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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
17th Legislative Day
Wednesday, February 28, 2001

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

Prayer by Pastor Dennis Gonczy, Evangelical Baptist Church, Bucksport.

National Anthem by Loranger Middle School Jazz Band, Old Orchard Beach.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day William Bergen, D.O., Presque Isle.

The Journal of Thursday, February 22, 2001 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 340)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs review the first election cycle under the Maine Clean Election Act. In studying the issue, the committee shall solicit testimony from Legislators, 2000 candidates and any other concerned parties. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall provide necessary information, including a financial breakdown. The committee shall report out, to the Senate, a bill implementing the committee's recommendations no later than April 15, 2002.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, Establishing a Minimum Pay Grade Increase for State Police Officers (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 743) (L.D. 962)

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in the House on February 20, 2001.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Quality and Accessibility of HIV Services and Prevention Services"

(H.P. 779) (L.D. 1023)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in the House on February 20, 2001.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 61)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE**

February 20, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 100 Resolve, to Study the Expansion of Private Prescription Drug Insurance for Maine's Elderly

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lloyd P. LaFountain III

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Christopher P. O'Neil

House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 62)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 20, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate

Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House

120th Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 35 An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents and Other Family Members of Adults with Mental Retardation

L.D. 90 An Act to Clarify the Provision of Mental Health Services

L.D. 137 An Act to Provide Accountability in the Handling of Funds for Consumers of Mental Health Services

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan W. Longley

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Thomas J. Kane

House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 63)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

February 20, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate

Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House

120th Maine Legislature

State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 20 An Act to Increase the Pay-out Limit for Bingo Events

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Neria R. Douglass
Senate Chair
S/Rep. John L. Tuttle, Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 138 An Act to Exempt Sales of Clothing from Tax for 2 Weeks in August

L.D. 171 An Act to Require the State to Reimburse Communities and Unorganized Territories for Loss of Tax Revenue when the State Purchases 100 Acres or More of Land

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Kenneth T. Gagnon
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Bonnie Green
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 64)
**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

February 20, 2001
Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 58 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Direct Popular Election of the Attorney General

L.D. 63 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide 4-year Terms for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Peggy A. Pendleton
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Martha A. Bagley
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 66)
**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

February 20, 2001
Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 140 An Act to Require the Commissioner of Transportation to Accelerate Repairs that Improve Access Roads to Rural Areas of the State

L.D. 148 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Place Signs for Chamberlain Freedom Park on Existing Signposts on Interstates 95 and 395

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Christine R. Savage
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Charles D. Fisher
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 65)
**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

February 20, 2001
Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Following Communication: (H.C. 67)
**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

February 23, 2001
Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate
Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House
120th Maine Legislature
State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 136 An Act to Increase the Adult Education State Subsidy by a Specific Percentage

L.D. 146 An Act to Promote High Technology Training Programs in Maine Schools

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jill M. Goldthwait

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Randall L. Berry

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 68)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE**

February 23, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate

Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House

120th Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 142 An Act to Ensure that Persons Issuing Bad Checks are Solely Responsible for Overdraft Charges

L.D. 175 An Act to Require a Separate Long-term Care Insurance License

L.D. 208 An Act to Amend the Uninsured Motor Vehicle Coverage Requirements

L.D. 256 An Act to Limit the Interest Rate Charged on Debt to 29 Percent

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Lloyd P. LaFountain III

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Christopher P. O'Neil

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 69)

STATE OF MAINE

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

February 22, 2001

Hon. Millicent MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under P.L. 1999, Chapter 779, subsection 1670, I am pleased to appoint the following House members to serve on the Mercury Products Advisory Committee: Representative Scott W. Cowger of Hallowell, House Chair; and Representative Robert A. Daigle of Arundel. Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 70)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

February 23, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud, President of the Senate

Honorable Michael V. Saxl, Speaker of the House

120th Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 239 An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Wetlands Use

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John L. Martin

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott W. Cowger

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 71)

STATE OF MAINE

120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 26, 2001

Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to our authority under 3 MRSA §901-A, we are pleased to appoint the Honorable Richard J. "Spike" Carey of Belgrade and Gary Crocker of West Gardiner to the State House and Capitol Parks Commission.

Please let us know if there any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Michael H. Michaud

President of the Senate

S/Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 341)
STATE OF MAINE

120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 22, 2001

Hon. Betheda G. Edmonds
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Labor
Hon. Zachary E. Matthews
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Labor
120th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Edmonds and Representative Matthews:
Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Eunice C. Mercier of Augusta and Peter M. Leslie of Cape Elizabeth for appointment as members of the Maine State Retirement Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, M.R.S.A. §17102, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,
S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

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

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 342)
STATE OF MAINE

120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 22, 2001

Hon. Norman K. Ferguson, Jr.
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on
Utilities and Energy
Hon. William R. Savage
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on
Utilities and Energy
120th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Ferguson and Representative Savage:
Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Stephen L. Diamond of Gardiner for reappointment as Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, M.R.S.A. §105, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,
S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

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

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 64)
120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0003

February 22, 2001

The Honorable Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Saxl:

In accordance with Joint Rule 506, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed upon recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary the nomination of the Honorable Roland Beaudoin of Falmouth, for reappointment as a Maine District Court Judge

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

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the following members of the Girls' Lacrosse Team at Bonny Eagle High School: Jessica Pellerin, Anna Korsen, Heather Andrews, Michelle King, Caitlyn McNeil, Jennifer Basford, Kristen Martin, Colleen Morgan, Amy Christensen, Melinda Burnell, Heidi Ritter, Ashley Pellerin, Angela King, Emily Souza, Emily Deering, Maegan Lambert, Loren Bowley, Elaine McCarthy, Caitlyn Sherry, Shanna Fuller, Jessica Verostick, Courtney Boardman, Alicia Frenette, Brook Bowley and coaches Florence Smith and Faith Littlefield, winners of the Class A 2000 State Lacrosse Championship. We extend our congratulations to them on their achievement;

(HLS 104)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Representative HAWES of Standish, Senator McALEVEY of York, Senator O'GARA of Cumberland, Representative TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, Representative DAIGLE of Arundel, Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SAVAGE of Buxton, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buxton, Representative Savage.

Representative **SAVAGE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Several of us in this body have the distinct privilege of representing the communities that belong to Bonny Eagle High School. Among Bonny Eagle High School's fine teachers and coaches, there are two, Coach Littlefield and Coach Smith, who develop scholars and athletes. They develop people who will become distinguished members of the community. This year, those girls who are in the gallery today were the state champions, lacrosse champions. We are very proud of them and

we are glad they could come here today to receive this sentiment. We wish them luck in the future. Thank you.

PASSED and sent for concurrence.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Quint who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **QUINT**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I would like to take this opportunity to express my condolences and sympathy to the family of Bob Ganley, Sr. Bob Ganley was a great man who was the City Manager of Portland for many years. He loved the City of Portland. He was dedicated and passionate and fiercely held his opinions about how things should be done in the city, that was his way. Although often times people would only see the steadfast and serious side of Bob, there was another side. Bob was a tireless advocate for Portland's homeless ensuring that everyone had a place to stay every night. He was an advocate for our newcomers to the city, both refugees and immigrants and made them feel welcome. He was a strong and passionate advocate for public health and long-term care and because of that, Portland is one of two cities that has a long-term care facility, one of the best in the state. Finally, he was not a man who did not take risks. Portland was the first city in the state to have a needle exchange program for HIV/AIDS and needle users.

I would like to take this opportunity to read the memoriam that is dedicated to Bob Ganley. "Robert B. Ganley, City Manager of Portland for the past 14 years, who leaves a legacy of effective leadership and who possessed a deep commitment to his city, its employees and especially its residents. Mr. Ganley had a clear vision of what makes an attractive, exciting and properly functioning city and of the critical role local government has in making this possible. He believed passionately that taxpayers are deserving of excellent city services, trusted implicitly the knowledge and intentions of rank-and-file employees and was committed to the city's homeless in a way unparalleled in the State and rare nationally. He had a long list of achievements during his years in office, including a successful downtown revitalization, changes in city programs and services to make them more responsive to the needs of immigrants and people of different cultural backgrounds and the construction of Hadlock Field as home to the Portland Sea Dogs." It is with great sadness that I read this to you today. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Norbert who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **NORBERT**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to add my voice and praise of Bob Ganley as well. As many of you know and as the good Representative from Portland, Representative Quint, just reminded you, the City of Portland lost a great visionary leader just before Christmas this year. His loss was as tragic as it was unexpected. Bob Ganley worked very closely with the members of the legislative delegation in trying to improve the city, its services and its place in the state. He, I am proud to say, was my constituent. He lived just down the road from me in North Deering. I was proud to represent him and always enjoyed our conversations. As Representative Quint mentioned, he was a

great leader on so many projects that have changed the face of the city. The Sea Dogs, working with our homeless community, our immigrants, revitalizing the downtown and there are a lot of projects on the horizon that he was very excited about. I know the Ocean Gate Marine Terminal at the foot of India Street was something that he was working hard on. We are honored to have his family in the gallery today. We wanted to be sure that they knew that this is a man who will be missed very much. We know that it is still very hard for you, I am sure, to hear these words today. We wanted to just let you know how much he will be missed and how much he meant to all of us. I know that his children, Amy, Jill and Bob Jr. up are up in the gallery. His parents, his brothers with their wives, his nieces and nephews and his former wife are up there too. We just all wanted to make sure that you knew that he will be missed. Mr. Speaker, I would request that when we adjourn today that we would do so in the memory of Bob Ganley.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative McDonough who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **MCDONOUGH**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to stand before you this morning and speak to you about the friendship that I had with Bob Ganley. As you all know, Bob was the City Manager of Portland. I had the pleasure of working with him for six years as a City Councilor. The year that I was Mayor, Bob and I worked on a daily basis together. He was really a mentor to me. As you all know, we see it every year when we come into this organization that you need people to help you and show the ropes and give you advice and lead you along until you tend to grow in what you are doing. Bob was a master at doing that. Bob was very compassionate. His bark was certainly much greater than his bite was. Whenever you had a problem, Bob was one of those individuals you could sit down with, rationalize with him and he would really give you excellent advice as to how to sort through whatever the problem and opportunity that you had. It was my great pleasure to have worked with Bob. The City of Portland is certainly going to miss him, his leadership and his style. I also would like to extend my condolences to the family of Bob. Bob is going to be missed. Thank you very much.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Dudley who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **DUDLEY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I am sad to say that in my brief term in public service for the City of Portland and for the people of the City of Portland, I did not get an opportunity to become closely acquainted with City Manager Bob Ganley. I would like to rise today and express my sympathy to his family and speak to my impressions of Robert Ganley. I was impressed by his high professionalism, his quiet dignity and his no nonsense approach to working tirelessly for the City of Portland. He is, in my estimation, irreplaceable. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **DUPLESSIE**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise and am honored to speak on this occasion in memory of City Manager Bob Ganley. As a 27-year employee of the City of Portland as a firefighter, I have the utmost respect for Mr. Ganley. Mr. Ganley was always concerned about the employees first, number one, the moral of the employees. During the early 1990s when the state had financial problems, the City of Portland had financial problems. Bob Ganley was deeply, deeply troubled of how to solve some of the problems and the potential of having to lay off employees. He was concerned for those employees. Many of the unions worked with Bob Ganley and found ways around to solve the problems. He would always call the unions in and was up front and laid out the agenda and tried to work with everyone. Most of the time he accomplished that. I negotiated contracts around the state in many communities for quite a few years for firefighters. I did grievances. I often mentioned to other city managers the positive attitude in the City of Portland. How Bob Ganley came to that city and changed the attitude of labor relations around.

At the memorial service for Bob Ganley, his son, Bob Jr., read the acceptance letter that Bob had written to the City Councilors in Portland when he accepted the job as City Manager some 15 years ago. It is very telling in that acceptance letter and one of the first things that Bob mentions to the City Councilors is that he was employee orientated. Concerns for the employees would be one of his top priorities. For a manager to put that right up front, makes me very proud. The employees were definitely very blessed to have such a manager as Bob Ganley. We will all miss him greatly.

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

Representative **MARLEY**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today I am not speaking as a legislator, but as a resident of Portland. Like Representative Dudley, I did not know Bob in a professional manner, but I did see my city progress under his leadership and it will be greatly missed. He was a good man and a decent man. I think you have all heard that and I hope the family has heard that today. We just want the family to know that they are in our thoughts and our prayers. Thank you.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills and Resolves 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:

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security and to Increase the Viability of Maine's Farms and Improve Nutrition"

(H.P. 875) (L.D. 1154)

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, MENDROS of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, POVICH of Ellsworth, QUINT of Portland, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

Bill "An Act to Legalize Hemp for Agricultural Purposes"

(H.P. 882) (L.D. 1174)

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DUDLEY of Portland, HAWES of Standish, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SIMPSON of Auburn, THOMAS of Orono, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

Bill "An Act to Protect Against Contamination of Crops and Wild Plant Populations by Genetically Engineered Plants"

(H.P. 952) (L.D. 1266)

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, CHICK of Lebanon, COWGER of Hallowell, HAWES of Standish, JONES of Greenville, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PINEAU of Jay, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act to Provide for Maintenance of State-owned Land and Facilities"

(H.P. 955) (L.D. 1269)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.

Cosponsored by Representative: DUNLAP of Old Town.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Support the Building Alternatives Program"

(H.P. 870) (L.D. 1149)

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, MUSE of South Portland, POVICH of Ellsworth, ROSEN of Bucksport.

Bill "An Act to Make Improvements in the Budget Process"

(H.P. 919) (L.D. 1233)

Presented by Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, WINSOR of Norway.

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

Bill "An Act to Address the Crisis in Personnel, Insurance and Heating Costs in the Provision of Community Mental Health Services"

(H.P. 956) (L.D. 1270)

Presented by Representative BERRY of Livermore.

Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Legal Services Related to Domestic Abuse" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 971) (L.D. 1295)

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.

Cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLWELL of Gardiner, JONES of Greenville, SIMPSON of Auburn.

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Bill "An Act to Amend the Standard Valuation Law for Life Insurance and to Restrict Limitation of Liability for Death by Suicide in Group Life Insurance Policies"

(H.P. 873) (L.D. 1152)

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: GLYNN of South Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Single-payor Health Care System"

(H.P. 964) (L.D. 1277)

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin.

Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, BRYANT of Dixfield, DUDLEY of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, PINKHAM of Lamoine, Speaker SAXL of Portland, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: GAGNON of Kennebec.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Arborist Licensing Laws"

(H.P. 899) (L.D. 1191)

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: GOOLEY of Farmington, PINEAU of Jay, Senator: GAGNON of Kennebec.

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

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Observance of Veterans' Holidays"

(H.P. 937) (L.D. 1251)

Presented by Representative BOUFFARD of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, COTE of Lewiston, DUGAY of Cherryfield, HEIDRICH of Oxford, JODREY of Bethel, McDONOUGH of Portland, McGOWAN of Pittsfield, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Importation of Wreaths Made in Canada"

(H.P. 967) (L.D. 1291)

Presented by Representative COLLINS of Wells.

Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLARK of Millinocket, FISHER of Brewer, GOODWIN of Pembroke, WHEELER of Bridgewater, YOUNG of Limestone, Senator: SAVAGE of Knox.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Licensure of Dental Hygienists"

(H.P. 975) (L.D. 1299)

Presented by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senator: LONGLEY of Waldo.

Bill "An Act to Update the Maine Consumer Credit Code Regarding Rental-purchase Agreements"

(H.P. 877) (L.D. 1156)

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Disclosure of Company Information and Appointment of a Registered Agent in Maine by Persons or Business Entities Selling or Leasing Goods or Services via the Internet"

(H.P. 913) (L.D. 1227)

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUNLAP of Old Town, NORBERT of Portland, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAVAGE of Buxton.

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

On motion of Representative HATCH of Skowhegan, TABLED pending REFERENCE and later today assigned.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Bail Laws for Repeat Offenders"

(H.P. 922) (L.D. 1236)

Presented by Representative TOBIN of Dexter.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, PEAVEY of Woolwich, QUINT of Portland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Supervised Community Confinement Program"

(H.P. 940) (L.D. 1254)

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.

Bill "An Act for Voluntary Testing for Hepatitis-C of Adult Prisoners in the Maine Correctional System"

(H.P. 968) (L.D. 1292)

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, DUGAY of Cherryfield, NUTTING of Oakland, QUINT of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senator: TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Properly Apply Jurisdiction of Chimney Regulation"

(H.P. 948) (L.D. 1262)

Presented by Representative BOWLES of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, FOSTER of Gray,

MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MORRISON of Baileyville.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** suggested.

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

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolve, to Establish a Political Education Program

(H.P. 891) (L.D. 1183)

Presented by Representative TRACY of Rome.

Bill "An Act to Guarantee Hot Lunches for Maine Students"

(H.P. 892) (L.D. 1184)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MENDROS of Lewiston, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Bill "An Act to Allow a School Board to Suspend a Student for Rest of Term for Violent Behavior"

(H.P. 909) (L.D. 1223)

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, GLYNN of South Portland, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the State's Truancy Law"

(H.P. 920) (L.D. 1234)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. (BY REQUEST)

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Education to Synchronize Secondary School Calendars with the Vocational Schools

(H.P. 925) (L.D. 1239)

Presented by Representative THOMAS of Orono.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, PERRY of Bangor, RINES of Wiscasset, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Promote Abstinence in Sex Education and through Public Education"

(H.P. 947) (L.D. 1261)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, DAVIS of Falmouth, FOSTER of Gray, GLYNN of South Portland, KASPRZAK of Newport, MENDROS of Lewiston, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Students Eligible for Free Tuition in the University of Maine System"

(H.P. 949) (L.D. 1263)

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.

Bill "An Act to Refine the Governance and Funding of the Education Research Institute"

(H.P. 950) (L.D. 1264)

Presented by Representative DESMOND of Mapleton.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, ESTES of Kittery, LEDWIN of Holden, RICHARD of Madison, SKOGLUND of St. George, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, STEDMAN of Hartland, Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Implement Changes in Cost-sharing Agreements in School Districts"

(H.P. 977) (L.D. 1301)

Presented by Representative RICHARD of Madison.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, DESMOND of Mapleton, ESTES of Kittery, WESTON of Montville.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Resolve, to Provide Adequate Reimbursement for Durable Medical Equipment

(H.P. 872) (L.D. 1151)

Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BROOKS of Winterport, CLOUGH of Scarborough, MADORE of Augusta, NASS of Acton, O'BRIEN of Augusta, WESTON of Montville, Senator: President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Exempt from the Smoking Ban Tobacconists Who Sell or Serve Food or Alcohol"

(H.P. 880) (L.D. 1172)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LABRECQUE of Gorham, LOVETT of Scarborough, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Adopt Rules Regarding the Indian Health Clinic

(H.P. 886) (L.D. 1178)

Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, HASKELL of Milford, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, NORBERT of Portland, SKOGLUND of St. George.

Bill "An Act to Improve Handicap Accessibility in Lodging in Maine"

(H.P. 888) (L.D. 1180)

Presented by Representative BELANGER of Caribou.

Cosponsored by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook and Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, NUTTING of Oakland, SHIELDS of Auburn.

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Human Services to Establish Guidelines Governing Procedures for Giving Injections

(H.P. 890) (L.D. 1182)

Presented by Representative TRACY of Rome.

Resolve, to Provide Access to Personal Care Assistant Home Care Services

(H.P. 895) (L.D. 1187)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, KANE of Saco, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PERKINS of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SIMPSON of Auburn, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Withdrawal of a Municipality from Hospital Administrative District No. 1 in Penobscot County"

(H.P. 896) (L.D. 1188)

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.

Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, HASKELL of Milford, STANLEY of Medway.

Bill "An Act to Alleviate the Shortage of Pediatric Dentists in Maine"

(H.P. 902) (L.D. 1194)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: KANE of Saco, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MAYO of Bath, MENDROS of Lewiston, PEAVEY of Woolwich, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WESTON of Montville, Senator: TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Continuity of Services from Private Nonmedical Institutions"

(H.P. 905) (L.D. 1219)

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: ETNIER of Harpswell.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount of Income That May Be Retained by a Nursing Home Resident"

(H.P. 912) (L.D. 1226)

Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BRYANT of Dixfield, BULL of Freeport, ESTES of Kittery, LABRECQUE of Gorham, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MURPHY of Berwick, STEDMAN of Hartland.

Bill "An Act to Provide an Advocate Program for Disabled Persons in Court-like Proceedings"

(H.P. 917) (L.D. 1231)

Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland. (BY REQUEST)

Resolve, to Provide Resources for Youth who are Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 923) (L.D. 1237)

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, MAYO of Bath, MUSE of South Portland, Senators: RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec.

Resolve, Concerning Consumers of Long-term Care Services Who Have Chronic Conditions that Change (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 926) (L.D. 1240)

Presented by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of York, HEIDRICH of Oxford, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, SCHNEIDER of Durham.

Bill "An Act to Adopt the Charitable Choice Provision in this State"

(H.P. 942) (L.D. 1256)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUPREY of Hampden, FOSTER of Gray, GLYNN of South Portland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TREADWELL of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Discourage Sales of Tobacco to Minors"

(H.P. 953) (L.D. 1267)

Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.

Cosponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, DUNLAP of Old Town, FULLER of Manchester, LOVETT of Scarborough, SHIELDS of Auburn, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act to Improve Services to Persons with Mental Retardation" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 954) (L.D. 1268)

Presented by Representative BERRY of Livermore.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, JONES of Greenville, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, President MICHAUD of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Restaurants for the Cost of Testing Water"

(H.P. 965) (L.D. 1289)

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BRUNO of Raymond, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAIGLE of Arundel, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MICHAEL of Auburn, PINKHAM of Lamoine, TREADWELL of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Child Ombudsman Office and Improve Child Protective Procedures"

(H.P. 976) (L.D. 1300)

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, LOVETT of Scarborough, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senators: SMALL of Sagadahoc, TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Access to Health Care in Maine"

(H.P. 978) (L.D. 1302)

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUDLEY of Portland, KANE of Saco, MAYO of Bath, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, President MICHAUD of Penobscot, TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Health Care"
(H.P. 979) (L.D. 1303)

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUDLEY of Portland,
KANE of Saco, MAYO of Bath, Senators: BROMLEY of
Cumberland, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, President MICHAUD
of Penobscot, TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Criminalize the Unauthorized Use of Food
Stamp Devices"
(H.P. 898) (L.D. 1190)

Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
suggested.

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

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act to Enhance Storage of Fish and Wildlife"
(H.P. 881) (L.D. 1173)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUGAY of Cherryfield,
FISHER of Brewer, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, O'NEIL of Saco,
PERRY of Bangor, SMITH of Van Buren, Senator: SHOREY of
Washington.

Resolve, to Address the Problem of Illegal Fish Stocking
(H.P. 894) (L.D. 1186)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CARR of Lincoln, CHICK
of Lebanon, CLARK of Millinocket, PERKINS of Penobscot,
TRACY of Rome, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: KILKELLY of
Lincoln.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Permanent Interagency Task Force
on Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive and Exotic Species"
(H.P. 900) (L.D. 1192)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DUNLAP of
Old Town, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, McGLOCKLIN of
Embden, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Relating to the Harvesting
of Wild Animals"
(H.P. 901) (L.D. 1193)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CHICK of Lebanon,
CLARK of Millinocket, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, MICHAUD of
Fort Kent, MURPHY of Berwick, TRACY of Rome, USHER of
Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Nonresident Taxpayer Fishing
License"
(H.P. 911) (L.D. 1225)

Presented by Representative TOBIN of Windham.
Cosponsored by Representatives DUNLAP of Old Town, TRACY
of Rome and Senator: TURNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Change the Snowmobile Registration Rates"
(H.P. 970) (L.D. 1294)

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town,
HONEY of Boothbay, JONES of Greenville, STANLEY of
Medway, Senators: KNEELAND of Aroostook, MARTIN of
Aroostook.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act to Reduce Frivolous Protection from Harassment
Actions"
(H.P. 889) (L.D. 1181)

Presented by Representative McDONOUGH of Portland. (BY
REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Penalties for Minors Displaying
False Identification"
(H.P. 903) (L.D. 1195)

Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and
Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CHIZMAR of Lisbon,
COTE of Lewiston, FISHER of Brewer, McGOWAN of Pittsfield,
MURPHY of Berwick, NORTON of Bangor, Senator: LEMONT of
York.

Bill "An Act Conforming Maine Digital Signature Law to
Federal Law"
(H.P. 908) (L.D. 1222)

Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Filing of a Declaration of Homestead"
(H.P. 924) (L.D. 1238)

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of York. (BY
REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Criminal Extradition Laws"
(H.P. 951) (L.D. 1265)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Representative: BERRY of Livermore.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

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

LABOR

Bill "An Act to Require that Benefits for Total Disability be
Continued During a Period of Vocational Rehabilitation under the
Workers' Compensation Act"

(H.P. 883) (L.D. 1175)
Presented by Representative PINEAU of Jay.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HAWES of Standish, MATTHEWS of Winslow, PATRICK of Rumford, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Provide Public Employees Equal Access to Personnel Files"

(H.P. 910) (L.D. 1224)

Presented by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BRYANT of Dixfield, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HATCH of Skowhegan, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Speed Up the Decision Process on Workers' Compensation Claims"

(H.P. 921) (L.D. 1235)

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, JACOBS of Turner, SMITH of Van Buren, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

Bill "An Act to Reform Maine's Prevailing Wage Law"

(H.P. 929) (L.D. 1243)

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, ESTES of Kittery, PINEAU of Jay.

Bill "An Act to Allow Maine Technical College System Faculty and Administrative Units to Participate in a Defined Contribution Plan"

(H.P. 930) (L.D. 1244)

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ESTES of Kittery, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MURPHY of Berwick, PINEAU of Jay, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Costs for Retired State Employees and Retired Teachers"

(H.P. 931) (L.D. 1245)

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ESTES of Kittery, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PINEAU of Jay, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalty for a Violation of Certain Occupational Health and Labor Laws"

(H.P. 932) (L.D. 1246)

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: HUTTON of Bowdoinham, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage in Maine"

(H.P. 933) (L.D. 1247)

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, ESTES of Kittery, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PINEAU of Jay, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Require an Annual Benefit Adjustment"

(H.P. 939) (L.D. 1253)

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: HUTTON of Bowdoinham, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Expand Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers Returning to Service"

(H.P. 941) (L.D. 1255)

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ESTES of Kittery, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PINEAU of Jay, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Change the Membership of the Workers' Compensation Board"

(H.P. 943) (L.D. 1257)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Make the Unemployment Insurance Program More Responsive to the Needs of Today's Workforce"

(H.P. 944) (L.D. 1258)

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, ESTES of Kittery, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PINEAU of Jay, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Allow County Corrections Personnel to Participate in the Same Retirement Plan as Other Corrections Personnel" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 963) (L.D. 1276)

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BUCK of Yarmouth, CLARK of Millinocket, COLLINS of Wells, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STEDMAN of Hartland, WHEELER of Eliot.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Campaign Signs Within 750 Feet of a Polling Place"

(H.P. 871) (L.D. 1150)

Presented by Representative JONES of Greenville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: STANLEY of Medway, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Liquor Laws to Expand Employment Opportunities for Adults 18 to 21 Years of Age"

(H.P. 893) (L.D. 1185)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Bill "An Act to Support the Right to Associate"

(H.P. 914) (L.D. 1228)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MENDROS of Lewiston, PERKINS of Penobscot, TWOMEY of Biddeford, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Prize Limit for Games of Chance at Beano Games"

(H.P. 918) (L.D. 1232)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

Bill "An Act to Allow Telephone Wagering for Horse Racing"

(H.P. 928) (L.D. 1242)

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.

Bill "An Act Regarding Registration of Voters on Election Day"

(H.P. 935) (L.D. 1249)

Presented by Representative LESSARD of Topsham. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Registration of Voters"

(H.P. 936) (L.D. 1250)

Presented by Representative GOOLEY of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, COLLINS of Wells, COTE of Lewiston, CRESSEY of Baldwin, HEIDRICH of Oxford, LABRECQUE of Gorham, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KNEELAND of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Presidential Preference Primary Elections"

(H.P. 960) (L.D. 1273)

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, HEIDRICH of Oxford, LABRECQUE of Gorham, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act to Permit the Purchase of Wine by Mail Order"

(H.P. 972) (L.D. 1296)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, MAYO of Bath, McNEIL of Rockland.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Taking of Seaweed and Rockweed"

(H.P. 887) (L.D. 1179)

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recreational Saltwater Fishing License (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 897) (L.D. 1189)

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MAYO of Bath, MUSE of South Portland, MUSE of Fryeburg, Speaker SAXL of Portland, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: LEMONT of York.

Resolve, to Establish a Moratorium on Aquaculture Leases in Blue Hill Bay

(H.P. 927) (L.D. 1241)

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Lakes from Milfoil and Other Invasive Plants" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 876) (L.D. 1155)

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, COWGER of Hallowell, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, TOBIN of Windham, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act to Create Certainty in Maine's Air Quality Program"

(H.P. 938) (L.D. 1252)

Presented by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, LOVETT of Scarborough, PERRY of Bangor, TOBIN of Windham.

Bill "An Act to Conform New Motor Vehicle Emission Standards to Federal Emission Standards Adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency"

(H.P. 966) (L.D. 1290)

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel, TOBIN of Windham, Senators: SAWYER of Penobscot, SHOREY of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Ban the Sale of Fever Thermometers that Contain Mercury"

(H.P. 969) (L.D. 1293)

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, COWGER of Hallowell, CUMMINGS of Portland, DORR of Camden, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MUSE of South Portland.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act to increase Certain Civil Process Fees"

(H.P. 874) (L.D. 1153)

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township.

Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, COLLINS of Wells, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, GAGNE of Buckfield, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Purchase the Initial Flags That are Required for Veterans' Grave Sites"

(H.P. 884) (L.D. 1176)

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: ASH of Belfast, BROOKS of Winterport, COTE of Lewiston, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, TRACY of Rome.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Election of Somerset County Commissioners"

(H.P. 885) (L.D. 1177)

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, McGOWAN of Pittsfield, STEDMAN of Hartland, TESSIER of Fairfield, TRACY of Rome, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Calculation for Annual County Tax Assessments"

(H.P. 904) (L.D. 1218)

Presented by Representative DORR of Camden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ASH of Belfast, McNEIL of Rockland, NORBERT of Portland, PINEAU of Jay, SKOGLUND of St. George.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act to Require Notice of Use Changes for State Property"

(H.P. 906) (L.D. 1220)

Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, FOSTER of Gray, GOOLEY of Farmington, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TRACY of Rome, Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, SAVAGE of Knox.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security to Expand the Maine Earned Income Tax Credit Program to Make It Refundable and Increase the Amount of Benefit a Family Can Receive"

(H.P. 869) (L.D. 1148)

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and Representatives: MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MENDROS of Lewiston, MICHAEL of Auburn, QUINT of Portland, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

Bill "An Act to Continue the Sales Tax Exemption on Vehicles Sold and Leased and Removed from the State" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 916) (L.D. 1230)

Presented by Representative WINSOR of Norway.
Cosponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford and Representative: CLOUGH of Scarborough, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Bring Equity to the Vehicle Excise Tax"

(H.P. 934) (L.D. 1248)

Presented by Representative GOOLEY of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, O'BRIEN of Augusta, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senator LONGLEY of Waldo, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BUCK of Yarmouth, COTE of Lewiston, FOSTER of Gray, GOODWIN of Pembroke, McNEIL of Rockland, MURPHY of Berwick, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act to Require Accountability for Tax Expenditures Invested on Behalf of Taxpayers"

(H.P. 946) (L.D. 1260)

Presented by Representative HAWES of Standish.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, CANAVAN of Waterville, GOODWIN of Pembroke, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MAYO of Bath, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, PINEAU of Jay.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Dedicated Wild Blueberry Tax"

(H.P. 961) (L.D. 1274)

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

Bill "An Act Providing for Enhancements to the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program"

(H.P. 974) (L.D. 1298)

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Citizens from Uninsured Motorists"

(H.P. 945) (L.D. 1259)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, COLLINS of Wells, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, FOSTER of Gray, HEIDRICH of Oxford, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

Bill "An Act to Allow Fire Police Constables to use Roof-mounted Emergency Lights"

(H.P. 959) (L.D. 1272)

Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLLINS of Wells, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HEIDRICH of Oxford, McKENNEY of Cumberland, TOBIN of Windham, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

Bill "An Act to Exempt 100% Disabled Veterans from Paying the Excise Tax and Registration Fee on Motor Vehicles"

(H.P. 962) (L.D. 1275)

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

Bill "An Act to Prevent Theft of Motor Fuels"

(H.P. 907) (L.D. 1221)

Presented by Representative WINSOR of Norway.
Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senator: President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford.
Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested.

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

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Bill "An Act to Assist the State's Ski Industry through the Provision of Special Electric Rate Contracts"

(H.P. 915) (L.D. 1229)

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.

Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: GOOLEY of Farmington, JODREY of Bethel, JONES of Greenville, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Proper Funding of the Public Utilities Commission" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 973) (L.D. 1297)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Pursuant to Resolve

Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

Representative LaVERDIERE for the **Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission** pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 45, section 3 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Authorize the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission to Introduce Legislation and to Organize Assemblies of State and Tribal Leaders"

(H.P. 879) (L.D. 1171)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Maine Turnpike Authority

Representative FISHER for the **Maine Turnpike Authority** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Regarding the Budget for the Maine Turnpike Authority for 2002"

(H.P. 957) (L.D. 1271)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative ESTES of Kittery, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 958) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BELANGER of Caribou, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BRUNO of Raymond, BUCK of Yarmouth, BULL of Freeport, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CARR of Lincoln, CHASE of Levant, CHICK of Lebanon, CLARK of Millinocket, CLOUGH of Scarborough, COLLINS of Wells, COLWELL of

Gardiner, COTE of Lewiston, CRESSEY of Baldwin, CUMMINGS of Portland, DAVIS of Falmouth, DESMOND of Mapleton, DORR of Camden, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPREY of Hampden, ETNIER of Harpswell, FISHER of Brewer, FOSTER of Gray, FULLER of Manchester, GAGNE of Buckfield, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, GLYNN of South Portland, GOOLEY of Farmington, HASKELL of Milford, HEIDRICH of Oxford, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, JACOBS of Turner, JODREY of Bethel, KASPRZAK of Newport, LABRECQUE of Gorham, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, LEDWIN of Holden, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, LOVETT of Scarborough, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MADORE of Augusta, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MAYO of Bath, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, McKENNEY of Cumberland, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, McNEIL of Rockland, MENDROS of Lewiston, MICHAEL of Auburn, MORRISON of Baileyville, MURPHY of Berwick, NUTTING of Oakland, PERRY of Bangor, PINEAU of Jay, PINKHAM of Lamoine, POVICH of Ellsworth, RICHARD of Madison, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAVAGE of Buxton, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHIELDS of Auburn, SKOGLUND of St. George, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, STEDMAN of Hartland, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, THOMAS of Orono, TOBIN of Dexter, TRACY of Rome, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, TREADWELL of Carmel, TUTTLE of Sanford, TWOMEY of Biddeford, USHER of Westbrook, VOLENIK of Brooklin, WATSON of Farmingdale, WESTON of Montville, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford, CARPENTER of York, CATHCART of Penobscot, DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, EDMONDS of Cumberland, FERGUSON of Oxford, GAGNON of Kennebec, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KILKELLY of Lincoln, KNEELAND of Aroostook, LEMONT of York, LONGLEY of Waldo, McALEVEY of York, President MICHAUD of Penobscot, MILLS of Somerset, MITCHELL of Penobscot, O'GARA of Cumberland, PENDLETON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SAVAGE of Knox, SAWYER of Penobscot, SHOREY of Washington, SMALL of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec, TURNER of Cumberland, WOODCOCK of Franklin, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214)

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULFILL THE ORIGINAL INTENT TO FUND 40% OF THE COSTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION MANDATES TO THE STATES UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has found that all children deserve a quality education, including children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 United States Code, Section 1400, et seq., provides that the Federal Government and the state and local governments are to share in the expense of education for children with disabilities and commits the Federal Government to provide funds to assist

with the excess of expenses of education for children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has committed to contribute up to 40% of the average per pupil expenditure of educating children with disabilities, the Federal Government has failed to meet this commitment to assist the states; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has never contributed more than 12.6% of the national average per pupil expenditure to assist with the excess expenses of educating children with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

WHEREAS, this failure of the Federal Government to meet its commitment to assist with the excess expenses of educating a child with a disability contradicts the goal of ensuring that children with disabilities receive a quality education; and

WHEREAS, the federal grant funds in the State for children zero to 2 years of age represent only 30% of the cost of serving eligible infants and toddlers in the State, and if the federal grants were at the 40% level, the award to the State this year would have increased by \$582,000; and

WHEREAS, the federal grant funds in the State for children 3 to 5 years of age represent only 8% of the cost of serving children 3 to 5 years of age in the State, and if the federal grants were at the 40% level, the award to the State this year would have increased by \$10,086,000; and

WHEREAS, the federal grant funds in the State for children 5 to 20 years of age represent only 9.75% of the State's total special education expenditures of \$225,130,000, and if the federal grants were at the 40% level, the award to the State this year would have increased by more than \$68,000,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States provide 40% of the national average per pupil expenditure to assist states and local education agencies with the excess costs of educating children with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to President of the United States, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Estes.

Representative **ESTES**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am going to be very brief in speaking to this Joint Resolution. I believe the intent is self-explanatory and so many of you in this body and the other body have signed on as cosponsors. I do want to say that this resolution is especially timely with the President's budget discussion last night and it being hotly discussed at this time in Washington. He has indicated his intent to spend more money from the projected surplus on education and tax cuts. I urge you to support this Joint Resolution and the efforts over these last several weeks of our Congressional Delegation and just recently our Governor who was in Washington the first of this week urging the President to consider increasing the funding for special education. The original intent of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act was for the federal government to spend up to 40

percent of the cost of special education. That figure is currently at about 12.6 percent. We all know that the cost of educating children with disabilities and giving them a quality education has put an undo burden on the state and local school districts financially and especially on the property tax payers. I strongly urge your support of this resolution.

Representative TRACY of Rome **REQUESTED** a roll call on **ADOPTION**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cumberland, Representative McKenney.

Representative **MCKENNEY**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to commend the Representative from Kittery for bringing this resolution forward. Now that we are fortunate enough to have a President that demonstrated his commitment to education, I sense that there is new emphasis in Washington on the federal role of paying for special education. I plan to use this to urge my school board and my school administrators to write to their Congressional Delegation and I would ask you to do the same with yours. With enough pressure on Washington, we can get this job done. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 12

YEA - Andrews, Annis, Ash, Bagley, Baker, Belanger, Berry RL, Blanchette, Bliss, Bouffard, Bowles, Brannigan, Brooks, Bryant, Buck, Bull, Bumps, Bunker, Canavan, Carr, Chase, Chick, Chizmar, Clark, Clough, Collins, Colwell, Cote, Cowger, Crabtree, Cressey, Cummings, Daigle, Davis, Desmond, Dorr, Dudley, Dugay, Duncan, Dunlap, Duplessie, Duprey, Estes, Etnier, Fisher, Foster, Fuller, Gagne, Gerzofsky, Glynn, Goodwin, Gooley, Green, Hall, Haskell, Hatch, Hawes, Heidrich, Honey, Hutton, Jacobs, Jodrey, Jones, Kasprzak, Koffman, Labrecque, Landry, LaVerdiere, Laverriere-Boucher, Ledwin, Lemoine, Lessard, Lovett, Lundeen, MacDougall, Madore, Mailhot, Marley, Marrache, Matthews, Mayo, McDonough, McGlocklin, McGowan, McKee, McKenney, McLaughlin, McNeil, Mendros, Michael, Michaud, Mitchell, Murphy E, Murphy T, Muse K, Nass, Norbert, Nutting, O'Brien JA, O'Brien LL, O'Neil, Paradis, Patrick, Peavey, Perkins, Pineau, Pinkham, Povich, Quint, Richard, Richardson, Rines, Rosen, Savage, Sherman, Shields, Simpson, Skoglund, Smith, Snowe-Mello, Stanley, Stedman, Sullivan, Tarazewich, Tessier, Thomas, Tobin D, Tobin J, Tracy, Trahan, Treadwell, Tuttle, Twomey, Usher, Volenik, Waterhouse, Watson, Weston, Wheeler EM, Wheeler GJ, Winsor, Young, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Berry DP, Bruno, Kane, Morrison, Muse C, Norton, Perry, Schneider.

Yes, 143; No, 0; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

143 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative RICHARD of Madison, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 868) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, HATCH of Skowhegan)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee to Study the Necessity for Legislation Requiring Public Access to Rest Rooms by Service Stations Owned by Large, Out-of-state Companies is established as follows.

1. Joint Select Committee to Study the Necessity for Legislation Requiring Public Access to Rest Rooms by Service Stations Owned by Large, Out-of-state Companies established. The Joint Select Committee to Study the Necessity for Legislation Requiring Public Access to Rest Rooms by Service Stations Owned by Large, Out-of-state Companies, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of the following 3 members:

- A. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- B. Two members of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

3. Appointments; chairs; convening of committee. All appointments must be made by August 1, 2001. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. The Senate member is the Senate chair and the first named House of Representatives member is the House chair. The first meeting must be called by the chairs no later than September 1, 2001. The committee may meet up to 4 times to carry out its duties.

4. Duties. The committee shall study the policies of service stations as they pertain to public rest rooms and the need for requiring that service stations owned by large, out-of-state companies provide public rest rooms.

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 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 authorized meetings of the committee.

7. Report. The committee shall submit a report on the issues studied along with any recommended legislation to the Legislature no later than November 1, 2001. 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's 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's 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's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

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

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

On motion of Representative DUDLEY of Portland, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 878) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MENDROS of Lewiston, TOBIN of Windham, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Task Force to Study the Costs and Design of a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program is established as follows:

1. Task force established. The Task Force to Study the Costs and Design of a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program, referred to in this order as the "task force," is established.

2. Task force membership. The task force consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

- A. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members from the Senate: 2 who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and one who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. The first named Senate member is the Senate chair.
- B. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 10 members from the House of Representatives: 5 who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and 5 who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. The first named House member is the House chair.

3. Appointments; convening task force. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chairs of the task force shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force no later than 60 days following the effective date of this order.

4. Duties. The task force shall study the costs and design of a household hazardous waste disposal program.

5. Meetings. In conducting its duties, the task force may meet as often as necessary with any individuals, departments or institutions it considers appropriate.

6. Staff assistance. The task force may request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative Council.

7. Reimbursement. Members of the task force 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 task force.

8. Report. The task force shall submit its report along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by November 15, 2001. Following receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs may introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. If the task force requires an extension of time to file its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

9. Task force budget. The chairs of the task force, with assistance from the task force staff, shall administer the task force's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the task force shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The task force may not incur expenses that would result in the task force's exceeding its approved budget.

Upon request from the task force, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee shall provide the task force chairs and staff with a status report on the task force's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested.

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

Sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 150) (L.D. 161) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 11: Rules for the Maine Biomedical Research Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Economic and Community Development (EMERGENCY) Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

There being no objections, the above item was ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H.P. 45) (L.D. 54) Bill "An Act to Allow the Transfer of a Valid Turkey Permit to a Juvenile or Senior Citizen"

(H.P. 67) (L.D. 76) Resolve, to Simplify the System of Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, February 22, 2001, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act to Address Violence in Schools"

(S.P. 113) (L.D. 339)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

TABLED - January 30, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative **COLWELL** of Gardiner.

PENDING - REFERENCE in concurrence.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Maine State Housing Authority to Administer an Electric Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 717) (L.D. 932)

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

TABLED - February 15, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative **BRYANT** of Dixfield.

PENDING - REFERENCE.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Energy Advisory Council"

(H.P. 506) (L.D. 646)

- In House, House **RECONSIDERED REFERENCE** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

TABLED - February 15, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative **RICHARDSON** of Brunswick.

PENDING - REFERENCE.

On motion of Representative **RICHARDSON** of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Catch-up Provisions of the Deferred Compensation Plan for State Employees"

(S.P. 264) (L.D. 911)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**.

TABLED - February 20, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative **BUNKER** of Kossuth Township.

PENDING - REFERENCE in concurrence.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** in sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Establishing a Panel for Repeal of Unnecessary or Archaic Laws

(H.P. 566) (L.D. 721)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on February 13, 2001.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - February 20, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative **LaVERDIERE** of Wilton.

PENDING - FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

On motion of Representative **CRESSEY** of Baldwin, the House voted to **ADHERE**.

Bill "An Act Concerning Fair Debit Card Practices"

(H.P. 727) (L.D. 947)

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

TABLED - February 20, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative **DORR** of Camden.

PENDING - REFERENCE.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Rights of Residents Within Wildlife Sanctuaries"

(H.P. 516) (L.D. 655)

- In House, REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on February 15, 2001.

- In Senate, REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - February 22, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative DUNLAP of Old Town, the House voted to **INSIST**. Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Property Tax Liens"

(H.P. 809) (L.D. 1064)

(Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested)

TABLED - February 22, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

On motion of Representative MURPHY of Berwick, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Plea Bargaining for Cases of Murder and Felony Sex Offenses Against Children"

(H.P. 821) (L.D. 1075)

(Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested)

TABLED - February 22, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Testing of Marine Dredge Spoils and the Proper Disposal of Spoils that are Special or Hazardous Waste"

(H.P. 863) (L.D. 1135)

(Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested)

TABLED - February 22, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Livermore, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Livermore, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby Bill "An Act to Improve Services to Persons with Mental Retardation" (**EMERGENCY**)

(H.P. 954) (L.D. 1268)

Was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Creation of Boat Launch Sites in the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission's Jurisdiction"

(S.P. 350) (L.D. 1164)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Animal Welfare Laws"

(S.P. 356) (L.D. 1170)

Bill "An Act to Refine the Subdivision and Redistricting Authority of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission"

(S.P. 360) (L.D. 1198)

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Pertaining to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission"

(S.P. 365) (L.D. 1203)

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.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$15,000,000 to Fund a Cost Sharing Program for the Construction of Parking Garages in Regional Service Center Communities"

(S.P. 352) (L.D. 1166)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Continue the State Meat Inspection Program"

(S.P. 377) (L.D. 1215)

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.

Bill "An Act to Create Uniform Underwriting Standards for Determining Eligibility for Certain Group Policies"

(S.P. 379) (L.D. 1217)

Bill "An Act Related to the Financial Regulation of Health Maintenance Organizations"

(S.P. 387) (L.D. 1284)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Examination of Electricians"

(S.P. 343) (L.D. 1157)

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.

Bill "An Act to Increase Effectiveness within the Department of Corrections when Serving Warrants of Arrest for Persons Charged with Probation and Parole Violations"

(S.P. 345) (L.D. 1159)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Sentencing of Persons to County Jails"

(S.P. 354) (L.D. 1168)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Criminal Laws with Regard to Animal Welfare"

(S.P. 386) (L.D. 1283)

Bill "An Act to Make Refusing a Blood-alcohol Test a Crime"

(S.P. 392) (L.D. 1288)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Provide Flags for Persons Who Are Listed on the Memorials Located on State Street in Augusta"

(S.P. 363) (L.D. 1201)

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

On motion of Representative POVICH of Ellsworth, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Allow Families to Request Flags for Deceased Police Officers and Firefighters that have not Died in the Line of Duty"

(S.P. 364) (L.D. 1202)

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

On motion of Representative POVICH of Ellsworth, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Accelerate the Construction of New Schools"

(S.P. 349) (L.D. 1163)

Bill "An Act to Encourage the Use of Locally Grown Foods in School Food Service Programs"

(S.P. 376) (L.D. 1214)

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.

Bill "An Act to Allow a Hunter to Take a Deer of Either Sex in Black Powder Season"

(S.P. 369) (L.D. 1207)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Transfer of Antlerless Deer Permits"

(S.P. 372) (L.D. 1210)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws Relating to Blaze Orange"

(S.P. 375) (L.D. 1213)

Bill "An Act to Require Hikers to Wear Blaze Orange during Hunting Season"

(S.P. 382) (L.D. 1279)

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.

Bill "An Act to Preserve the Life and Health of Women"

(S.P. 366) (L.D. 1204)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Requirements of the Workers' Compensation Law"

(S.P. 355) (L.D. 1169)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Limits on Earnable Compensation for State Employee Retirement"

(S.P. 359) (L.D. 1197)

Bill "An Act to Improve Enforcement of Wage and Hour, Safety and Other Labor Laws"

(S.P. 367) (L.D. 1205)

Bill "An Act to Supplement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers whose Pensions are Subject to Reductions Enacted in 1993"

(S.P. 373) (L.D. 1211)

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Unemployment Compensation System for School Bus Drivers"

(S.P. 374) (L.D. 1212)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Administration of Workers' Compensation Hearings"

(S.P. 384) (L.D. 1281)

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

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

Bill "An Act for Public Disclosure of Referendum Question Submissions"

(S.P. 346) (L.D. 1160)

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.

Bill "An Act Relating to Daily Catch Limits for Scallops"

(S.P. 344) (L.D. 1158)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Laws Relating to Scallop"

(S.P. 383) (L.D. 1280)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Farm Ponds on Low-value Wetlands"
(S.P. 361) (L.D. 1199)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Bureau of General Services to Utilize Alternative Delivery Methods for Public Improvements and to Amend the Provisions Pertaining to Prebid Qualifications of Contractors"

(S.P. 351) (L.D. 1165)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Administration of County Government"

(S.P. 391) (L.D. 1287)

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.

Bill "An Act to Make Higher Education More Affordable for Maine Families"

(S.P. 347) (L.D. 1161)

Bill "An Act to Promote Equitable Distribution of Motorboat Gas Tax Revenues to the Department of Marine Resources and the Boating Facility Fund"

(S.P. 358) (L.D. 1196)

Bill "An Act to Direct that a Percentage of Revenue That the State Receives Be Allocated to Community Forestry"

(S.P. 362) (L.D. 1200)

Bill "An Act to Adjust Taxation for Fire Suppression"

(S.P. 368) (L.D. 1206)

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

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

Resolve, to Change Route Designations of Certain Interstates and to Change the Interstate Exit Numbering System

(S.P. 385) (L.D. 1282)

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Highway Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 388) (L.D. 1285)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Ensure Telecommunications Protections for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing People"

(S.P. 348) (L.D. 1162)

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.

Bill "An Act to Disclose Prescription Drug Marketing Activities"

(S.P. 353) (L.D. 1167)

Bill "An Act to Plan for the Delivery of Developmental Disabilities and Autism Services"

(S.P. 370) (L.D. 1208)

Bill "An Act to Assist Families in Meeting their Basic Needs" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 371) (L.D. 1209)

Resolve, to Create the Task Force to Study the Various Effects of Maine's Long-term Care System (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 378) (L.D. 1216)

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.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 357)

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate stand Adjourned they do so until Monday, March 5, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 1090
Task Force to Study Growth Management**

Report of the **Task Force to Study Growth Management** pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 1090 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Growth Management"

(S.P. 380) (L.D. 1278)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, February 22, 2001, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Circuit Breaker Program for Fuel Assistance"

(H.P. 631) (L.D. 831)

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested)

TABLED - February 15, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative **GREEN** of Monmouth.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

On motion of Representative GREEN of Monmouth, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative QUINT of Portland, the House adjourned at 12:11 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 5, 2001 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 357) and in honor and lasting tribute to Robert B. Ganley, of Portland.