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The following communications were received in the Office of the Clerk for inclusion into the Journal and Record of the 120th Legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communication (H.C. 500)

TOWN OF SEBAGO

406 BRIDGTON RD.

SEBAGO, ME 04029

STATE OF MAINE

TOWN OF SEBAGO

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2002

Article 78. To see if the Town will adopt Resolution #03-04 a resolution in support of Universal Health Care. (Submitted by a citizen.) (See attached)

Christine Balchunas made a motion that the town adopt Resolution #03-04 in support of **Universal Health Care**. It was seconded by Maurice Geoffrey. This resolution states that the Town would support the idea of universal health care. Motion carried.

June 1, 2002

Attest: S/Michele A. Bukoveckas-Clerk

ARTICLE 78

Town of Sebago

Resolution #03-04

**Resolution Supporting the Creation
of a Universal Health Care System**

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town of Sebago vote at the June 1, 2002 town meeting to support the creation of a Universal Health Care system;

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has enacted a planning statute to examine the means for implementing a single payer health care system;

WHEREAS, the prescription drug reforms already enacted by the State of Maine are under legal action by the pharmaceutical companies;

WHEREAS, in Maine, the non-profit model of health insurance is quickly disappearing;

WHEREAS, we know that other developed countries, including our neighbor Canada, face less than half our costs for health care, live longer lives, and have a lower infant mortality rate;

WHEREAS, in Maine, there are residents who are uninsured or inadequately insured, including Medicare benefits, who lack access to prescription drug coverage and long term care coverage;

WHEREAS, the lack of a system of universal health care results in increased illness, and health care costs increase the financial insecurity of working families and small businesses:

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that it is the policy of the Town of Sebago that health care is an essential safeguard of human life and dignity and that there is an obligation for society to ensure that every person has the ability to realize that right; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a system of universal health care would provide all residents with comprehensive health care coverage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town shall take all appropriate steps to encourage establishment of such a system by the state and federal governments; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Town of Sebago shall forthwith transmit a copy of this RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM and a certified copy of the results of the vote to the Clerk of the Maine House of Representatives, as a

submission of a petition of the citizens of Sebago, Maine, to the Maine Legislature.

Adopted this 1st day of June, 2002

Attest: S/Michele A. Bukoveckas, Town Clerk

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The following Communication (H.C. 501)

STATE OF MAINE

ANGUS S. KING, JR., GOVERNOR

RICHARD A. BENNETT, SENATE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL H. MICHAUD, SENATE PRESIDENT PRO

TEMPORE

MICHAEL V. SAXL, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

September 5, 2002

Clerk Millicent MacFarland

Maine House of Representatives

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 34-B, Section 15004, we are pleased to appoint Ms. Ellie Goldberg of Maine Children's Alliance, 303 State Street, Augusta, Maine 04330 to the Children's Mental Health Oversight Committee as the representative of a statewide organization that advocates for children.

Sincerely yours,

S/Senator Richard A. Bennett

President of the Senate

S/Representative Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

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The following Communication (H.C. 502)

STATE OF MAINE

ANGUS S. KING, JR., GOVERNOR

RICHARD A. BENNETT, SENATE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL V. SAXL, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

November 18, 2002

Millicent MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 10, Section 929-A, we have appointed Susan Ann Gendron, Superintendent of Schools for the Windham School Department, of 27 Spiller Hill Road in Raymond, to the Maine Economic Growth Council to fill the vacancy created by Betsy Levinson's resignation last year. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Angus S. King, Jr.

Governor of Maine

S/Senator Richard A. Bennett

President of the Senate

S/Representative Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

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The following Communication (H.C. 503)

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

November 20, 2002
Honorable Millicent MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law 2001, Ch. 677 I am pleased to appoint Joe Ditre to serve as a member of the Maine Small Business Health Coverage Plan Board.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

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The following Communication (H.C. 504)

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

November 27, 2002
Honorable Millicent MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under 5 M.R.S.A., § 12004-I, I am pleased to appoint Shirley Powell of Hanover to serve as a public member of the Consumer Health Care Advisory Council.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

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The following Communication (H.C. 505)

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

November 22, 2002
Honorable Millicent MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under P.L. 2001, Chapter 439, Part PPPP, I am pleased to appoint Keith Rollings of Westbrook and Britney Dupee of Portland to the Legislative Youth Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

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The following Communication (H.C. 506)

**STATE OF MAINE
MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
24 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0024**

October 1, 2002

Senate President Bennett

Senate President Pro Tempore Michaud

Speaker of the House Saxl

Members of the 120th Maine Legislature:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA Section 13070-J, the State Tax Assessor is required to submit a report to the Legislature identifying the amount of revenues foregone as the result of the Jobs and Investment Tax Credit (JITC) and the Research Expense Tax Credit (R&D), and public funds spent on the Business Property Tax Reimbursement Program (BETR). Attached are three Reports providing you with this information.

The first table lists corporations that reduced their Maine income tax liability with the JITC and/or the R&D credit in tax year 2000, as well as the value of the credits. Table II lists the number of individual filers that reduced their Maine income tax liability with the JITC or the R&D credit in tax year 2000. Tax year 2000 is the last year for which we have full information on both corporate and individual filers. Statutes governing the release of confidential taxpayer information prevent us from reporting the names of the corporations or individuals that benefited from these tax credits.

The third attachment is a computer printout of BETR recipients. For purposes of this report, businesses that received reimbursement during calendar year 2001 are listed. Of the 2,013 businesses that received a BETR reimbursement during calendar year 2001, 237 received a reimbursement of \$10,000 or more, requiring them to report to the EDIC. Firms receiving a BETR reimbursement greater than or equal to \$10,000 represent 12% of recipients and 77% of the total BETR expenditure in calendar year 2001.

If you have any questions on this report please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Anthony J. Neves

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