike  
Emergency Response Commission, Title 37 M.R.S.A., Section  
792-B  
Joseph Bolduc  
Child Care Advisory Council, Title 22 M.R.S.A., Section 3739  
Representative Elizabeth Townsend of Portland  
Representative David R. Madore of Augusta  
Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing,  
Chapter 66, Resolves of 1999, Section 2  
Representative Zachary E. Matthews of Winslow  
Representative Arthur F. Mayo III, of Bath  
Lee Parker  
Julie Haskell  
Economic Development Incentive Commission, Title 5 M.R.S.A.,  
Section 13070-L  
Representative Kenneth T. Gagnon of Waterville  
Representative Peter E. Cianchette of South Portland  
Maine Criminal Justice Commission, Title 5 M.R.S.A., Section  
3358  
Representative Richard H. Thompson of Naples  
Representative Edward R. Povich of Ellsworth  
Representative Michael J. McAleve of Waterboro  
Task Force to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on  
Small Businesses, Chapter 74, Resolves of 1999, Section 2  
Representative Douglas J. Ahearne of Madawaska  
Representative Harold A. Clough of Scarborough  
Mark Kierstad  
Charles Davis  
Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee, Title 36 M.R.S.A.,  
Section 7104  
Representative Patrick Colwell of Gardiner  
Representative Eleanor M. Murphy of Berwick  
Task Force to Study the Need for an Agricultural Vitality Zone  
Program, Chapter 81, Resolves of 1999, Section 2  
Representative Paul Volenik of Brooklin  
Representative Bonnie Green of Monmouth

Representative Robert A. Cameron of Rumford  
Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on  
AIDS, Title 5 M.R.S.A., Section 19202 as amended by Chapter  
390, P.L. 1999  
Representative Elizabeth Watson of Farmingdale  
Children's Mental Health Oversight Committee, Title 34-B  
M.R.S.A., Section 15004  
Rose Alma Senatore  
Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee, Title 38 M.R.S.A.,  
Section 343-D  
Eric S. Howard, public member and small business owner  
Maine Governmental Information Network Board, Chapter 428,  
P.L. 1999  
Honorable Richard S. Davies  
State House Complex and the Augusta Mental Health Institute  
Campus  
Representative Elaine Fuller of Manchester  
Representative Patrick Colwell of Gardiner  
Representative David R. Madore of Augusta  
Sincerely,  
S/G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 268)  
**119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

August 26, 1999  
Hon. Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Clerk Mayo:  
Pursuant to our authority under Joint Order, H.P. 1052, as  
amended, we invited each of the Congressional Offices and the  
Governor to designate someone from their office to represent  
them on the Committee to Examine the Adequacy of Services at  
the Togus Veterans Administration Medical Center.  
We are pleased to inform you that the following persons have  
been selected:  
Daniel "Dan" Demeritt, State Office Representative  
Office of Senator Susan Collins  
11 Lisbon Street  
Lewiston, Maine 04240  
Tel: (207) 784-6969  
John "Jay" Cummings, Jr., Regional Representative  
Office of Senator Olympia Snowe  
68 Sewall Street - Suite 101C  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
Tel: (207) 622-8292  
John McLaughlin, Field Representative  
Office of Congressman Thomas Allen  
234 Oxford Street  
Portland, Maine 04101  
Tel: (207) 774-5019  
John Ripley, Field Representative  
Office of Congressman John Baldacci  
202 Harlow Street - Room 235  
Bangor, Maine 04401  
Tel: (207) 942-6935  
Frank Soares, Director  
Maine Veterans Services

#117 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Tel: (207) 626-4469

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
S/Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
S/G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 269)  
**119TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 5, 2000  
Hon. Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Clerk Mayo:

Pursuant to our authority, we have made the following appointments to study commissions and task forces:  
Children's Mental Health Oversight Committee, M.R.S.A. 34-B, Chapter 15004

Senator Mary Cathcart replaces Senator Michael Michaud as Co-Chair  
Task Force to Study the Need for an Agricultural Vitality Zone Program, Chapter 81, Resolves of 1999, Section 2

Ronald Poitras  
Russell Libby  
John Piotti  
William Jordan

Committee to Establish a Memorial Dedicated to the Civilian Conservation Corps, Chapter 83, Resolves of 1999

Representative Robert W. Duplessie of Westbrook, Chair  
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Legislative Committee, Title 12, M.R.S.A., Section 4652

Senator Jill M. Goldthwait of Hancock  
Maine Science and Technology Foundation Board of Directors, Title 5, M.R.S.A., Section 13122-B

Senator Carol A. Kontos of Cumberland  
Representative Gary L. O'Neal of Limestone

Sincerely,  
S/Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
S/G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 270)  
**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**  
**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000**  
**COMPUTER PROBLEM**

December 22, 1999  
The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President  
Maine State Senate  
The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker  
Maine House of Representatives

State House  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 190 the Joint Select Committee on the Year 2000 Computer Problem is pleased to submit its interim report. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council in accordance with the law. Copies of the report have also been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,  
S/Senator Marge Kilkelly, Co-Chair  
Joint Select Committee on the Year 2000 Computer Problem  
S/Representative Charles LaVerdiere, Co-Chair  
Joint Select Committee on the Year 2000 Computer Problem  
**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 271)  
**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits

December 27, 1999

The Honorable Mark Lawrence, Chair  
The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Vice-Chair  
Legislative Council  
119th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:  
Pursuant to Resolves 1999, chapter 78, the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits is pleased to submit its final report including recommended legislation. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs in accordance with the law. Copies of the report have also been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,  
S/Senator Beverly Daggett, Co-Chair  
Legal & Veterans' Affairs Committee  
S/Representative John L. Tuttle, Jr., Co-Chair  
Legal & Veterans' Affairs Committee

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 272)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL**  
**SERVICES**  
**BUREAU OF THE BUDGET**  
**STATE HOUSE STATION 58**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 16, 1999  
To: Members of the 119th Maine Legislature  
James Clair, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review  
From: S/John R. Nicholas, State Budget Officer

Public Law 1995, Chapter 591 requires each department and agency to submit to the Bureau of the Budget a list of any new laws, regulations or other requirements of the Federal Government that may require the State of Maine to comply with a new Federal mandate in FY00 or in the FY00-01 biennium. (New is defined as being any mandate for which the implementation date is September 30, 1999 or later.)

We are pleased to disclose that no new mandates were reported.

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 273)

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

November 23, 1999

Honorable G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Rowe:

Please find enclosed certified copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Official Tabulation displaying the final results of the November 2, 1999 Referendum Election.

Sincerely,

S/Dan A. Gwadosky  
Secretary of State

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

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The Following Communication: (S.C. 425)

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

October 14, 1999

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Maine Legislature  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Rowe:

In accordance with Joint Rule 506, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the nominations of Michael H. Dann of Dixmont and Neal F. Crane of Exeter for appointment as members of the Board of Pesticides Control; Colon E. Durrell of Farmington for reappointment as a member of the Maine Milk Commission; Norman G. Trask of Easton for appointment as a member of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission; and Malachi Anderson of Woodland, Theresa S. Hoffman of Waterville, and Mary Beth Dolan of Monhegan Island for reappointment as members to the Land Use Regulation Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development, the nominations of Dana F. Connors of East Winthrop and Anne B. Pringle of Portland for reappointment as members of the Loring Development Authority; and Shepard Lee of Cape Elizabeth for appointment as a member of the Finance Authority of Maine.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice, the nomination of Lt. Michael Sperry of Stratton for appointment as Chief of the Maine State Police.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nominations of William Cohen of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment and Heather D. Blease of Bowdoinham and Brian C. Thayer of Cumberland for appointment as members of the Maine Technical College System Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, the nomination of Lynn F. Duby of Monmouth for appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, the nominations of the Honorable Joyce A. Wheeler of Kittery, Andrew M. Horton of Portland, John C. Nivison of Winslow and Ann Murray of Bangor for appointment as Maine District Court Judges.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, the nominations of Peter T. Dawson of Hallowell and Pamela Chute of Brewer for reappointment as members of the Maine Labor Relations Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs, the nominations of Peter B. Webster of Yarmouth for reappointment as a member of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices; and Raquel D. Boehmer of Monhegan Island for reappointment and Laura C. Kilmartin of Westbrook for appointment as members of the State Liquor and Lottery Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development, the nomination of Janet Yancey-Wrona of Portland for appointment as Director of the Maine Technology Institute.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, the nomination of Samuel M. Zaitlin of Biddeford for appointment as a member of the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

The following Bills and Resolve were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

Bill "An Act to Specify Eligibility for Land Purchases Under the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund"

(H.P. 1674) (L.D. 2340)

Presented by Representative CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Representative: GAGNE of Buckfield.

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Bill "An Act to Make a One-time Energy Appropriation to Support Shortfalls in the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1677) (L.D. 2343)

Presented by Representative BERRY of Livermore.  
Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, MURPHY of Kennebunk, NASS of Acton, Speaker ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Portland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Require Oversight of Strategic Planning Conducted by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Including Long-term Care Needs of the Chronically Mentally Ill" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1681) (L.D. 2347)

Presented by Representative BROOKS of Winterport.  
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BRAGDON of Bangor, DUGAY of Cherryfield, KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, SAXL of Bangor, SHIELDS of Auburn, WILLIAMS of Orono.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Resolve, to Enhance the Availability of Neuropsychological Assessment to Maine's Children

(H.P. 1679) (L.D. 2345)

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, GAGNON of Waterville, Senators: BERUBE of Androscoggin, CATHCART of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

Bill "An Act to Extend the Time Period for Municipalities to Make Recommendations Concerning Great Pond Surface Use Restrictions" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1680) (L.D. 2346)

Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples.  
Cosponsored by Representatives BRUNO of Raymond, FULLER of Manchester, McKEE of Wayne, Senator TREAT of Kennebec.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

**MARINE RESOURCES**

Bill "An Act to Limit Lobster Management Zones to State Coastal Waters"

(H.P. 1675) (L.D. 2341)

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Possession of Marine Organisms by Aquaculturists Outside of the Harvest Season"

(H.P. 1684) (L.D. 2351)

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.  
Cosponsored by Representatives HONEY of Boothbay.  
Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Bill "An Act to Add Emergency Medical Services to the Municipal Fire Department Authority"

(H.P. 1676) (L.D. 2342)

Presented by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, POWERS of Rockport, SAXL of Bangor, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Nondiscrimination in Pharmaceuticals Pricing Law"

(H.P. 1678) (L.D. 2344)

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative O'NEAL of Limestone, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

**Pursuant to Statute  
Maine State Retirement System**

Representative HATCH for the **Maine State Retirement System** pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17103, subsection 13 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1685) (L.D. 2352)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative SIROIS of Caribou, the following House Order: (H.O. 30)

**ORDERED**, that Representative Michael W. Quint of Portland be excused June 18th for legislative business.

**READ** and **PASSED**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (S.P. 871)

**SENATE OF MAINE**



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

December 7, 1999  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 7, 1999 six 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 7, 1999, as follows:

**Banking and Insurance**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Banking code Pertaining to Interlocking Directors" (S.P. 861) (L.D. 2259) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act to Amend the State's Fair Debt Collection Practices Laws and to Provide for Nonprofit Debt Management Services" (S.P. 865) (L.D. 2263) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Commercial Insurance Contracts" (S.P. 866) (L.D. 2264) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

**Business and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Items in Storage Owned by a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party" (S.P. 864) (L.D. 2262) (Sponsored by Senator Amero of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator Rand of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Provide Degree-granting Authority to the SALT Center for Documentary Field Studies" (S.P. 862) (L.D. 2260) (Sponsored by President Lawrence of York) (Cosponsored by Representative Saxl of Portland, Senators Berube of Androscoggin, Rand of Cumberland, Representative Brennan of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes in the Law Authorizing the Capital Riverfront Improvement District" (S.P. 863) (L.D. 2261) (Sponsored 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 Senate  
S/Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 872)  
**SENATE OF MAINE**

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

December 8, 1999  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 8, 1999 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, 1999, as follows:

**Business and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation" (S.P. 869) (L.D. 2279) (Sponsored by Senator Kontos of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

**Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Low-emission Vehicle Program" (S.P. 868) (L.D. 2278) (Sponsored by Senator Libby of York) (Cosponsored by Representative Martin of Eagle Lake and Representative Tobin of Windham) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 1999 with the United States Internal Revenue Code" (S.P. 867) (L.D. 2277) (Sponsored by Senator Ruhlin of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative Gagnon of Waterville) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (S.P. 870) (L.D. 2280) (Sponsored by Senator Ruhlin of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative Gagnon of Waterville) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of Senate  
S/Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 876)  
**SENATE OF MAINE**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
**3 STATE HOUSE STATION**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 9, 1999  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House

119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 9, 1999 three 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, 1999, as follows:

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Realign Capital Requirements for Specialty Bank Charters" (S.P. 875) (L.D. 2283) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Cosponsored by Representative Campbell of Holden) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Grant Municipalities Greater Flexibility in their Arrangements for Tax Base Sharing Agreements" (S.P. 873) (L.D. 2281) (Sponsored by Senator Mills of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Treatment of Certain Small Consumer-owned Transmission and Distribution Utilities" (S.P. 874) (L.D. 2282) (Sponsored by Senator Pingree of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative Volenik of Brooklin) (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

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 898)

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

December 27, 1999

Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate

119th Legislature

G. Steven Rowe

Speaker of the House

119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

On December 27, 1999 eight bills and two resolves 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 27, 1999, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Increase the Rate of Pay for Forest Fire Wardens" (S.P. 894) (L.D. 2313) (Sponsored by Senator Ferguson of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senators Amero of Cumberland, Davis of Piscataquis, Mitchell of Penobscot, Representative Gagne of Buckfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Criminal Justice

Bill "An Act to Amend the Department of Corrections Statutes" (S.P. 896) (L.D. 2315) (Sponsored by Senator Murray of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representatives McAlevey of Waterboro, Povich of Ellsworth) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize School Administrative Units to Utilize Alternative Delivery Methods for a Limited Range and Number of School Construction Projects" (S.P. 892) (L.D. 2311) (Sponsored by Senator Pendleton of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative Ahearne of Madawaska) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Health and Human Services

Resolve, to Provide Adequate Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathologists (S.P. 889) (L.D. 2308) (Sponsored by Senator Cathcart of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative Kane of Saco) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Change the Name in the Statutes of a Native American Organization Able to Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses (Emergency)" (S.P. 891) (L.D. 2310) (Sponsored by Senator Paradis of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative Martin of Eagle Lake, Representatives Ahearne of Madawaska, Loring of the Penobscot Nation) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Protect the Health and Well-being of a Nursing Infant of Separated or Divorcing Parents" (S.P. 888) (L.D. 2307) (Sponsored by Senator Cathcart of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senators Daggett of Kennebec, Pingree of Knox, Rand of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Maine Human Rights Act Concerning Compensatory and Punitive Damages" (Emergency) (S.P. 895) (L.D. 2314) (Sponsored by Senator Murray of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative Thompson of Naples) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

State and Local Government

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Transfer or Acquire Property or Interests in Property at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Oak Grove Coburn School in Vassalboro and at Other State-owned Property (S.P. 890) (L.D. 2309) (Sponsored by Senator Pendleton of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representatives Ahearne of Madawaska, Bumps of China) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Prevent Gray Market Cigarette Sales" (S.P. 897) (L.D. 2316) (Sponsored by Senator Michaud of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative Townsend of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (S.P. 893) (L.D. 2312) (Sponsored by Senator O'Gara of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representatives Lindahl of Northport, Savage of Union, Wheeler of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Sincerely,  
S/Joy J. O'Brien  
Secretary of the Senate  
S/Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 887)  
**SENATE OF MAINE**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
**3 STATE HOUSE STATION**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

December 15, 1999  
Mark W. Lawrence  
President of the Senate  
119th Legislature  
G. Steven Rowe  
Speaker of the House  
119th Legislature

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:  
On December 15, 1999 ten 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 15, 1999, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**  
Bill "An Act to Clarify Granting Authority Under the Agricultural Development Grant Program" (S.P. 880) (L.D. 2295) (Sponsored by Senator Nutting of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative Gooley of Farmington, Senator Goldthwait of Hancock and Representative Volenik of Brooklin) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**  
Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Match a Federal Department of Energy Research and Development Award" (S.P. 882) (L.D. 2297) (Sponsored by Kontos of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative Cowger of Hallowell and Representative O'Neal of Limestone) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

**Banking and Insurance**  
Bill "An Act to Clarify the Rule-making Authority of the Commissioner of Human Services in Relation to Health Maintenance Organizations and Other Health Plans" (Emergency) (S.P. 881) (L.D. 2296) (Sponsored by Senator LaFountain of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

**Education and Cultural Affairs**  
Bill "An Act to Set Minimum Air Quality Standards for Schools" (S.P. 884) (L.D. 2299) (Sponsored by Senator Daggett of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative Gagnon of Waterville, Senator LaFountain of York, Representatives Brennan of Portland, Jabar of Waterville, and Thompson of Naples) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act to Establish a Targeted Need Teacher Certificate" (S.P. 886) (L.D. 2301) (Sponsored by Senator Berube of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senator Small of Sagadahoc, Representatives Brennan of Portland, Stedman of Hartland)

(Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

**Legal and Veterans Affairs**  
Bill "An Act to Allow Other New England States to Join the Tri-state Lotto Compact" (S.P. 877) (L.D. 2292) (Sponsored by Senator Carey of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative Labrecque of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Elections" (S.P. 878) (L.D. 2293) (Sponsored by Senator Abromson of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Relating to the Renewal of Liquor Licenses" (S.P. 883) (L.D. 2298) (Sponsored by Senator Daggett of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senator LaFountain of York, Representative Brennan of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203).

**State and Local Government**  
Bill "An Act to Make Minor Changes to the Community Development Definitions to Maintain Compatibility with Federal Regulations" (S.P. 885) (L.D. 2300) (Sponsored by Senator Daggett of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative Bumps of China) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204).

**Utilities and Energy**  
Bill "An Act to Promote Competition in the Natural Gas Industry" (S.P. 879) (L.D. 2294) (Sponsored 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 Senate  
S/Joseph W. Mayo  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 899)  
**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn they do so until Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.  
**READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Solid Waste Disposal Districts"

(S.P. 900) (L.D. 2350)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Increase the Pay for Jury Duty"  
(S.P. 902) (L.D. 2354)

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - HOUSE, January 5, 2000

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

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Resolve, Relating to the State Valuation for the Town of Milo  
(EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 901) (L.D. 2353)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

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On motion of Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford, the House adjourned at 12:11 p.m., until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2000 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 899) and in honor and lasting tribute to her husband John D. Twomey, of Biddeford.