

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
2nd Legislative Day  
Wednesday, January 12, 2000

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Father Louis Phillips, St. Paul's Center, Augusta.  
National Anthem by Hampden Academy Jazz Ensemble.  
Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Kenneth J. Gallant, D.O., Kennebunkport.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 5, 2000 was read and approved.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 274)

**STATE OF MAINE**

Angus S. King, Jr., Governor

Mark W. Lawrence, Senate President

G. Steven Rowe, Speaker of the House

November 24, 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 Robert Piccone of South Portland to the Maine Economic Growth Council.

Please let us know if you have any question 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. 275)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE**

**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

**COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE INCORPORATIONS IN MAINE**

December 15, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President

Maine State Senate

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe

Maine House of Representatives

State House

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Resolves 1999, chapter 67, the Commission to Encourage Incorporations in Maine is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Copies of the report have also been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Susan W. Longley  
S/Representative Verdi L. Tripp  
Co-Chairs, Commission to Encourage  
Incorporations in Maine

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 276)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE**

**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

**COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE ADEQUACY OF SERVICES AT THE**

**TOGUS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER**

January 5, 2000

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 HP 1052, chapter 78, the Commission to Examine the Adequacy of Services at the Togus Veterans Administration Medical Center is pleased to submit its final report. 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

S/Representative John L. Tuttle, Jr., Co-Chair

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 277)

**MAINE-NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERSTATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**P.O. BOX 747**

**PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03802-0747**

January 6, 2000

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence

Senate President

3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

The Honorable G. Steven Rowe

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senate President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

In compliance with Chapter 4, Article VI, Special Session of 1936, I am pleased to submit the Biennial Report of the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority.

Sincerely,

S/John G. Melrose, Vice Chair

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

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

The following Bills, Resolves and Resolution 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 Provide Safety for Forest Rangers and the Public"

(H.P. 1686) (L.D. 2392)

Presented by Representative HEIDRICH of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representative: McKENNEY of Cumberland, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Implement the State Policy to Minimize Reliance on Pesticides"

(H.P. 1729) (L.D. 2435)

Presented by Representative KNEELAND of Easton.  
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, TESSIER of Fairfield, WHEELER of Bridgewater.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Improve Licensing Efficiency within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources"

(H.P. 1742) (L.D. 2448)

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

Bill "An Act to Require the State Sealer to Conduct Spot Checks at Timber Mills"

(H.P. 1751) (L.D. 2457)

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, MITCHELL of Penobscot.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for Fiscal Year 2000-01"

(H.P. 1687) (L.D. 2393)

Presented by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone.  
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BAGLEY of Machias, CLARK of Millinocket, JOY of Crystal, KNEELAND of Easton, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Adequately Fund Poison Control Services"

(H.P. 1693) (L.D. 2399)

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, BUMPS of China, KANE of Saco, Speaker ROWE of Portland, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MICHAUD of Penobscot, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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

Bill "An Act to Promote Maine's Dairy Industry"

(H.P. 1696) (L.D. 2402)

Presented by Representative WESTON of Montville.  
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, GREEN of Monmouth, JONES of Pittsfield, KNEELAND of Easton, NASS of Acton, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Provide Juvenile Drug Court Prosecutors"

(H.P. 1698) (L.D. 2404)

Presented by Representative JABAR of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MUSE of South Portland, NORBERT of Portland, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAXL of Portland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Domestic Violence Prosecutors"

(H.P. 1699) (L.D. 2405)

Presented by Representative JABAR of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, GAGNON of Waterville, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MUSE of South Portland, NORBERT of Portland, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAXL of Portland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Support and Expand the Maine Writing Project"

(H.P. 1708) (L.D. 2414)

Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, BERRY of Livermore, LOVETT of Scarborough, NASS of Acton, PIEH of Bremen, STEVENS of Orono, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator: KONTOS of Cumberland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Resolve, to Enhance Opportunities in Math and Science for Maine Students

(H.P. 1714) (L.D. 2420)

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.  
Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker ROWE of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to Help Restore Historic St. Lawrence Church"

(H.P. 1746) (L.D. 2452)

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COWGER of Hallowell, MENDROS of Lewiston, STANLEY of Medway, STEVENS of Orono.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Forum Francophone"  
(H.P. 1750) (L.D. 2456)

Presented by Representative MAILHOT of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan, Senator PARADIS of Aroostook, President LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BRUNO of Raymond, KNEELAND of Easton, SAXL of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senator: HARRIMAN of Cumberland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Reconstruct 2 Small Dams on Rocky Lake in Whiting"

(H.P. 1768) (L.D. 2481)

Presented by Representative BAGLEY of Machias.  
Cosponsored by Senator: MICHAUD of Penobscot.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library"

(H.P. 1770) (L.D. 2483)

Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.  
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COWGER of Hallowell, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, Speaker ROWE of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Expand Educational Opportunities for Elderly Persons"

(H.P. 1692) (L.D. 2398)

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives QUINT of Portland, SAVAGE of Buxton, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, STEVENS of Orono.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative TOWNSEND of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, to Equalize State Funding of Higher Education Programs within the University of Maine System

(H.P. 1734) (L.D. 2440)

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Orono.  
Cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BRUNO of Raymond,

NORBERT of Portland, Speaker ROWE of Portland, SAVAGE of Buxton, SAXL of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative TOWNSEND of Portland, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Generate Economic Development Through Community Service and Education"

(H.P. 1761) (L.D. 2467)

Presented by Speaker ROWE of Portland.  
Cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BRENNAN of Portland, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SHOREY of Calais, Senator: MICHAUD of Penobscot.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative TOWNSEND of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

#### **BANKING AND INSURANCE**

Resolve, to Create a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for all Maine Citizens

(H.P. 1702) (L.D. 2408)

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Privately Acquired Catastrophic Insurance Coverage to Supplement the Cub Care Program"

(H.P. 1717) (L.D. 2423)

Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, GAGNE of Buckfield, JACOBS of Turner, O'NEAL of Limestone, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Policies to Cover School-based Services"

(H.P. 1718) (L.D. 2424)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.  
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, HONEY of Boothbay, JACOBS of Turner, MURPHY of Berwick, Speaker ROWE of Portland, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

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

**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Bill "An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements Under the Used Car Information Laws" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1689) (L.D. 2395)

Presented by Representative SAXL of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: McGLOCKLIN of Embden.  
Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Create a Patent Program in Maine"

(H.P. 1690) (L.D. 2396)

Presented by Representative SIROIS of Caribou.  
Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, CAMPBELL of Holden, KNEELAND of Easton, O'NEAL of Limestone, SHOREY of Calais, TRIPP of Topsham, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: KIEFFER of Aroostook.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Penalize a Company that Does Not Submit the Report Required by Law Regarding State Assistance"

(H.P. 1727) (L.D. 2433)

Presented by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HATCH of Skowhegan, JACOBS of Turner, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, NORBERT of Portland, SAMSON of Jay, SHIAH of Bowdoinham.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Provide Flexibility in the Distribution of Funds by the Department of Economic and Community Development"

(H.P. 1735) (L.D. 2441)

Presented by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone.  
Cosponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York and Representative: SHOREY of Calais, Senator: KONTOS of Cumberland.  
Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Provide for Statewide Redemption of Returnable Containers"

(H.P. 1737) (L.D. 2443)

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.  
Cosponsored by Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law on Ownership of Certified Public Accounting Firms and to Establish an Approved Practice Monitoring Program"

(H.P. 1738) (L.D. 2444)

Presented by Representative WINSOR of Norway.  
Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, MENDROS of Lewiston, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, MacKINNON of York.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Prosecution of Aggravated Operating Under the Influence"

(H.P. 1700) (L.D. 2406)

Presented by Representative JABAR of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MUSE of South Portland, WHEELER of Bridgewater.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Combat Domestic Violence"

(H.P. 1715) (L.D. 2421)

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.  
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, McALEVEY of Waterboro, SAXL of Portland, TOBIN of Dexter, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot, Senators: KONTOS of Cumberland, PENDLETON of Cumberland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Relieve all Counties from Expense and Responsibility of Transporting Clients"

(H.P. 1733) (L.D. 2439)

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.  
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, PIEH of Bremen, POWERS of Rockport, VOLENIK of Brooklin.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code"

(H.P. 1741) (L.D. 2447)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.  
Cosponsored by Representative: McALEVEY of Waterboro, Senator: MURRAY of Penobscot.  
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Allow the State Police to Accept Funds from Private Entities for Services Provided"

(H.P. 1743) (L.D. 2449)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.  
Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.  
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Provide Parity for Federal Drug Enforcement Agents in the State of Maine"

(H.P. 1749) (L.D. 2455)

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, KANE of Saco, NORBERT of Portland, WILLIAMS of Orono, Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Promote the Safe Conduct of Fireworks Displays in the State of Maine"

(H.P. 1760) (L.D. 2466)

Presented by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro.  
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, O'GARA of Cumberland.  
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Public Safety By Updating the Laws Pertaining to Explosives and Flammable Liquids"

(H.P. 1766) (L.D. 2479)

Presented by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro.  
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, O'GARA of Cumberland.  
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Limit the Issuance of Concealed Firearms Permits"

(H.P. 1771) (L.D. 2484)

Presented by Representative SAXL of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, ETNIER of Harpswell, JABAR of Waterville, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MURPHY of Kennebunk, MUSE of South Portland, WATSON of Farmingdale.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Change of a Cost-sharing Formula in a School Administrative District"

(H.P. 1695) (L.D. 2401)

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York and Representatives: MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, RICHARD of Madison.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Amend a Formula to Allocate Child Development Funds" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1719) (L.D. 2425)

Presented by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: KANE of Saco, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'NEIL of Saco, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Address the Teacher Shortage in Maine"

(H.P. 1723) (L.D. 2429)

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BRENNAN of Portland, JABAR of Waterville, Speaker ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator: MILLS of Somerset.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Revitalize Teacher Certification"

(H.P. 1763) (L.D. 2469)

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, 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 Promote Educational Opportunity and Economic Development"

(H.P. 1772) (L.D. 2485)

Presented by Representative SAXL of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, RICHARD of Madison, TESSIER of Fairfield, THOMPSON of Naples, WATSON of Farmingdale, WILLIAMS of Orono, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, President LAWRENCE of York.

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

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act to Remove Certain Barriers for Low-income Working Parents"

(H.P. 1709) (L.D. 2415)

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.  
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, PEAVEY of Woolwich, SAVAGE of Union, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

Bill "An Act to Improve the Lives of People with Disabilities"

(H.P. 1728) (L.D. 2434)

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

Resolve, to Provide Medicaid Reimbursement for Hospice Care

(H.P. 1748) (L.D. 2454)

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, COLWELL of Gardiner, FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, NORBERT of Portland, SAXL of Portland, WILLIAMS of Orono, Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

Bill "An Act to Establish the Tobacco Smokers Medical Fund"

(H.P. 1757) (L.D. 2463)

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HATCH of Skowhegan, JACOBS of Turner, MURPHY of Kennebunk, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

Bill "An Act to Enhance Day Care Opportunities for Latchkey Children"

(H.P. 1759) (L.D. 2465)  
Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.  
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and  
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, GAGNE of Buckfield,  
GLYNN of South Portland, TOBIN of Windham, WHEELER of  
Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

Bill "An Act to Establish the Watercraft Enforcement Fund"  
(H.P. 1762) (L.D. 2468)  
Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.  
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and  
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DAIGLE of Arundel,  
FULLER of Manchester, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, THOMPSON of  
Naples, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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**JUDICIARY**

Bill "An Act to Allow Limited Access to Information Relating to  
Investigation of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the  
Deaf" (EMERGENCY)  
(H.P. 1688) (L.D. 2394)  
Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: MADORE of Augusta,  
SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, TREAT  
of Kennebec.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Concerning Offensive Names"

(H.P. 1712) (L.D. 2418)  
Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the  
Passamaquoddy Tribe.  
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and  
Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DAVIS of Falmouth, GERRY  
of Auburn, GOODWIN of Pembroke, LORING of the Penobscot  
Nation, SHOREY of Calais, TRUE of Fryeburg, TWOMEY of  
Biddeford.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Permit the Attorney General, a Deputy Attorney  
General or a District Attorney to Request Records of Internet  
Service Providers and Mobile Telecommunications Service  
Providers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1730) (L.D. 2436)  
Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond,  
PEAVEY of Woolwich.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Sexual  
Misconduct with a Minor"

(H.P. 1747) (L.D. 2453)  
Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and  
Representatives: LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, MUSE of  
South Portland, NORBERT of Portland, RICHARDSON of  
Brunswick, SAXL of Portland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Jurisdiction of the District Court"

(H.P. 1776) (L.D. 2487)  
Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Bill "An Act to Provide Additional Options for Services to  
Troubled Teens"

(H.P. 1726) (L.D. 2432)  
Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.  
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, FULLER of Manchester,  
KANE of Saco, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, Senator:  
PARADIS of Aroostook.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested.

On motion of Representative THOMPSON of Naples, the Bill  
was REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE,  
ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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**LABOR**

Bill "An Act to Amend Requirements for Maine Technical  
College System Employees Participating in a Defined  
Contribution Plan"

(H.P. 1704) (L.D. 2410)  
Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, COTE of Lewiston,  
O'NEAL of Limestone, POVICH of Ellsworth, TRACY of Rome.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Limit the Duration that Businesses May Hire  
Employees as Temporary Employees"

(H.P. 1710) (L.D. 2416)  
Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, COTE of Lewiston,  
MATTHEWS of Winslow, O'NEAL of Limestone, POVICH of  
Ellsworth, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Bangor, TRACY of Rome.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Correct Inconsistencies of the Taxable Wage  
Amount in the Unemployment Compensation Law"

(H.P. 1713) (L.D. 2419)  
Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.  
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule  
204.

Bill "An Act to Provide Pension Equity for Mental Health  
Workers"



(H.P. 1724) (L.D. 2430)

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, COTE of Lewiston,  
O'NEAL of Limestone, POVICH of Ellsworth, RINES of  
Wiscasset, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Bangor, TRACY of Rome.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Change the Retirement Eligibility  
Requirements for Certain Employees of the Department of  
Environmental Protection"

(H.P. 1725) (L.D. 2431)

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.  
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, COTE of Lewiston,  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MATTHEWS of Winslow, SAMSON of  
Jay, Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, TREAT of  
Kennebec.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Bill "An Act to Improve the Working Effectiveness of the State  
Employee Health Commission"

(H.P. 1711) (L.D. 2417)

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, COTE of Lewiston,  
MATTHEWS of Winslow, TRACY of Rome.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **LABOR** suggested.

On motion of Representative HATCH of Skowhegan, the Bill  
was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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#### LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating Farm Wineries"  
(EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1701) (L.D. 2407)

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Control of the Revenue Generated  
by Games of Chance at the Agricultural Fairs"

(H.P. 1756) (L.D. 2462)

Presented by Representative CHIZMAR of Lisbon.  
Cosponsored by Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, DAGGETT of  
Kennebec.  
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint  
Rule 204.

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#### MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Dragging in a Portion of the Taunton  
River Area" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1745) (L.D. 2451)

Presented by Representative PINKHAM of Lamoine.

Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and  
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of  
Pembroke, VOLENIK of Brooklin.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Change the Aquaculture Lease Process"

(H.P. 1758) (L.D. 2464)

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke,  
PIEH of Bremen, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SKOGLUND of St.  
George, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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#### NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Revise the Funding of the Ground Water Oil  
Clean-up Fund"

(H.P. 1731) (L.D. 2437)

Presented by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell,  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake, McKEE of Wayne, Senators: LIBBY of  
York, NUTTING of Androscoggin.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Requirement of Notice in the  
Acquisition of Solid Waste Hauling, Incineration Residue  
Disposal and Related Assets"

(H.P. 1736) (L.D. 2442)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.  
Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant  
to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Credit Certain Penalties Levied by the  
Department of Environmental Protection to the Lakes Heritage  
Trust Fund"

(H.P. 1764) (L.D. 2470)

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.  
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and  
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DAIGLE of Arundel,  
DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, FULLER of Manchester, MARTIN of  
Eagle Lake, THOMPSON of Naples, Senators: PARADIS of  
Aroostook, TREAT of Kennebec.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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#### STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Process for a County Bond  
Referendum Election"

(H.P. 1706) (L.D. 2412)

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.  
Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and  
Representatives: MAYO of Bath, McALEVEY of Waterboro,  
O'NEAL of Limestone, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TUTTLE of  
Sanford, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator: LIBBY of York.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study and Establish Moral Policies on Investments and Purchasing by the State

(H.P. 1755) (L.D. 2461)

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BRYANT of Dixfield, DAVIS of Falmouth, KANE of Saco, RICHARD of Madison, RINES of Wiscasset, SAMSON of Jay, STANLEY of Medway.

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

Resolve, to Recognize Veterans of the Vietnam War in the State House Hall of Flags

(H.P. 1765) (L.D. 2471)

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden.

Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: KNEELAND of Easton, MURPHY of Kennebunk, Senator: KONTOS of Cumberland.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Police Assistance in Emergency Situations"

(H.P. 1767) (L.D. 2480)

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CAMERON of Rumford, COLWELL of Gardiner, GAGNON of Waterville, LEMONT of Kittery, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MURPHY of Kennebunk, WHEELER of Eliot, Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, KONTOS of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

Bill "An Act to Encourage Energy Efficiency in Government Facilities"

(H.P. 1740) (L.D. 2446)

Presented by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick.

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

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

### TAXATION

Bill "An Act to Create Employment Opportunities by Clarifying Maine's Tax Laws Regarding Mutual Fund Companies"

(H.P. 1694) (L.D. 2400)

Presented by Representative SAXL of Bangor.

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow the Legislature to Provide for Assessment of Property Used for Commercial Fishing at Current Use

(H.P. 1716) (L.D. 2422)

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, HONEY of Boothbay, LEMONT of Kittery, LINDAHL of Northport, PERKINS of Penobscot, POWERS of Rockport, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MacKINNON of York.

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

Bill "An Act to Institute Current Use Taxation on all Agricultural Land"

(H.P. 1720) (L.D. 2426)

Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, COWGER of Hallowell, GAGNON of Waterville, LEMONT of Kittery, PIEH of Bremen, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, KIEFFER of Aroostook.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Tax Increment Financing to Encourage Downtown Investment"

(H.P. 1739) (L.D. 2445)

Presented by Representative GAGNON of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, O'NEAL of Limestone, Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec.

Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Reduce the State Rate for Tax on Telecommunications Personal Property" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1752) (L.D. 2458)

Presented by Representative GAGNON of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, KNEELAND of Easton, LEMONT of Kittery, Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

Bill "An Act to Promote the Economic Security of Maine Citizens"

(H.P. 1753) (L.D. 2459)

Presented by Representative SAXL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives ANDREWS of York, MACK of Standish, Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker ROWE of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, Senators: President LAWRENCE of York, 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 Establish Criteria for Tax Incentive Programs"

(H.P. 1754) (L.D. 2460)

Presented by Representative GAGNON of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, STANLEY of Medway.

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Access Fees on Tree Growth Lands"  
(H.P. 1775) (L.D. 2486)

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.  
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DUNLAP of Old Town, GREEN of Monmouth, JOY of Crystal, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: LIBBY of York, RUHLIN of Penobscot.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative GAGNON of Waterville, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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### TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act to Maintain Maine's Traditional Town Line Signs"  
(H.P. 1707) (L.D. 2413)

Presented by Representative RINES of Wiscasset.  
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, GREEN of Monmouth, HATCH of Skowhegan, MURPHY of Kennebunk, PIEH of Bremen, SAXL of Portland, Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Repair and Inspection Standards for Punctured Tires"  
(H.P. 1732) (L.D. 2438)

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, PIEH of Bremen, SHIAH of Bowdoinham.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Restrict Passengers in the Vehicle of a Newly Licensed Driver"  
(H.P. 1744) (L.D. 2450)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Union.  
Cosponsored by Representative: SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.  
Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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### UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act to Expand the Opportunities for State Companies to Provide Distributed Electric Generation Services"  
(H.P. 1691) (L.D. 2397)

Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.  
Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and Representative: ROSEN of Bucksport, Senator: MITCHELL of Penobscot.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Delay the Start-up Date for Implementing Electric Metering and Billing Competition"  
(H.P. 1697) (L.D. 2403)

Presented by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Renewable Resources Requirement for Electricity Providers under the Electric Restructuring Laws"

(H.P. 1703) (L.D. 2409)

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, ETNIER of Harpswell, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SAXL of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KILKELLY of Lincoln, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Certain Public Utilities to Extend Their Service into Areas Served by Other Public Utilities"

(H.P. 1705) (L.D. 2411)

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.  
Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York and Representative: RICHARD of Madison, Senator: LIBBY of York.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Relating to Underground Facility Plants"

(H.P. 1721) (L.D. 2427)

Presented by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick.  
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Make Certain Public Utility Commission Rules Routine Technical Rules"

(H.P. 1722) (L.D. 2428)

Presented by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick.  
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Maine's Historic Districts by Efficiently Installing Underground Delivery Systems During Road Construction"

(H.P. 1769) (L.D. 2482)

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.  
Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BULL of Freeport, COLLINS of Wells, GAGNON of Waterville, KANE of Saco, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, O'NEIL of Saco, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senators: O'GARA of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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### ORDERS

On motion of Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1773) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Berwick, PERKINS of Penobscot, RINES of Wiscasset, STANLEY of Medway, USHER of Westbrook)

**ORDERED**, the Senate concurring, that the Committee to Study the Need for Protection of Hunters and Anglers from Harassment and Terrorizing is established as follows.

**1. Committee to Study the Need for Protection of Hunters and Anglers from Harassment and Terrorizing established.** The Committee to Study the Need for Protection of Hunters and Anglers from Harassment and Terrorizing, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

**2. Membership.** The committee consists of the following 7 members:

- A. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, each of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- B. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, each of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- C. One representative of the Sportsmen's Alliance of Maine, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;
- D. One representative of the public who is in the sports camp industry, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House; and
- E. One representative of the sports fishing industry, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

**3. Appointments; chairs; convening of committee.** The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. The first member of the Senate named is the Senate chair and the first member of the House of Representatives named is the House chair. The first meeting must be called by the chairs no later than February 1, 2000.

**4. Duties.** The committee shall:

- A. Study vandalism against sports camps, hunters and anglers by persons or groups who vandalize or destroy property for the purpose of terrorizing; and
- B. Determine whether current laws and court sanctions adequately protect the persons who are threatened.

**5. Staff assistance.** Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the committee.

**6. Compensation.** Members of the committee who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the committee. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of the committee.

**7. Report.** The committee shall submit a report along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than March 31, 2000. The Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may introduce legislation during the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. If the committee requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

**8. Committee budget.** The chairs of the committee, with assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the committee budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not

incur expenses that would result in the committee exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the committee, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee shall provide the committee chairs and staff with a status report on the committee budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

**READ.**

On motion of the same Representative, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

Sent for concurrence.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested.

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On motion of Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1774) (Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, COLWELL of Gardiner, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, O'NEAL of Limestone, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of Westbrook, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec)

**ORDERED**, the Senate concurring, that the Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices is established as follows.

**1. Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices established.** The Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

**2. Committee membership.** The committee consists of 13 members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

- A. Three members from the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation;
- B. Two members from the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy;
- C. Two members from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs;
- D. Two members from the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government;
- E. Two members from the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs; and
- F. Two members for the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

**3. Chairs.** The first Senate member named is the Senate chair and the first House of Representatives member named is the House chair.

**4. Appointments; convening.** All appointments must be made no later than 10 days following the effective date of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the study commission shall call and convene the first meeting of the study commission no later than February 1, 2000.

**5. Duties.** The committee shall:

- A. Gather information on the increase of fuel oil prices;
- B. Gather information on the increase of gasoline prices; and
- C. Study and gauge the effect and impact of these price increases on the people of the State;

**6. Staff assistance.** Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the committee.

**7. Compensation.** Members of the committee who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as

defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the committee.

**8. Report.** The committee shall submit a report along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than the first week in April 2000. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may introduce legislation during the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. If the committee requires a limited extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

**9. Committee budget.** The chairs of the committee, with assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the committee budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not incur expenses that would result in the committee exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the committee, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee shall provide the committee chairs and staff with a status report on the committee budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

**READ.**

On motion of the same Representative, **REFERRED** to the **TRANSPORTATION**.

Sent for concurrence.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested.

#### SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

##### In Memory of:

Vincent H. Beeaker, of Lewiston, a good, old-fashioned doctor who truly cared and who was known to everyone as "Doc B." Doc B was a very good man who was recognized by the community as a person always willing and able to serve the people. Doc B served in Lewiston for 57 years as a family practitioner. He also served as the city physician for nearly 40 years. In 1979 he received a gold watch and was honored as Lewiston's longest-serving employee. Doc B will be missed by all who knew him;

(HLS 936)

Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin, Representative MAILHOT of Lewiston, Representative CÔTE of Lewiston, Representative MENDROS of Lewiston, Representative BOUFFARD of Lewiston, Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative O'Brien.

Representative **O'BRIEN**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I would like us to recognize Dr. Beeaker because he was a very unusual man, doctor and citizen of Lewiston. He always had office hours for people who could come to it. It wasn't a matter of whether you could pay or what your insurance was. It was a matter that he was a doctor and if you had a medical problem, he was there to serve. We are very thankful in

Lewiston that he was there. He will be greatly missed. Thank you.

**ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

##### Change of Committee

Representative TOWNSEND from the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Encourage Expanded Use of Maine's Port Facilities"

(H.P. 1553) (L.D. 2210)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Sent for concurrence.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Wednesday, January 5, 2000, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continues with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

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

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

(Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested)

**TABLED** - Wednesday, January 5, 2000 (Till Later Today) by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone.

**PENDING - REFERENCE.**

On motion of Representative O'NEAL of Limestone, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

#### SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 919)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn they do so until Monday, January 24, 2000 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

**READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Camp Lot Leases to Include a Clear Statement of Fact"

(S.P. 917) (L.D. 2369)

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the Natural Resources Information and Mapping Center to More Accurately Reflect its Roles and Duties and to Correct Inconsistent Statutes"

(S.P. 925) (L.D. 2376)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Maine Board of Optometry" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 907) (L.D. 2359)

Bill "An Act to Enhance Biomedical Research in Maine"

(S.P. 913) (L.D. 2365)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Misuse of Mortuary Trust Funds"

(S.P. 922) (L.D. 2373)

Bill "An Act to Allow Maine Pharmacies to Operate more Efficiently and Improve the Delivery of Services"

(S.P. 935) (L.D. 2385)

Bill "An Act Relating to Licensing Board Fees"

(S.P. 938) (L.D. 2388)

Bill "An Act to License Cued Speech Transliterators for the Deaf and Hard-of-hearing"

(S.P. 948) (L.D. 2478)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish State Death Benefits for State Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty"

(S.P. 910) (L.D. 2362)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Create Equity in Access to Secondary Education"

(S.P. 914) (L.D. 2366)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Qualifying Examination for Initial Teacher Certification"

(S.P. 937) (L.D. 2387)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Background Checks and Fingerprinting for School District Employees and Volunteers"

(S.P. 951) (L.D. 2490)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish a Deer Hunting Season in the Town of Cranberry Isles"

(S.P. 936) (L.D. 2386)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Allow the Court Discretion in Providing Information to Parents or Custodians of a Child Removed from

Their Home by the Department of Human Services" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 944) (L.D. 2474)

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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Bill "An Act Regarding Length of Service for Retirement Benefits for State Police Officers"

(S.P. 911) (L.D. 2363)

Bill "An Act to Restore Early Retirement Options for Teachers"

(S.P. 912) (L.D. 2364)

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Allow a State Agency to Accept a Donated Item and Conduct a Raffle to Benefit Fish and Wildlife Conservation Projects"

(S.P. 920) (L.D. 2371)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Regulate the Sea Cucumber Fishery" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 921) (L.D. 2372)

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Rid Maine's Waters of Ocean Vessel Sewage"

(S.P. 924) (L.D. 2375)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Contamination from Home Heating Oil Tanks"

(S.P. 927) (L.D. 2377)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of Oil Terminal Facilities" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 947) (L.D. 2477)

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 Require Expenditure of Designated Funds for the Purpose for which the Legislature Designated the Funds"

(S.P. 932) (L.D. 2382)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program"

(S.P. 905) (L.D. 2357)

Bill "An Act to Allow State Pharmacies a Tax Credit for Unreimbursed Medicaid Costs"

(S.P. 909) (L.D. 2361)

Bill "An Act to Protect State Taxpayers and State Jobs"

(S.P. 934) (L.D. 2384)

Bill "An Act to Simplify the Approval Process of Existing State Tax Increment Financing Districts"

(S.P. 941) (L.D. 2391)

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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Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Transportation Laws"

(S.P. 918) (L.D. 2370)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Fuel Deliveries by Allowing Fuel Delivery Vehicles to Travel on Posted Roads"

(S.P. 931) (L.D. 2381)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalty for Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident"

(S.P. 942) (L.D. 2472)

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Archaic and Unenforced Laws Related to the Duties of the Secretary of State"

(S.P. 903) (L.D. 2355)

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Implementation of the E-9-1-1 System" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 939) (L.D. 2389)

Bill "An Act to Promote the Use of an Advocate Staff"

(S.P. 943) (L.D. 2473)

Bill "An Act to Support E-9-1-1 Database Development and Maintenance and to Lower Fees Charged to Users for Equipment Replacement Costs"

(S.P. 949) (L.D. 2488)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Public Law**

**Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources**

Report of the **Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources** pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 7, section 16 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Regarding Elver Fishing Licenses" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 904) (L.D. 2356)

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

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Statute**  
**Maine Turnpike Authority**

Report of the **Maine Turnpike Authority** pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2001"

(S.P. 950) (L.D. 2489)

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

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Ban Smoking in Enclosed Areas of Places Licensed for the Sale of Food or Alcohol"

(S.P. 906) (L.D. 2358)

Bill "An Act to Provide Equitable Delivery of Mental Health Services"

(S.P. 908) (L.D. 2360)

Bill "An Act to Promote Bone Marrow Donation"

(S.P. 916) (L.D. 2368)

Bill "An Act to Establish an Office of Women's Health"

(S.P. 923) (L.D. 2374)

Bill "An Act to Encourage Assisted Living Facilities Projects in the State"

(S.P. 945) (L.D. 2475)

Bill "An Act to Promote Improvements to and Evaluation of Services by Long-term Care Providers"

(S.P. 946) (L.D. 2476)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Provide for Safety in the Maine Conservation Corps"

(S.P. 915) (L.D. 2367)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Establishing a Budget Stabilization Fund

(S.P. 928) (L.D. 2378)

Bill "An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission on Performance Budgeting"

(S.P. 930) (L.D. 2380)

Bill "An Act to Help Support the Medical Ride Volunteer Service"

(S.P. 933) (L.D. 2383)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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

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On motion of Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston, the House adjourned at 10:26 a.m., until 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2000 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 919) and in honor and lasting tribute to Vincent H. Beeaker, of Lewiston.