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Tuesday, March 20, 2001

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

Prayer by Reverend Monsignor Charles M. Murphy, S.T.D., Holy Martyrs Roman Catholic Church, Falmouth.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Fred Holler, M.D., Auburn.

The Journal of Thursday, March 15, 2001 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 532)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding teacher recruitment and retention.

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

READ.

On motion of Representative RICHARD of Madison, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Pursuant to Public Law

Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy

Report of the **Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy** pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 762, section 7 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy"

(S.P. 79) (L.D. 299)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Report was **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in concurrence.

Pursuant to Resolve

Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy

Report of the **Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy** pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 89, section 7 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Include Analysis and Review of Information Practices in the State Government Evaluation Act Process"

(S.P. 78) (L.D. 298)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Report was **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 103)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

March 13, 2001

Honorable Michael H. Michaud

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Honorable Michael V. Saxl

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear President Michaud and Speaker Saxl:

The Joint Standing Committee on Taxation is scheduled to review the State Board of Property Tax Review in 2001 under the State Government Evaluation Act (3 MRSA Chapter 35). The Committee is also scheduled to review the Bureau of Revenue Services in 2003.

Pursuant to 3 MRSA §954, subsection 2, paragraph A, the Taxation Committee has voted unanimously to exempt the State Board of Property Tax Review from review in 2001 and establish a new review date of 2003. Conducting the review of this agency at the same time as the review of the Bureau of Revenue Services is desirable because it permits related efforts to be reviewed contemporaneously, thereby providing greater efficiency and conserving resources.

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

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. 104)

STATE OF MAINE

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

March 9, 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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 515 An Act to Eliminate the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

L.D. 609 An Act to Require that the Members of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission be Elected from the Counties They Represent

L.D. 672 An Act to make Confidential Certain Information Collected from State Farmers

L.D. 925 An Act to Allow Cultivation of Those Varieties of Ribes That are Certified Resistant or Immune to White Pine Blister Rust

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed 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.

L.D. 588 An Act Concerning Nurses in Advanced Practice

L.D. 893 An Act to Authorize Master Electricians to Work with up to 3 Helpers

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. 105)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE**

March 9, 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. 491 An Act Regarding Service Contracts
L.D. 554 An Act to Provide Equity in Reimbursement for Health Care Providers
L.D. 555 An Act Regarding Assignment of Benefits Under Personal Injury Insurance

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. 106)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

March 13, 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. 368 An Act to Openly Display Components of the Price of a Gallon of Gasoline at Filling Stations

The Following Communication: (H.C. 107)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 13, 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. 111 An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Bath Higher Education Center
L.D. 329 An Act to Increase the Number of Teachers
L.D. 605 An Act to Improve Opportunities for Recruitment of Teachers
L.D. 690 Resolve, to Study the Special Education Teacher Shortage
L.D. 811 An Act to Retain Engineering Expertise in the State
L.D. 842 An Act to Allow Senior Citizens to Take One Course per Semester at the University of Maine System without Charge
L.D. 859 An Act to Fund Technology Advancements for Maine's Libraries

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. 108)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

March 7, 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. 23 An Act to Raise the Minimum Age to Buy Tobacco Products to 21 Years of Age
- L.D. 266 An Act to Consolidate All Aspects of Licensing and Enforcement of Agricultural Fairs Under the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
- L.D. 330 Resolve, to Study the Placement of a Drug Rehabilitation Facility in Washington County
- L.D. 539 An Act Regarding Commercial Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs
- L.D. 583 Resolve, to Provide Improved Access to Quality Locally Grown Foods through Expansion of the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

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. 109)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 9, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 127 An Act to Change the Crop Damage by Nuisance Animal Requirements
- L.D. 227 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Discharge of Firearms Near Certain Buildings
- L.D. 232 An Act to Regulate the Marking and Placement of Baitfish Traps, Baitfish Holding Boxes and Buoys in Inland Waters
- L.D. 234 An Act Regarding Hunts of Nuisance Animals
- L.D. 450 An Act to Eliminate the Coyote Snaring Program

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David L. Carpenter

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthew Dunlap

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 110)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

March 7, 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 Labor has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 96 An Act to Extend the Hours that a Minor May Be Employed
- L.D. 706 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to List its Mailing Address and Telephone Number on the Card Used to File for Unemployment

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Betheda G. Edmonds

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Zachary E. Matthews

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 111)

STATE OF MAINE

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

March 13, 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 bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 59 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Increase the Number of Signatures Required on Direct Initiative Petitions
- L.D. 199 RESOLUTION, Proposing An Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Restrict Reintroduction of Previously Failed Citizen Initiatives
- L.D. 580 An Act to Prohibit Collection of Referendum Signatures on the Day of State Elections

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed 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. 112)

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

March 9, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 402 An Act to Remove the Time Limit on Applying for Refunds of Tax Stamps on Unsalable Cigarettes
- L.D. 572 An Act to Create a Computer Technology Taxable Income Deduction for Maine Families
- L.D. 631 An Act to Require that All Owners Sign a Notice of Intent to Harvest for Land Subject to the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law

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. 113)

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

March 13, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 417 An Act to Tax Farm Implements Equally
- L.D. 438 An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Religious Ministries From Sales Tax for Items Used in Missionary Work
- L.D. 445 An Act to Establish a Sales Tax Exemption for Purchases Made by Private, Nonprofit Senior Citizens' Centers

- L.D. 546 An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Boats Used for Business
- L.D. 571 An Act to Eliminate the Sales Tax on Textbooks
- L.D. 576 RESOLUTION, to Amend the Constitution of Maine to Dedicate Funds for the Protection of Maine's Fish and Wildlife Resources

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

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 114)

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

March 13, 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. 250 An Act to Maintain Moosehead Trail Signs
- L.D. 545 An Act to Remove the Requirement for Display of a Front License Plate on a Motor Vehicle
- L.D. 595 Resolve, to Allocate Funds to the Department of Transportation for the Construction of a 2nd Bridge in Skowhegan
- L.D. 743 An Act to Authorize Citizen-issued Citations for Violations of the Handicapped Parking Laws

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. 115)

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

March 15, 2001

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

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38 M.R.S.A. §1453-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning:

120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 13, 2001
Hon. Betty Lou Mitchell
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on
Education and Cultural Affairs
Hon. Shirley K. Richard
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on
Education and Cultural Affairs
120th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Mitchell and Representative Richard:
Please be advised that Governor Angus S. King, Jr. has
nominated Andrea C. Maker of North Yarmouth for appointment
as a member of the Maine Public Broadcasting Board of
Trustees.

Pursuant to P.L. 1998, Chapter 599, this nomination will require
review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs 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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

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

Representative William R. Savage of Buxton;
Representative Peter L. Rines of Wiscasset;
Dr. Donald Hudson of Wiscasset; and
James Mitchell of Freeport.
If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please
do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 116)

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

March 16, 2001
Honorable Millicent MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Pursuant to my authority under 1983 Resolves, Chapter 46, I am
appointing Representative Jacqueline A. Lundeen of Mars Hill to
the Regional Agriculture Committee.

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

Sincerely,
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 117)

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

March 19, 2001
Honorable Millicent MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Pursuant to my authority under Chapter 401, P.L. 1993, I am
pleased to appoint the following State Representatives to the
Substance Abuse Services Commission:

Representative Michael W. Quint of Portland;
Representative Edward R. Dugay of Cherryfield; and
Representative Robert W. Nutting of Oakland.

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

Sincerely,
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 531)

STATE OF MAINE

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

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

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Bill "An Act to Clarify, Enhance and Strengthen the Animal
Welfare Laws of Maine"

(H.P. 1260) (L.D. 1695)

Presented by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, COWGER of
Hallowell, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER
of Biddeford, MCKEE of Wayne, MENDROS of Lewiston,
MICHAUD of Fort Kent, MUSE of South Portland.

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Health Insurance"

(H.P. 1256) (L.D. 1703)

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, O'NEIL of Saco, Speaker
SAXL of Portland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senators:
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, LaFOUNTAIN of York, President
MICHAUD of Penobscot.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act to Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act"
(H.P. 1259) (L.D. 1694)

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, CUMMINGS of
Portland, DESMOND of Mapleton, DORR of Camden, ESTES of
Kittery, FULLER of Manchester, WATSON of Farmingdale,
Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Bill "An Act Relating to Licensing Board Fee Caps"
(H.P. 1267) (L.D. 1718)

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and
Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, HATCH of
Skowhegan.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial
Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing DNA Testing"
(H.P. 1250) (L.D. 1698)

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, HALL of Bristol,
HONEY of Boothbay, PARADIS of Frenchville, POVICH of
Ellsworth, SMITH of Van Buren, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator:
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Parental Rights and Responsibilities
When Children are Placed in the Custody of the Department of
Human Services as a Result of Court Proceedings Governed by
the Maine Juvenile Code"

(H.P. 1253) (L.D. 1701)

Presented by Representative BROOKS of Winterport.
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Chief Medical Examiner to Assume
the Responsibility for the Disposition of Certain Dead Bodies"

(H.P. 1248) (L.D. 1696)

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.
Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General and
approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** suggested.

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

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Ensure Adequate Funding for School
Construction Costs"

(H.P. 1241) (L.D. 1684)

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and
Representatives: JODREY of Bethel, LaVERDIERE of Wilton,
RICHARD of Madison, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Resolve, to Change Eligibility for Persons who Transfer
Assets and Move into Assisted Living Facilities
(H.P. 1242) (L.D. 1685)

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and
Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, MacDOUGALL of North
Berwick, NUTTING of Oakland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland,
WINSOR of Norway, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

Bill "An Act Regarding People with Disabilities and the Use of
Service Animals"
(H.P. 1244) (L.D. 1687)

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.
Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and
Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, FULLER of
Manchester, KANE of Saco, LESSARD of Topsham, McGOWAN
of Pittsfield, SKOGLUND of St. George, SMITH of Van Buren,
Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Make Certain Technical and Clarifying
Changes to the Medical Examiner Act"
(H.P. 1258) (L.D. 1705)

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.
Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General and
approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

On motion of Representative KANE of Saco, the Bill was
REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed
and sent for concurrence.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act to Make Certain Changes in the Child Welfare
Laws"
(H.P. 1251) (L.D. 1699)

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Improve Child Support Services"
(H.P. 1265) (L.D. 1716)

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, O'BRIEN of Lewiston,
TESSIER of Fairfield, Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, President
MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to
Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Provide for State Monitoring and Management of Conservation Easements"

(H.P. 1252) (L.D. 1700)

Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

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

LABOR

Bill "An Act to Enhance the Safety and Health of Students in Public School Facilities"

(H.P. 1249) (L.D. 1697)

Presented by Representative GERZOFISKY of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, SMITH of Van Buren.

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections"

(H.P. 1243) (L.D. 1686)

Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, COWGER of Hallowell, DUNLAP of Old Town, MAILHOT of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Activities of Membership Organizations in Maine"

(H.P. 1257) (L.D. 1704)

Presented by Representative MCKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CUMMINGS of Portland, ESTES of Kittery, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Election of Candidates by the Instant Runoff Voting Method"

(H.P. 1263) (L.D. 1714)

Presented by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, FULLER of Manchester, HAWES of Standish, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, MENDROS of Lewiston, MICHAEL of Auburn, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

Bill "An Act Relating to Video Gaming Machines"

(H.P. 1264) (L.D. 1715)

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, MENDROS of Lewiston, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

MARINE RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Municipal Shellfish Management"

(H.P. 1266) (L.D. 1717)

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act to Amend the Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection Program"

(H.P. 1254) (L.D. 1702)

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act to Return a Portion of the Tax Imposed on Lodging to the Municipality in Which the Tax was Levied"

(H.P. 1262) (L.D. 1713)

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

Pursuant to Public Law

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Representative MAILHOT for the **Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs** pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part FFF, section 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on the Maine Learning Technology Endowment"

(H.P. 1261) (L.D. 1712)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative MUSE of South Portland, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1245) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, DUNLAP of Old Town)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee to Find a Sustainable Source of Funding for Gun Safety Classes is established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Joint Select Committee to Find a Sustainable Source of Funding for Gun Safety Classes, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of 12 members appointed as follows.

A. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members from the Senate who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and 3 members from the Senate who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

B. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 3 members from the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and 3 members from the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

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

4. Appointments; convening committee. 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 committee shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee no later than 60 days following the effective date of this order.

5. Duties. The committee shall investigate ways to obtain sustainable sources of funding for gun safety classes.

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

7. Compensation. Members of the committee who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the committee.

8. Report. The committee shall submit a report along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice no later than November 1, 2001. Following receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice may introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. If the committee requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** suggested.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative **MUSE**.

Representative **MUSE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is truly a pleasure to present a gun bill this year that will not cause me to become the poster/target child of the NRA and Sam. It is something that I think I enjoyed last year. This is a portion of one of the bills that I presented last year and I am delighted to say that both **SAM** and the NRA will not come to oppose. It is simply a study commission to find a sustainable source of funding for gun safety classes throughout the State of Maine. It is a very common sense approach. It does not interfere with our proud hunting heritage here in Maine. It simply will take a common sense approach to find a sustainable source of funding for gun safety classes. This was brought to my attention after our dear friend, Representative **Sirois**, came to me because he had a constituent in the county who couldn't find a gun safety class to save his life. He tried his local police department, who sent him to the Sheriff's Department, who sent him to the State Police, who sent him to **SAM**, who sent him to

the NRA. He went everywhere and could not find one. This bill will provide, or at least will look, for sustainable funding to gun safety classes throughout our state. It is as simple as that. There is no slippery slope. It is nothing more and nothing less. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**.
Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative **TUTTLE** of Sanford, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1246)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs report out, to the House, a bill directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to revise the form used by candidates for public office to report campaign finances to closely resemble the version used in 1994.

READ and PASSED.
Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative **BAGLEY** of Machias, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1247)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government report out to the House such legislation as is necessary to revise the salaries of the Kennebec County officers and lay the county taxes for the calendar year 2001.

READ and PASSED.
Sent for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative **PEAVEY** from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** on Bill "An Act to Protect Children and Elderly or Incapacitated Adults"

(H.P. 811) (L.D. 1066)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Require Credit Card Issuers to Provide Greater Notice of Changes in Terms"

(H.P. 10) (L.D. 10)

Signed:

Senators:

La**FOUNTAIN** of York
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin
ABROMSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

CRESSEY of Baldwin
YOUNG of Limestone
MAYO of Bath
O'NEIL of Saco
SULLIVAN of Biddeford

MARRACHÉ of Waterville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

DUDLEY of Portland

SMITH of Van Buren

CANAVAN of Waterville

GLYNN of South Portland

READ.

Representative O'NEIL of Saco moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Glynn.

Representative **GLYNN**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise this morning to oppose the pending measure and ask the House to move on to accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report.

This bill is a step towards protecting consumers in the State of Maine from the bait and switch technique employed by some credit card carriers by giving consumers more time to pay off their credit card balances and switch credit card companies. For those in the House that are unaware, bait and switch is when a credit card company offers a teaser notice to prospective credit card users, usually at a lower than bargain basement credit card interest rate with a lower than average minimum payment and then changes the terms of the credit card once the consumer has transferred their outstanding debt balance to the new credit card. Several of these credit card companies ask and in most instances require that the consumer close their existing credit cards when they transfer over their existing balances. The net affect of this type of transaction is to strand the consumer with their debt on the new credit card and then be forced to be charged the terms and interest rate that they must now pay. The consumer has no ability to change credit card companies in many cases until after they have incurred substantial interest charges, fees and, yes, sometimes penalties. To say the least, this practice is completely unfair.

Credit card holders who receive notice of an increase in their interest rate applicable to their account should be permitted the time necessary to cancel their account prior and repay any outstanding balance and interest rate at the terms applicable prior to the rate increase. While it is one thing to provide notice of the consumer's right to cancel an account as part of any notice of increase in annual interest rate, it certainly is indeed another thing to not provide adequate time for consumers to switch their balance to another lender or pay off their outstanding balances. This bill changes existing state law, which has a very short notice period, not even enough for a term of a monthly credit card to be notified to cancel your credit card and transfer your balances over to a period of 45 days.

Currently, this bill in no way mandates how much somebody should be charged for interest. It doesn't mandate what the terms are. What it does do is it requires a period of time so that if the term changes become unfair, that the consumer is protected and the consumer can change. The only argument that I have heard against this bill thus far has been that it only affects Maine state chartered banks. That is correct. It does only affect Maine state chartered banks and it does not affect your national banks. There are two ways to make a national

change to a national problem and that is either Congress acts and changes the law or each of the 50 states acts to change the law.

In truth, the situation will not be resolved until both the State of Maine and the federal government act in conjunction. It is my sincere belief that Maine can begin to correct the process by enacting this version of LD 10. I thank you very much for your time and thoughtful consideration on this. Mr. Speaker, when the vote is taken, I respectfully request the yeas and nays.

Representative GLYNN of South Portland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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 Bath, Representative Mayo.

Representative **MAYO**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The previous speaker, the good Representative from South Portland, is correct when he states that this would only apply to Maine institutions that issue credit cards. It is estimated that there are somewhere in excess of one million credit cards held by people in the State of Maine currently. This would apply to 14,000 of these cards, which is a very small number. One of the groups opposed this because they felt that it would increase rates and not decrease it. They are the people who are here today in the Hall of Flags, the Maine Credit Union League, which has in excess of 550,000 members and they were very strong in their opposition. I think there is a way to approach this and that would be through a resolution memorializing Congress to move forward on it. Maine's action in this regard will have a minimal to zero affect. I would urge you to accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 15

YEA - Andrews, Annis, Ash, Bagley, Baker, Belanger, Berry DP, Berry RL, Blanchette, Bliss, Brannigan, Brooks, Bruno, Buck, Bull, Bumps, Bunker, Canavan, Carr, Chase, Chick, Chizmar, Clark, Clough, Collins, Colwell, Cote, Cowger, Crabtree, Cressey, Cummings, Daigle, Davis, Desmond, Duncan, Dunlap, Duprey, Estes, Etnier, Fisher, Fuller, Gagne, Gerzofsky, Gooley, Green, Hall, Haskell, Hatch, Hawes, Heidrich, Honey, Jacobs, Jodrey, Jones, Kane, Kasprzak, Koffman, Labrecque, Landry, LaVerdiere, Laverriere-Boucher, Ledwin, Lemoine, Lessard, Lovett, Lundeen, Madore, Mailhot, Marrache, Matthews, Mayo, McDonough, McGlocklin, McGowan, McKenney, McLaughlin, McNeil, Mendros, Michael, Michaud, Mitchell, Morrison, Murphy T, Muse C, Muse K, Nass, Norbert, Norton, Nutting, O'Brien JA, O'Brien LL, O'Neil, Paradis, Patrick, Peavey, Perkins, Perry, Pineau, Richard, Richardson, Rines, Rosen, Savage, Schneider, Sherman, Simpson, Skoglund, Stedman, Sullivan, Tarazewich, Tessier, Thomas, Tobin D, Tobin J, Tracy, Trahan, Treadwell, Tuttle, Usher, Waterhouse, Watson, Weston, Winsor, Young, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Bowles, Bryant, Dorr, Dudley, Duplessie, Foster, Glynn, Goodwin, MacDougall, Marley, Pinkham, Shields, Smith, Snowe-Mello, Twomey, Volenik, Wheeler EM, Wheeler GJ.

ABSENT - Bouffard, Dugay, Hutton, McKee, Murphy E, Povich, Quint, Stanley.

Yes, 125; No, 18; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

125 having voted in the affirmative and 18 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 118) (L.D. 394) Bill "An Act to Facilitate State Park Campsite Reservations through the Internet" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 139) (L.D. 462) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Substance Abuse Law" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 160) (L.D. 504) Bill "An Act to Establish the State's Recycling and Waste Reduction Goals" Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 49) (L.D. 217) Bill "An Act to Clarify Insurance Coverage for Victims of Domestic Violence" Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**

(S.P. 99) (L.D. 325) Bill "An Act to Enhance Collectibility of the Penalty for Failure to File the Municipal Valuation Tax Return" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-6)**

(H.P. 268) (L.D. 346) Bill "An Act to Provide Clarification on the Use of Impact Fees" Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 438) (L.D. 559) Bill "An Act to Provide Uniformity and Consistency in the Appeals from the Trial Courts to the Law Court" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 440) (L.D. 561) Bill "An Act to Correct the Judicial Retirement Laws Regarding Administrative Court Judges" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 225) (L.D. 260) Bill "An Act to Provide Funds to Purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-34)**

(H.P. 244) (L.D. 280) Bill "An Act Concerning Recordkeeping in Relation to Employment of Minors" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)**

(H.P. 265) (L.D. 343) Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Marine Resources to Convey by Transfer and Easement to the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District the State's Interest in Certain Property on McKown Point in West Boothbay Harbor Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-32)**

(H.P. 390) (L.D. 511) Bill "An Act to Provide an Opportunity to Minors Under 16 Years of Age to Work in Nonprofit Moving Image Archives and Nonprofit Community Theaters" Committee on **LABOR** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-35)**

(H.P. 704) (L.D. 919) Bill "An Act to Provide for Variance Notification in the Shoreland Zoning Law" Committee on

NATURAL RESOURCES reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-33)**

There being no objections, the above items were 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:

(S.P. 10) (L.D. 2) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Division Line Between the Towns of Deer Isle and Stonington" (C. "A" S-2)

(S.P. 22) (L.D. 38) Bill "An Act to Increase the Fine for Allowing a Dog to Roam at Large" (C. "A" S-3)

(H.P. 25) (L.D. 25) Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2002" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 458) (L.D. 579) Bill "An Act to Allow Sheriffs to Use Modern Record-keeping Technologies in the Maintenance of Jail Records"

(H.P. 42) (L.D. 51) Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalty for Furnishing Liquor to a Minor if Injury or Death Results" (C. "A" H-29)

(H.P. 103) (L.D. 107) Bill "An Act Regarding the Enforcement of Laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 by Passamaquoddy Wardens" (C. "A" H-25)

(H.P. 179) (L.D. 190) Bill "An Act to Limit the Boat Launching in East Winthrop on the Northern End of Cobbosseecontee Lake to Hand Carrying Only" (C. "A" H-26)

(H.P. 205) (L.D. 240) Bill "An Act to Permit an Unspent Balance in the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund to be Carried Forward in Full for Fiscal Years 2000-01 and 2001-02" (C. "A" H-31)

(H.P. 237) (L.D. 274) Bill "An Act to Establish Parity in Requirements for Exits Among Apartments, Boardinghouses and Lodging Houses" (C. "A" H-28)

(H.P. 291) (L.D. 369) Bill "An Act to Designate April 15th as Small Business Day" (C. "A" H-30)

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

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING

House

Bill "An Act to Establish Destroyer Escort Day" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 210) (L.D. 245)

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Create a Mandatory Automobile Insurance Premium Discount for Safe, Mature Drivers"

(H.P. 34) (L.D. 43)

(C. "A" H-19)

Reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**, read the second time, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

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

(H.P. 150) (L.D. 161)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 133 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act to Clarify the Laws Prohibiting Consumption or Possession of Alcohol by a Minor

(S.P. 74) (L.D. 294)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, March 15, 2001, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE REPORT – Refer to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 762, section 3 – **Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy** on Bill "An Act to Create a Resource within State Government to Protect the Privacy of Personal Information"

(H.P. 233) (L.D. 270)

PENDING – **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**.

Subsequently, the Unanimous Committee Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and sent for concurrence.

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

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

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

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

TABLED – March 8, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.

PENDING – **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, the House voted to **INSIST** and **ASK** for a **COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**. Sent for concurrence.

HOUSE REPORT - Refer to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** - Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Establish Medical Savings Accounts"

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

TABLED – March 8, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.

PENDING – **ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Use of the Term 'Maine Water' to Water From Maine"

(S.P. 410) (L.D. 1354)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

(Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested)

TABLED – March 13, 2001, (Till Later Today) by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

PENDING – **REFERENCE** in concurrence.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Truth in Advertising of Natural Water"

(S.P. 414) (L.D. 1358)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

(Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested)

TABLED – March 13, 2001, (Till Later Today) by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

PENDING – **REFERENCE** in concurrence.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand Family Life Education in Maine Schools"

(H.P. 1180) (L.D. 1603)

(Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested)

TABLED – March 13, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative RICHARD of Madison.

PENDING – **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Sprinkler Protection in all Secondary and Postsecondary Dormitories"

(H.P. 1161) (L.D. 1561)

(Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested)

TABLED – March 13, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative RICHARD of Madison.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area to Change the Date of Operation"

(S.P. 500) (L.D. 1587)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

TABLED – March 13, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

PENDING – **REFERENCE** in concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Human Services Abuse and Neglect Investigators Access to Certain Baxter School for the Deaf Records"

(S.P. 492) (L.D. 1581)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

TABLED – March 13, 2001 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.

PENDING – **REFERENCE** in concurrence.

On motion of Representative KANE of Saco, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative USHER of Westbrook, the House adjourned at 11:20 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2001.