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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
19th Legislative Day
Thursday, March 8, 2001

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

Prayer by Reverend Kenneth Woodhams, Wales Presbyterian Church.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Donald Stanley, D.O., Nobleboro.

The Journal of Monday, March 5, 2001 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** in the House on February 28, 2001.

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

On motion of Representative GREEN of Monmouth, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Establish a Permanent Interagency Task Force on Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive and Exotic Species"

(H.P. 900) (L.D. 1192)

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in the House on February 28, 2001.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 77)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

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 Business and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 117 An Act to Require Consignment Businesses to Provide Itemized Receipts

L.D. 118 An Act to Establish Requirements for Licensed Physicians Regarding Naturopathic Treatments

L.D. 143 An Act to Allow Landlords to Participate in the Fuel Assistance Program

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Kevin L. Shorey

Senate Chair

S/Rep. John G. Richardson

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 78)

STATE OF MAINE

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

March 2, 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. 66 An Act to Prohibit Cancellation of an Automobile Insurance Policy after an Accident Involving a Deer or Moose

L.D. 318 An Act to Clarify the Law Concerning Representations Made in Insurance Contracts

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. 79)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 2, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 215 An Act Regarding Out-of-district Placement

L.D. 337 Resolve, to Create a Study Commission on the Problems Created By Inadequate Funding for Special Education Services

L.D. 405 An Act to Account for Homeschooled Children Under the School Funding Formula and to Require the Maine Educational Assessment for Homeschooled Children

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Betty Lou Mitchell
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Shirley K. Richard
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 80)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

March 2, 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. 295 An Act to Prohibit the Display of Liquor in Windows

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.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 81)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 2, 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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 212 An Act to Improve Child Care Funding

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors 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. 82)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

March 2, 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 Utilities and Energy has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 357 An Act to Protect the State's Heating Oil Consumers

L.D. 386 An Act Regarding the Use of Revenues Collected by the Public Utilities Commission

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Norman K. Ferguson, Jr.
Senate Chair
S/Rep. William R. Savage
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 83)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 2, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 469 An Act to Provide Funding for an Educational Component at Historic Fort Knox in the Town of Prospect

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

Sincerely,
S/Sen. Richard Kneeland
Senate Chair
S/Rep. Linda Rogers McKee
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 84)

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
16 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0016**

March 8, 2001

The Honorable Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Saxl:

The Maine Department of Transportation is pleased to present its Biennial Transportation Improvement Program (BTIP) for the FY 2002-2003 biennium. It describes how the Department proposes to apply the capital funding included in its biennial budget towards the design and construction of transportation improvements throughout the state.

The Department continues to be committed to a policy of providing a balanced and integrated multimodal transportation system that meets the diverse needs of the state's citizens while preserving the significant investment Maine has made in its existing transportation infrastructure. In preparing this BTIP, a thorough review of the State's transportation needs was conducted to assure that available resources are being used in a manner that promotes the overall transportation goals of safety, preservation, efficiency, environmental protection, multimodal integration, and economic vitality. The BTIP establishes pavement preservation and bridge rehabilitation and replacement as the highest priority for funding.

The proposed capital improvement program presented herein represents a total investment of \$613 million in federal, state, and local funding. Nearly 67 percent of this funding is anticipated to come from various federal transportation programs. The state share, approximately 29% has been set forth under Governor King's Highway Fund budget and bonding proposals.

Under this proposed program, 123 state and local bridges and nearly 222 miles of arterial and collector highways will be improved, while pavement preservation treatments will be applied to over 400 miles of Maine highways. Passenger transportation capital funding is directed to priority projects relative to air transportation, ferry service, highway mass transit, passenger rail, and bicycle/pedestrian facilities. The freight transportation element of this program emphasizes improvements in rail freight, motor carrier, and marine transportation.

The Department looks forward to working with all interested parties in accomplishing the goals of this program.

Sincerely,
S/John G. Melrose
Commissioner

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 406)

**STATE OF MAINE
120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 5, 2001

Hon. Anne M. Rand
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Hon. Charles C. LaVerdiere
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
120th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Rand and Representative LaVerdiere:
Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Roland A. Cole of Wells for reappointment as Superior Court Justice.

Pursuant to Article V, Part 1, Section 8 of the Maine Constitution, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary 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 **JUDICIARY.**

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 407)

**STATE OF MAINE
120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 5, 2001

Hon. Anne M. Rand
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
Hon. Charles C. LaVerdiere
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
120th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Rand and Representative LaVerdiere:
Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has nominated Andre G. Janelle of Saco and Paul A. Cote, Jr. of Auburn for reappointment as Maine District Court Judges.

Pursuant to Title 4, M.R.S.A. §157, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and confirmation by the Senate.

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

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

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 381)

**120TH LEGISLATURE
SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

February 26, 2001

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 354, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules.

Senator Lloyd LaFountain of York, Chair
Senator John L. Martin of Aroostook
Senator Michael McAlevey of York
Senator Chandler Woodcock of Franklin
Senator Edward Youngblood of Penobscot

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

Sincerely,
S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate

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

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

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 Regarding Forest Sustainability"
(H.P. 1089) (L.D. 1458)

Presented by Representative HAWES of Standish.

Bill "An Act to Regulate Clear-cutting"
(H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1459)

Presented by Representative HAWES of Standish.

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Develop and Finance Health Care Coverage for All Maine People (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1121) (L.D. 1490)

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, FULLER of Manchester, GREEN of Monmouth, KANE of Saco, MAYO of Bath, NORBERT of Portland, Senators: LaFOUNTAIN of York, President MICHAUD of Penobscot.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act to Revise the Maine Science and Technology Foundation's Charter and Revise the Charter of the Centers for Innovation"

(H.P. 1094) (L.D. 1463)

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, HALL of Bristol, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, NASS of Acton, ROSEN of Bucksport, Senator: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Create Limited Licenses for Retired Physicians"

(H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1472)

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, LOVETT of Scarborough, MAYO of Bath, McDONOUGH of Portland, NUTTING of Oakland.

Bill "An Act to Require Continuing Education in the Cosmetology, Manicuring, Aesthetics and Barbering Fields"
(H.P. 1107) (L.D. 1476)

Presented by Representative BLISS of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Resolve, Establishing a Criminal Code Revision Commission
(H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1462)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PEAVEY of Woolwich, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SAVAGE of Buxton, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Enforcement and Prosecution of Computer-related Crimes"
(H.P. 1101) (L.D. 1470)

Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: NASS of Acton, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, POVICH of Ellsworth, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Protect Minors from Sexual Exploitation"
(H.P. 1122) (L.D. 1491)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Bill "An Act to Improve Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in Maine's Jails and Prisons"
(H.P. 1123) (L.D. 1492)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BROOKS of Winterport, MCKENNEY of Cumberland, QUINT of Portland, SAVAGE of Buxton, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, McALEVEY of York.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Delivery of Religious Services to Prisoners in the Maine Correctional System"
(H.P. 1131) (L.D. 1528)

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, SKOGLUND of St. George, STEDMAN of Hartland, WATSON of Farmingdale, WESTON of Montville, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, KNEELAND of Aroostook.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Create a Digital Library to Meet the Educational, Research, Business and Economic Needs of Maine"

(H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1471)

Presented by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, CLOUGH of Scarborough, DUNLAP of Old Town, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, THOMAS of Orono, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, SHOREY of Washington, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Provide Students Tuition Grants Based on Performance on the Maine Educational Assessment"

(H.P. 1105) (L.D. 1474)

Presented by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, ESTES of Kittery, MURPHY of Kennebunk, RICHARD of Madison, WESTON of Montville, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Permit the Ten Commandments to be Posted in Public Schools"

(H.P. 1112) (L.D. 1481)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BOWLES of Sanford, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, KASPRZAK of Newport, MENDROS of Lewiston, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TREADWELL of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Create the Child Development Services Advisory Committee"

(H.P. 1117) (L.D. 1486)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, KANE of Saco, NASS of Acton, RICHARD of Madison, STEDMAN of Hartland, WATSON of Farmingdale, WESTON of Montville, Senator: MITCHELL of Penobscot.

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Review Special Education Laws

(H.P. 1118) (L.D. 1487)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, KASPRZAK of Newport, MURPHY of Berwick, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SHIELDS of Auburn, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Bill "An Act to Enable Formation of Public Charter Schools"

(H.P. 1134) (L.D. 1531)

Presented by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel, MATTHEWS of Winslow, PEAVEY of Woolwich, STEDMAN of Hartland, WESTON of Montville, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Amend the School Funding Formula by Adding a Hold-harmless Provision"

(H.P. 1145) (L.D. 1548)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Education" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1150) (L.D. 1553)

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DAVIS of Falmouth, DESMOND of Mapleton, DUGAY of Cherryfield, MENDROS of Lewiston, MICHAEL of Auburn, Senator: SHOREY of Washington.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Respond to the Crisis in Access to Oral Health Services for Residents of the State (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1106) (L.D. 1475)

Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, GAGNE of Buckfield, KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senator: MITCHELL of Penobscot.

Resolve, to Require Medicaid Reimbursement for Hearing Aids and Dental Care for Adults

(H.P. 1115) (L.D. 1484)

Presented by Representative McNEIL of Rockland.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and Representative: WESTON of Montville.

Resolve, Regarding Calculation of Consumer Income in Home-based Care Programs

(H.P. 1127) (L.D. 1524)

Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.
Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Suspension and Revocation of Hunting and Fishing Licenses"

(H.P. 1095) (L.D. 1464)

Presented by Representative MUSE of Fryeburg.
Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, DUNLAP of Old Town, GLYNN of South Portland, KASPRZAK of Newport, MCKENNEY of Cumberland.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act to Exclude Credit Balances Between Business Associations from Unclaimed Property"

(H.P. 1088) (L.D. 1457)

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Representative: MADORE of Augusta, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Make Uniform the Language Governing Parental Rights and Responsibilities in the Maine Revised Statutes"

(H.P. 1104) (L.D. 1473)

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LaVERDIERE of Wilton, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SAVAGE of Buxton.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a School Board to Deliberate in Private"

(H.P. 1113) (L.D. 1482)

Presented by Representative HEIDRICH of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senator: WOODCOCK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act to Require Parental Notification of Abortion"

(H.P. 1125) (L.D. 1494)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin, Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, FOSTER of Gray, KASPRZAK of Newport, MENDROS of Lewiston, SHIELDS of Auburn, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senator: YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Concerning Real Estate Titles"

(H.P. 1128) (L.D. 1525)

Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAVAGE of Buxton, SMITH of Van Buren.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Health Care and Forensic Response for Victims of Sexual Assault"

(H.P. 1133) (L.D. 1530)

Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland.
Cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, PEAVEY of Woolwich, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, McALEVEY of York, RAND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Bring the Takings Law into Compliance with the Constitution of Maine and the United States Constitution"

(H.P. 1147) (L.D. 1550)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Reinstate the Death Penalty for the Murder of Children"

(H.P. 1124) (L.D. 1493)

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, FOSTER of Gray, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested.

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

LABOR

Bill "An Act to Revise the Health Insurance Benefits Available to Retired Legislators"

(H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1461)

Presented by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MATTHEWS of Winslow, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, SAWYER of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Provide a Death Benefit to the Survivors of a Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighter Killed in the Line of Duty"

(H.P. 1096) (L.D. 1465)

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CARR of Lincoln, COLLINS of Wells, LESSARD of Topsham, PINKHAM of Lamoine, TOBIN of Dexter, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

Resolve, to Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families

(H.P. 1097) (L.D. 1466)

Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, DAVIS of Falmouth, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MATTHEWS of Winslow, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act to Change the Retirement Plan for Marine Patrol Officers"

(H.P. 1099) (L.D. 1468)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PEAVEY of Woolwich, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act to Restore Teacher and State Employee Retirement Benefits"

(H.P. 1100) (L.D. 1469)

Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.

Bill "An Act to Allow Flexibility in Payment of School Year Employee Wages"

(H.P. 1110) (L.D. 1479)

Presented by Representative WESTON of Montville.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, ESTES of Kittery, LEDWIN of Holden, RICHARD of Madison, STEDMAN of Hartland, YOUNG of Limestone, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Provide Parity of Representation in Workers' Compensation Claims"

(H.P. 1130) (L.D. 1527)

Presented by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Van Buren, Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, COLWELL of Gardiner, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Establish a Deadline for New Voter Registrations"

(H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1460)

Presented by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, HEIDRICH of Oxford, LABRECQUE of Gorham, LOVETT of Scarborough, MUSE of Fryeburg, SCHNEIDER of Durham, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

Bill "An Act to Institute a Citizens' Guide to Elections"

(H.P. 1129) (L.D. 1526)

Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DUNLAP of Old Town, PATRICK of Rumford, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act to Improve Elections"

(H.P. 1132) (L.D. 1529)

Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.
Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representative: BRUNO of Raymond, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Expand the Options for a Lobster Management Zone"

(H.P. 1114) (L.D. 1483)

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, DUGAY of Cherryfield, ETNIER of Harpswell, McNEIL of Rockland, MUSE of Fryeburg, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, USHER of Westbrook.

Resolve, to Create a Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding Loss of Commercial Fishing Waterfront Access and Other Economic Development Issues Affecting Commercial Fishing (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1120) (L.D. 1489)

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, MARLEY of Portland, McNEIL of Rockland, TUTTLE of Sanford, VOLENIK of Brooklin, WHEELER of Eliot, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Land and Water Quality Protection"

(H.P. 1108) (L.D. 1477)

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Representative: TOBIN of Windham.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Growth Management Law and Related Laws"

(H.P. 1109) (L.D. 1478)

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, TOBIN of Windham.

Bill "An Act to Require Major Water Users to Provide Public Information About Their Annual Water Withdrawals from Public Water Resources"

(H.P. 1119) (L.D. 1488)

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HONEY of Boothbay, McKEE of Wayne, TOBIN of Windham, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill "An Act to Preserve the Right to Air-dry Laundry"

(H.P. 1126) (L.D. 1523)

Presented by Representative PERRY of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BUCK of Yarmouth, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUGAY of Cherryfield, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, STANLEY of Medway, THOMAS of Orono, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Organization of Washington County Government"

(H.P. 1146) (L.D. 1549)

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLARK of Millinocket, DUGAY of Cherryfield, MORRISON of Baileyville.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act to Require That the Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles Be Reasonably Linked to the Value of the Motor Vehicle"

(H.P. 1148) (L.D. 1551)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Resolve, to Reduce the Property Tax on Business Equipment

(H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1552)

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act Relating to Restricted Licenses for Certain Drivers"

(H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1456)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: NORBERT of Portland, PERRY of Bangor, SMITH of Van Buren, WHEELER of Eliot.

Bill "An Act to Promote Driver Responsibility"

(H.P. 1111) (L.D. 1480)

Presented by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, MAYO of Bath,
McNEIL of Rockland, NORTON of Bangor, TOBIN of Windham,
Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, KILKELLY of Lincoln,
YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Pupil
Transportation"

(H.P. 1116) (L.D. 1485)

Presented by Representative RICHARD of Madison.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and
Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, WESTON of
Montville, Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule
204.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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

(H.P. 1098) (L.D. 1467)

Presented by Representative BERRY of Belmont.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou,
BERRY of Livermore, GOOLEY of Farmington, MENDROS of
Lewiston, QUINT of Portland, Speaker SAXL of Portland,
Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, DOUGLASS of
Androscoggin.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint
Rule 204.

Pursuant to Statute

Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Representative POVICH for the **Criminal Law Advisory
Commission** pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A,
section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the
accompanying Bill "An Act to Broaden the Crime of Abuse of a
Corpse"

(H.P. 1135) (L.D. 1521)

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

Report was **READ**.

On motion of Representative POVICH of Ellsworth, **TABLED**
pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the Report and later today assigned.

Pursuant to Statute

Family Law Advisory Commission

Representative LaVERDIERE for the **Family Law Advisory
Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-
A, section 354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the
accompanying Bill "An Act to Clarify the Status of Support
Obligations if an Obligor Begins to Receive Public Assistance"

(H.P. 1136) (L.D. 1522)

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

Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
Representative TUTTLE for the **Commission on
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices** pursuant to the
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1007 asks leave to
report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Amend the
Governmental Ethics Laws Administered by the Commission on
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices"

(H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1532)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED**
to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and
ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative CLARK of Millinocket, the
following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1137) (Cosponsored by
Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: ANNIS of
Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Livermore, BOWLES of Sanford,
BRUNO of Raymond, BRYANT of Dixfield, BUNKER of Kossuth
Township, CARR of Lincoln, CHICK of Lebanon, DAIGLE of
Arundel, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNLAP of
Old Town, FISHER of Brewer, GLYNN of South Portland,
GOODWIN of Pembroke, GOOLEY of Farmington, HASKELL of
Milford, HATCH of Skowhegan, HONEY of Boothbay, JONES of
Greenville, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, McGLOCKLIN of Embden,
McNEIL of Rockland, MENDROS of Lewiston, MURPHY of
Berwick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford, PERKINS
of Penobscot, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARD of Madison, ROSEN of
Bucksport, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHERMAN of Hodgdon,
STANLEY of Medway, TOBIN of Dexter, TRACY of Rome,
TRAHAN of Waldoboro, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of
Westbrook, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot,
WINSOR of Norway, YOUNG of Limestone, Senators:
CATHCART of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KNEELAND of
Aroostook, President MICHAUD of Penobscot, NUTTING of
Androscoggin, SAWYER of Penobscot, 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, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR GALE
A. NORTON AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
TO ABANDON PLANS TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY
CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL
PARK IN MAINE'S NORTH WOODS**

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, the Secretary of the
Interior Gale A. Norton and the Congress of the United States as
follows:

WHEREAS, Maine residents and visitors enjoy the privilege of using large tracts of private land in the north woods for recreational uses such as snowmobiling, hunting, hiking, fishing, white water rafting and other related functions; and

WHEREAS, the future of that private land is of great importance to the people of Maine and their outdoor heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and many of the large landowners have or are entering into cooperative wildlife management agreements that ensure the future of critical wildlife populations in the north woods; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and nonprofit organizations are cooperating in an unprecedented effort to secure permanent rights of access to the north woods and keep valuable recreational property and natural habitat undeveloped through conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, federal ownership or control of the north woods would create many problems including limitations on access and use and loss of local and state control of these areas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, oppose the creation of a national park in Maine's north woods and request that the President of the United States and Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton abandon plans to conduct a feasibility study concerning establishing a national park in Maine's north woods; and be it further

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

READ.

On motion of Representative CLARK of Millinocket, the Joint Resolution was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative GLYNN of South Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1153) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214)

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ALLOW IMPROVED MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES OFFERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

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 Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, prescription drugs provide essential treatment to all our citizens in this country; and

WHEREAS, retail expenditures on prescription drugs in most states have approximately doubled over the past 6 years; and

WHEREAS, citizens in the United States often pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs, and due to these excessive prescription drug prices, access to such prescription drugs is often unobtainable to certain people confronting serious illnesses; and

WHEREAS, federal rules currently regulate uniform Medicare supplement insurance policies that are available for sale to people eligible for Medicare coverage; and

WHEREAS, coverage for prescription drugs through the federally regulated Medicare supplement insurance uniform A-J policies is very limited; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, We, your Memorialists, request that the United States Congress make a change to federal rules and regulations to allow the development of Medicare supplement insurance policies offering greater prescription drug coverage than is currently available; and be it further

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

READ.

On motion of Representative GLYNN of South Portland, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** and later today assigned.

On motion of Representative WATSON of Farmingdale, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1139)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Study Commission to Review Compensation in the Office of Disability Determination Services is established as follows.

1. Joint Study Commission to Review Compensation in the Office of Disability Determination Services established. The Joint Study Commission to Review Compensation in the Office of Disability Determination Services, referred to in this order as the "commission," is established.

2. Membership. The commission consists of the following 5 members:

A. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate. The first named Senate member serves as Senate chair; and

B. Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. The first named House member serves as House chair.

3. Appointments; convening of commission. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than August 18, 2001. The first meeting must be called by the chairs no later than August 18, 2001.

4. Duties. The commission shall review the levels of compensation of employees of the Office of Disability Determination Services within the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. In examining this issue, the commission shall collect information from the Office of Disability Determination Services, from offices in the State performing similar work and from offices outside of this State performing similar work. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources shall provide assistance as requested by the commission. The commission may recommend changes in salary scales within the office.

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

6. Compensation. Members of the commission 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 commission.

7. Report. The commission shall submit a report along with any recommended legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than November 15, 2001.

8. Budget. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the commission's budget. Upon request of the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the Executive Director's designee shall promptly provide the commission chairs and staff with a status report on the commission budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

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

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1140) (Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Study Committee to Study the State of the Lobster Fishery in Maine is established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Joint Study Committee to Study the State of the Lobster Fishery in Maine, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. The chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources are the chairs of the committee.

3. Convening meeting. The chairs of the committee shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee within 45 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

4. Duties. The committee shall study the state of the lobster fishery in Maine, including forecasts for a decline in lobster abundance and the potential impacts of a decline on the lobster industry.

5. Meetings and hearings. The committee may hold 6 meetings. At least 4 of the meetings of the committee must be public hearings. Meetings of the committee must be scheduled in geographic areas of the State that will accommodate maximum participation by members of the lobster industry.

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

7. Compensation. Members of the committee 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.

8. Report. The committee shall report on the issues studied with any recommended legislation to the Second Regular

Session of 120th Legislature by 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.

9. 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 **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested.

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

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative LOVETT of Scarborough, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1141) (Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, SHIELDS of Auburn)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Study Committee to Study the Most Appropriate Means of Amending Existing Laws and Regulations to Facilitate Consumer Choice and the Ability to Age in Place is established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Joint Study Committee to Study the Most Appropriate Means of Amending Existing Laws and Regulations to Facilitate Consumer Choice and the Ability to Age in Place, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services are the chairs of the committee.

3. Convening meeting. The chairs of the committee shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee no later than July 15, 2001.

4. Duties. The committee shall examine current laws and regulations governing the various types of long-term care services and housing for people in the State and make recommendations to better facilitate consumer choice and ensure the quality of care and safety for all long-term care residents. During the study, the committee shall consult with consumers, providers and regulators of long-term care facilities and other interested members of the public.

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 report on the issues studied with any recommended legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than January 15, 2002.

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 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative GOOLEY of Farmington, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1142)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs report out, to the House, an emergency bill providing \$110,000 to complete the upgrades to the State of Maine Building at the Eastern States Exposition.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative RICHARD of Madison, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1143)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs report out, to the House, legislation authorizing the release of certain information pertaining to the certification, authorization and approval of educational personnel.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative FULLER of Manchester, the following House Order: (H.O. 20)

ORDERED, that Representative Robert A. Daigle of Arundel be excused Thursday, February 22nd for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Anita P. Haskell of Milford be excused Thursday, February 15th for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jacqueline A. Lundeen of Mars Hill be excused Tuesday, February 20th and Thursday February 22nd for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Boyd P. Marley of Portland be excused Tuesday, February 20th and Thursday, February 22nd for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lisa T. Marraché of Waterville be excused Thursday, February 22nd for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John R. Morrison of Baileyville be excused Wednesday, February 28th for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kevin M. Muse of Fryeburg be excused Tuesday, February 20th and Thursday, February 22nd for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jacqueline R. Norton of Bangor be excused Tuesday, February 20th, Thursday, February 22nd, and Wednesday, February 28th for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Julie Ann O'Brien of Augusta be excused Thursday, February 22nd for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John Richardson of Brunswick be excused Thursday, February 22nd for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Gary J. Wheeler of Eliot be excused Tuesday, February 13th, Thursday, February 15th, Tuesday, February 20th and Thursday, February 22nd for personal reasons.

READ and **PASSED**.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

In Memory of:

Robert "Bob" Garland, of Anson, beloved husband of Virginia Garland, a veteran of World War II, a member of the American Legion Post No. 39 and a well-known and respected businessman. Mr. Garland owned and operated Hilton's Dairy and is remembered fondly by his customers. He was a communicant at St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Madison and was a past president of numerous organizations in his community, county and state. He was a selectman for the Town of Anson for 48 years and served as the chair of the Anson Water District. He was also a former Somerset County Commissioner. Mr. Garland worked with the A&M Ambulance Service and was the recipient of the Ethel N. Kelley Award for his outstanding service. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends;

(HLS 115)

Presented by Representative TRACY of Rome.

Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan, Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representative RICHARD of Madison, Representative McGOWAN of Pittsfield, Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden, Senator MILLS of Somerset, Representative PINEAU of Jay, Representative TOBIN of Dexter, Representative GOOLEY of Farmington, Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative STEDMAN of Hartland, Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TRACY of Rome, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of Representative COLWELL of Gardiner, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative GREEN from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Establish Medical Savings Accounts"

(H.P. 192) (L.D. 203)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**.

Report was **READ**.

On motion of Representative GREEN of Monmouth, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the Committee Report and later today assigned.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Reduce Finance Charges on Consumer Loans"

(H.P. 142) (L.D. 153)

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of York
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
ABROMSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

DUDLEY of Portland
CRESSEY of Baldwin
YOUNG of Limestone
MAYO of Bath
O'NEIL of Saco
SULLIVAN of Biddeford
CANAVAN of Waterville
MARRACHÉ of Waterville
GLYNN of South Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

SMITH of Van Buren

READ.

On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Unfair Claims Settlement Practices"

(H.P. 143) (L.D. 154)

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of York
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
ABROMSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

DUDLEY of Portland
CRESSEY of Baldwin
YOUNG of Limestone
MAYO of Bath
O'NEIL of Saco
SULLIVAN of Biddeford
CANAVAN of Waterville

MARRACHÉ of Waterville

GLYNN of South Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

SMITH of Van Buren

READ.

On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Ban Permanent Replacement Workers in a Labor Dispute"

(H.P. 74) (L.D. 83)

Signed:

Senator:

EDMONDS of Cumberland

Representatives:

MATTHEWS of Winslow
DAVIS of Falmouth
BUNKER of Kossuth Township
HUTTON of Bowdoinham
SMITH of Van Buren
TARAZEWICH of Waterboro

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

TURNER of Cumberland
SAWYER of Penobscot

Representatives:

CRESSEY of Baldwin
MacDOUGALL of North Berwick
TREADWELL of Carmel

READ.

Representative SMITH of Van Buren moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report and later today assigned.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 17) (L.D. 17) Bill "An Act to Increase the State Earned Income Tax Credit from 5% to 10% of the Federal Earned Income Credit" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-13)

(H.P. 24) (L.D. 24) Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the South Berwick Sewer District" Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-9)

(H.P. 37) (L.D. 46) Bill "An Act to Allow Funeral Escort Vehicles in a Funeral Procession to be Equipped With Flashing Purple Lights" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting

Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)

(H.P. 65) (L.D. 74) Bill "An Act to List the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price on the Certificate of Title" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)**

(H.P. 109) (L.D. 113) Bill "An Act to Remove the Weight Limit Restrictions on Vanity Registration Plates" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)**

(H.P. 118) (L.D. 122) Bill "An Act to Revise the Hampden Water District Charter" Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Monday, March 5, 2001, have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

JOINT ORDER – Relative to Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development reporting out a bill (S.P. 91)

- In Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

TABLED – February 1, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.

PENDING – **PASSAGE** in concurrence.

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create a Pilot Project to Fully Implement the Maine Medical Marijuana Act of 1998"

(S.P. 183) (L.D. 611)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on February 13, 2001.

- In Senate, Senate **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED – February 20, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

PENDING – **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative KANE of Saco, the House voted to **INSIST** and ask for a **COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**. Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Consolidate the Laws Regulating Transient Sellers and Door-to-door Home Repair Transient Sellers"

(H.P. 981) (L.D. 1305)

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

TABLED – March 5, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative MICHAUD of Fort Kent.

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 and Update the Security Requirements for Employers Self-insured for Workers' Compensation Liabilities"

(H.P. 1045) (L.D. 1402)

(Committee on **LABOR** suggested)

TABLED – March 5, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Building Rehabilitation Code"

(H.P. 994) (L.D. 1331)

(Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested)

TABLED – March 5, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create a Sprawl Offset Tax"

(H.P. 1041) (L.D. 1398)

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested)

TABLED – March 5, 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 **NATURAL RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 468)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate Adjourn they do so until Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at 10:00 in the morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1154)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature accept the report of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy and that the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary report

out, to the House, a bill relating to a person's right to privacy and its relationship to personal information collected over the Internet and through other means by governmental agencies.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

On motion of Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1155)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development consider the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy and consider the inclusion of analysis and review of information practices in the State Government Evaluation Act process and report out, to the House, legislation relating to privacy of information collected over the Internet and through other means by businesses and private entities.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

On motion of Representative CHICK of Lebanon, the House adjourned at 11:00 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2001 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 468).