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1st Legislative Day
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Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Representatives to the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to order by MICHAEL V. SAXL of Portland, Speaker of the House.

Prayer by Rabbi Harry Sky, Falmouth (retired).
National Anthem by Musica de Filia, Southern Maine Schools.
Pledge of Allegiance.
Doctor of the day, Sid Block, M.D., Bangor.

A roll call was taken. 139 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were:

Representative BAKER of Bangor
Representative ESTES of Kittery
Representative HALL of Bristol
Representative LEDWIN of Holden
Representative LOVETT of Scarborough
Representative McNEIL of Rockland
Representative MICHAEL of Auburn
Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta
Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick
Representative TESSIER of Fairfield
Representative THOMAS of Orono
Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro

At this point, pursuant to his authority under House Rule 201, the Chair addressed the House.

The SPEAKER: On this special occasion, the opening day of the Second Session of the 120th Legislature, let me wish each and every one of you, your loved ones and our staffs a happy, prosperous, and most important, a peaceful New Year.

Next I would like to thank those who have worked so hard to prepare this magnificent building. Let me specifically acknowledge a wonderful quartet, whose vision, hard work, and determination have made this State House a gem for all the people of the State of Maine.

Let me recognize our new Executive Director, David Boulter; Stan Fairservice, the Legislature's construction supervisor and Clerk of the House, Millie MacFarland. Finally, my friend, the former Speaker of the House Libby Mitchell.

Together you, and the over 200 subcontractors from throughout our state, have restored this beautiful building to its original grandeur. I hope that the rest of the membership of this body will join me in congratulating you on a job well done.

Most of all, I am pleased to be together again with all of you. While I had the opportunity to visit with some of you over the break, I have missed the human vitality that makes our capitol the people's building. Your ideas and ingenuity, your passions for the people you represent hold the promise to fulfill the collective potential of our branch of state government.

Our world has changed since the last time we gathered. It has changed because of the brutality of the attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and our way of life. It has shaken the foundation of our nation, our state, our communities and our neighborhoods.

Now more than ever our shared responsibility demands that we renew our sense of purpose, lay down the sword of partisanship and begin to shape the plow of progress that is our security, both physical and economic. Now more than ever the seriousness of purpose with which we approach our work must be heard in every committee room and, indeed, in every community. We hold a sacred trust with our constituents. Let us strive not only to succeed, but also to exceed their expectations.

Two years ago, my predecessor, Steve Rowe, faced with a somewhat different challenge, had this to say:

"The good news is that we begin the session with a \$250 million budget surplus for this biennium. The benchmark we should use in evaluating every proposal is whether they will improve the lives of Maine families. Will Maine people be healthier, better educated, better prepared and more capable of achieving the quality of life they deserve?"

Unfortunately, this session we do not begin with a \$250 million budget surplus, but rather a projected \$250 million shortfall. None-the-less, Speaker Rowe's words remain a noble guide and standard for the budgetary decisions we must make. As we prepare to meet our Constitutional obligation to balance the budget let us remember to ask:

Will Maine people be healthier?

Will Maine people be better educated?

Will Maine people be able to fulfill their economic and personal potential?

While today's budget shortfall may seem a rigorous challenge, it pales in comparison to the budget shortfalls of the early 1990's. That recession witnessed the loss of 34,000 jobs, high unemployment rates, shortfalls of \$1 billion and the lack of sufficient reserve funds to address the downturn. Major budget cuts had to be made in all programs, including K-12 education, and the Governor and Legislature resorted to a series of budget gimmicks and taxes to address the revenue problem.

Today, Maine's revenue shortfall of \$250 million and the projected loss of 9,000 jobs is four times smaller than a decade ago. Our growth rate, while slower than in previous years, remains positive. I want to thank our predecessors for a lot of that. Our predecessors like Libby Mitchell, Steve Rowe and Dan Gwadosky and the 119th, 118th, 117th and 116th Legislatures. Thanks to the fiscal prudence of the Legislature and the Chief Executive, our Rainy Day Fund holds substantial reserves, and the budget gimmicks and tax increases from the early 1990's have been erased from the books. As a result, today we stand in a far better position to deal with a revenue shortfall than we did 10 years ago.

As we look to the future, let us begin by promising not to touch one penny of K-12 education. However, we are not here today to debate the futility or fruitfulness of programs; we are here to talk about people. The question is what investments in Maine people will bring long-term returns in prosperity and well being for our communities? What can we do that will lift up all people, that will raise all boats, in every part of the state?

Just last month I had the remarkable opportunity to be a guest of the government of Taiwan and to witness their first democratic legislative elections. While I learned very little Taiwanese or Mandarin, I did learn that the characters in their alphabet that stand for crisis also stand for opportunity. Crisis and opportunity came out of one. And as I traveled throughout the Island, I was often reminded of the tension between those concepts.

Taiwan is an island the size of West Virginia, physically isolated from the entire world, with its only neighbor, China, a constant source of military peril, only 80 kilometers away. And, yet, Taiwan has prospered when the Pacific Rim has been in

severe recession. It has made itself into a vibrant democracy with 80 percent voter participation. It has made itself into a vital economic power, the seventh largest trading partner of the United States and the source of high-tech and biotech innovations. At the same time, it has made itself into a green island cherishing its environment.

We have many of the same challenges here in Maine. We often think these conditions are irreconcilable, that our economic strength is often in opposition to protecting our environment; that our geographic isolation is an insurmountable economic barrier. Taiwan's example shows us that these difficulties can be conquered.

I am here to challenge you collectively and as individuals. We must set a course for our state, not just to balance the budget this year, but also to fulfill the ambitions and potential of our people. This is the challenge before us. How can we make our crisis into an opportunity?

To answer this question, we must examine what we know about our state and about our work.

One thing that I know is that all members of this body are deeply dedicated to their constituents and to this state. I know that what makes us strong is our diversity, but there are other things that we know as well. What else do we know?

We know that Millinocket has gone from having the highest per capita income in Maine to having over 50 percent of people between the ages of 20 and 34 leave town to find work. This phenomenon is repeated in mill towns throughout Maine, whether it is Sanford or Baileyville or Rumford or any other mill town in our state. Our challenge is to re-commit ourselves to making all of Maine prosperous.

We know that roads are still seasonally posted, leaving rural business owners with no way to get their product to market. We know that Bangor is closer to Montreal than it is to Boston, but that that trade route is practically closed. Our challenge is to maintain our commitment to building a first-class infrastructure that extends to all regions of the state.

We know that Maine lags behind the rest of New England in the percentage of residents with post-secondary degrees. Yet, we know that access to higher education has a direct impact on the potential income of our people to the tune of \$1.7 million per person over their lifetime. Our challenge is to increase access to higher education.

We know that more Maine people receive their healthcare through their workplace than from any other source. We also know that premiums in the small group market are rising at a rate that is exponentially greater than the rate of inflation. Maine's small businesses and Maine people can no longer afford these premiums. Our challenge is to think creatively and boldly fight for affordable quality health care for all Maine people.

We know that the census reported what most Maine people already knew, that Maine has among the highest per capita tax burdens as compared to earnings in the nation. We can debate whether it is first, sixth or twelfth, but that's not a debate worth having. While we have lowered taxes over the last five years, our property tax is still too high and our schools are still struggling to get the funding they need. Our challenge is to find a better way to fund our schools, to maintain our excellence in education and to bring relief to taxpayers in Maine.

Most important, we know Maine's economy is forecasted for more hard times and is apt to linger in recession longer than the rest of the nation. We must minister to our economy. When the economy grows, we all benefit. Working together we will find opportunity in crisis and we will set a plan for the next generation of lawmakers so that we can fulfill Maine's potential.

Those of us in government have a key role in re-establishing the public's faith in our safety, our economy and our future. The economic impact of September 11 is of great concern to everyone, especially those of us in the Legislature who, beginning this week, must begin to write a budget for the state and its citizens.

Twelve weeks from now we will adjourn, and history will be the judge of our efforts. In that short time we have a great opportunity to build on our record of accomplishment.

Last session we met the challenges of Maine people by working together as a body. We rose to the occasion with the kind of moderation, common sense and cooperation that Mainers deserve from their lawmakers. We proved that we could work together and overcome legitimate differences without becoming grid locked.

Let us work together throughout the session ahead to cross party divisions for the betterment of this great state.

Ours is the branch of government closest to the people of this state, the cauldron in which ideas are tested and the good ones put into law. Cherish and protect it. Maintain your independence as a strong, equal, separate branch of government in the tradition of those dedicated legislators who preceded you.

Our challenge is large. Nevertheless, Mainers, and this Legislature, have in times past met large challenges and together found creative solutions. With all of your help, I remain optimistic that we may do so again. Now let's get to work.

Thank you.

A message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc of that body announcing a quorum present and that the Senate was ready to transact any business that might properly come before it.

On motion of Representative COLWELL of Gardiner, the following House Order: (H.O. 34)

ORDERED, that a Committee of ten be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Angus S. King, Jr., and inform him that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED and the Speaker appointed the following members:

Representative BERRY of Livermore
 Representative MAILHOT of Lewiston
 Representative TESSIER of Fairfield
 Representative BRANNIGAN of Portland
 Representative ETNIER of Harpswell
 Representative JONES of Greenville
 Representative NASS of Acton
 Representative WINSOR of Norway
 Representative BELANGER of Caribou
 Representative ROSEN of Bucksport

On motion of Representative NORBERT of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 35)

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED and Representative COLWELL of Gardiner was appointed to convey the message.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1404)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

November 29, 2001
Hon. Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
120th Legislature
Hon. Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate
120th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On November 29, 2001, 8 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on November 29, 2001, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to Lease a Certain Parcel of Land to the Federal Aviation Administration (H.P. 1400) (L.D. 1839) (Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Amend the Loan Broker Law" (H.P. 1396) (L.D. 1835) (Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Amend the Uniform Commercial Code, Article 9-A" (H.P. 1401) (L.D. 1840) (Presented by Representative LAVERDIERE of Wilton) (Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (H.P. 1403) (L.D. 1842) (Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Clarify Licensure for the Operation of Antique Trucks" (H.P. 1397) (L.D. 1836) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Allow Sharing of Information to Facilitate Interstate Cooperation Between Toll Agencies" (H.P. 1402) (L.D. 1841) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham) (Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Improve the Ability of the Public Utilities Commission to Enforce State Laws, Rules and Requirements" (H.P. 1398) (L.D. 1837) (Presented by Representative SAVAGE

of Buxton) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Unnecessary Filing Requirements for Water Utilities" (H.P. 1399) (L.D. 1838) (Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1411)

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

December 5, 2001

Hon. Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
120th Legislature
Hon. Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate
120th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 5, 2001, 6 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 5, 2001, as follows:

Criminal Justice

Bill "An Act to Ensure Victim Safety" (H.P. 1408) (L.D. 1846) (Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GERZOFOSKY of Brunswick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, POVICH of Ellsworth, QUINT of Portland, TOBIN of Dexter) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Require that Temporary Nurse Agencies Verify Certified Nursing Assistants' Eligibility Before Hiring Certified Nursing Assistants" (H.P. 1405) (L.D. 1843) (Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland) (Cosponsored by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Fire Inspections for Foster Homes" (H.P. 1409) (L.D. 1847) (Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, NUTTING of Oakland, SHIELDS of Auburn) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Separation of a Husband and Wife Placed in State-funded Nursing Facilities" (H.P. 1410) (L.D. 1848) (Presented by Representative FOSTER of Gray) (Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, GOOLEY of Farmington, HAWES of Standish, JODREY of Bethel, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, PINEAU of Jay) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 1406) (L.D. 1844) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Town of Waldoboro to Refinance Certain Temporary Bond Anticipation Notes Issued for its Water Project" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1407) (L.D. 1845) (Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Joy J. O'Brien
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1422)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

December 13, 2001
Hon. Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
120th Legislature
Hon. Richard A. Bennett
President of the Senate
120th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:
On December 12, 2001, 8 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.
Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 12, 2001, as follows:

Health and Human Services

Resolve, to Improve the Health of Maine Citizens Through Hepatitis C Prevention and Detection (H.P. 1414) (L.D. 1858) (Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Use of Motors Greater than 10 Horsepower on Certain Ponds in Chain of Ponds Township in Franklin County" (H.P. 1417) (L.D. 1861) (Presented by Representative GOOLEY of Farmington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Governmental Unit' as It Relates to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank Act" (H.P. 1412) (L.D. 1856) (Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon) (Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, GOODWIN of Pembroke, MADORE of Augusta, SCHNEIDER of Durham, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senator: McALEVEY of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Dissolve the Ministerial Accounts in the Town of Readfield's Trust Fund" (H.P. 1416) (L.D. 1860) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Establish the Avon-Phillips Airport Authority" (H.P. 1415) (L.D. 1859) (Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Overweight Fine Violation for Trucks Carrying Certain Designated Commodities and Registered for 100,000 Pounds" (H.P. 1419) (L.D. 1863) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Mount Blue Water District" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1413) (L.D. 1857) (Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Winterport Sewerage District" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1418) (L.D. 1862) (Presented by Representative BROOKS of Winterport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Pamela L. Cahill
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1424)
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
1849 C. STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
State of Maine
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002
Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Thank you for sending President Bush a copy of HP 1137, a Joint Resolution regarding a study about establishing a national park in Maine's North Woods. Your letter of May 4, 2001 has been forwarded to the National Park Service and we are pleased to acknowledge receipt of this resolution by the Maine Legislature. The resolution specifically asks that the President and Secretary of Interior "abandon plans to conduct a feasibility study concerning establishing a national park in Maine's north woods." There are no current plans by the National Park Service to conduct such a study. Furthermore, pursuant to Public Law 105-391, any studies of potential new units of the National Park System require specific authorization by Congress. The National Park Service and the Department of the Interior are not proposing any studies of potential new parks, pending progress in addressing the backlog of needs for maintenance and repairs in the existing units of the system. If at some future date, the Department resumes suggesting potential study candidates to Congress, we would certainly give full and careful

consideration to the concerns that the State legislature has expressed in the resolution you forwarded.
We appreciate your being in touch with us on this matter.

Sincerely,
S/Fran P. Mainella
Director

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1527)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

December 14, 2001
Hon. Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
120th Legislature
Hon. Richard A. Bennett
President of the Senate
120th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 14, 2001, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 14, 2001, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve, to Allow the Courts to Utilize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Issue a Bond of \$2,500,000 to Finish the Repairs at the Lewiston District Court (H.P. 1425) (L.D. 1866) (Presented by Representative MAILHOT of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: JACOBS of Turner, MENDROS of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, SHIELDS of Auburn, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senator: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Provide Enhancements to the Small Enterprise Growth Program" (H.P. 1420) (L.D. 1868) (Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and Representatives: DORR of Camden, ROSEN of Bucksport) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of 'Construction-manager-at-risk' Alternative Delivery Pilot Projects for School Construction and to Increase the Maximum Project Cost of Projects Eligible for Alternative Delivery" (H.P. 1426) (L.D. 1864) (Presented by Representative RICHARD of Madison) (Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representative: McDONOUGH of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to Make Direct Selection of Architects and Engineers Whose Services Do Not Exceed \$25,000" (H.P. 1427) (L.D. 1865) (Presented by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale) (Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representative: McDONOUGH of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of

Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Safety of Maine Children While Riding in a Vehicle" (H.P. 1421) (L.D. 1867) (Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland) (Cosponsored by President BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, FISHER of Brewer, Senator: O'GARA of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Pamela L. Cahill
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1539)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

December 18, 2001
Hon. Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
120th Legislature
Hon. Richard A. Bennett
President of the Senate
120th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 17, 2001, 57 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 17, 2001, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Increase the Permit Fees for Pulling Events" (H.P. 1454) (L.D. 1951) (Presented by Representative PINEAU of Jay) (Cosponsored by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook and Representatives: FOSTER of Gray, JODREY of Bethel) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Pesticide Control to Increase the Pesticide Product Registration Fee" (H.P. 1456) (L.D. 1953) (Presented by Representative LUNDEEN of Mars Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: HAWES of Standish, LANDRY of Patten) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Seeds of Peace International Camp Scholarships and Property Tax Payment" (H.P. 1434) (L.D. 1931) (Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth) (Cosponsored by Representative HEIDRICH of Oxford, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MAYO of Bath, Speaker SAXL of Portland, TRAHAN of Waldoboro) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Maintain the Family Caregiver Initiative for Elderly Citizens in Maine" (H.P. 1441) (L.D. 1938) (Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, SHIELDS of Auburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Allow the State to Maximize Funds for Meals for the Elderly in the State" (H.P. 1460) (L.D. 1957) (Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland) (Cosponsored by President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, DORR of Camden, DUDLEY of Portland, ETNIER of Harpswell, HAWES of Standish, MAYO of Bath, NORTON of Bangor, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance Travel Restrictions for Obtaining Health Care" (H.P. 1462) (L.D. 1959) (Presented by Representative MAYO of Bath) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland, ETNIER of Harpswell, FULLER of Manchester, GLYNN of South Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Modify Investment-related Insurance Company Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code" (H.P. 1475) (L.D. 1976) (Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GLYNN of South Portland, MAYO of Bath, SMITH of Van Buren, SULLIVAN of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act Concerning the State Board of Funeral Service" (H.P. 1438) (L.D. 1935) (Presented by Representative MAYO of Bath) (Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CARR of Lincoln, CLOUGH of Scarborough, HATCH of Skowhegan, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, PATRICK of Rumford, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, TRAHAN of Waldoboro) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Method of Sale for Heating Oil and Retail Motor Fuels" (H.P. 1451) (L.D. 1948) (Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator SAWYER of Penobscot and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CARR of Lincoln, COTE of Lewiston, HAWES of Standish, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Trial Offers" (H.P. 1471) (L.D. 1972) (Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Senator SAWYER of Penobscot and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, DORR of Camden, McDONOUGH of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice

Bill "An Act to Protect Police Horses" (H.P. 1435) (L.D. 1932) (Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland)

(Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HAWES of Standish, MAYO of Bath, NORBERT of Portland, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, SIMPSON of Auburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Sunset Provision Regarding the State Police Providing Services at Cost to Governmental and Nongovernmental Entities" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1457) (L.D. 1954) (Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Livermore) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Allow Federal Law Enforcement Officers to Enforce Maine Statutes" (H.P. 1458) (L.D. 1955) (Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Livermore) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Rule-making Authority for the Office of the State Fire Marshal" (H.P. 1459) (L.D. 1956) (Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and Representatives: QUINT of Portland, RINES of Wiscasset) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Allow Private Psychiatric Hospitalization of Residents of Department of Corrections Juvenile Facilities" (H.P. 1464) (L.D. 1961) (Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PEAVEY of Woolwich, QUINT of Portland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TOBIN of Dexter) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit a Convicted Sexual Offender From Acquiring Custody or Obtaining Visitation Rights Without Adult Supervision" (H.P. 1468) (L.D. 1969) (Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln) (By Request) (Cosponsored by President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, GOODWIN of Pembroke, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STANLEY of Medway, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KILKELLY of Lincoln) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Allow Maine to Participate in the Federal Pilot Program for Drivers Delivering Home Heating Oil" (H.P. 1477) (L.D. 1978) (Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, COLWELL of Gardiner, HALL of Bristol, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, McNEIL of Rockland, PARADIS of Frenchville, PERRY of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Protect Children from Sexual Predators" (H.P. 1482) (L.D. 1983) (Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, CLOUGH of Scarborough, MICHAEL of Auburn, NORBERT of Portland, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senators: President BENNETT of Oxford, SAWYER of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Fully Reimburse Center-based Developmental Therapy Programs under Contract with Child Development Services (H.P. 1461) (L.D. 1958) (Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, WATSON of Farmingdale, WESTON of Montville, Senator: TURNER of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Concerning Student Threats Against School Personnel" (H.P. 1474) (L.D. 1975) (Presented by Representative NORTON of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, DAVIS of Falmouth, PARADIS of Frenchville, RICHARD of Madison, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Designate Department of Education Chapter 180 Rules as Major Substantive Rules" (H.P. 1476) (L.D. 1977) (Presented by Representative WESTON of Montville) (Cosponsored by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough, Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CUMMINGS of Portland, ESTES of Kittery, FULLER of Manchester, McNEIL of Rockland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, STEDMAN of Hartland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline for the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1428) (L.D. 1925) (Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, JACOBS of Turner, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, QUINT of Portland, Senator: O'GARA of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Fair Collection of Overpayments" (H.P. 1433) (L.D. 1930) (Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUDLEY of Portland, HALL of Bristol, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MURPHY of Berwick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PATRICK of Rumford, Senator: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, to Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission to Address Financing of Long-term Care Costs (H.P. 1436) (L.D. 1933) (Presented by Representative KANE of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LOVETT of Scarborough, MAYO of Bath, NUTTING of Oakland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, to Provide Access to Personal Care Assistant Home Care Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1437) (L.D. 1934) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, JACOBS of Turner, KANE of Saco, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, TWOMEY of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Repatriation of Native American Remains" (H.P. 1443) (L.D. 1940) (Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HAWES of Standish, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, McKEE of Wayne, TWOMEY of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Concerning Unfunded Mandates in the Provision of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services (H.P. 1450) (L.D. 1947) (Presented by Representative NASS of Acton) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Roles and Positions within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services" (H.P. 1452) (L.D. 1949) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Augusta) (Submitted by the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility for General Assistance" (H.P. 1466) (L.D. 1963) (Presented by Representative DUNCAN of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PERKINS of Penobscot, PINKHAM of Lamoine, ROSEN of Bucksport, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WHEELER of Bridgewater) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Stabilize the Funding of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" (H.P. 1432) (L.D. 1929) (Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, COTE of Lewiston, ETNIER of Harpswell, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Allow Landowner Permits to be Issued for Turkey Hunting" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1442) (L.D. 1939) (Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BRYANT of Dixfield, CARR of Lincoln, DUNLAP of Old Town, JACOBS of Turner, NORTON of Bangor, PINKHAM of Lamoine, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Require the Owner of a Submerged Snowmobile or Boat to Remove the Snowmobile or Boat" (H.P. 1467) (L.D. 1968) (Presented by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CHICK of Lebanon, COLWELL of Gardiner, DUNLAP of Old Town, HATCH of Skowhegan, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, NORBERT of Portland, PERKINS of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Trial of Child Custody Cases Involving the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1431) (L.D. 1928) (Presented by Representative LORING of the Penobscot Nation) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, COTE of Lewiston, DORR of Camden, HALL of Bristol, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy

Tribe, TWOMEY of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Change the Requirement for Court-ordered Mental Examination" (H.P. 1453) (L.D. 1950) (Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton) (Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, FULLER of Manchester, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MADORE of Augusta, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford) (Submitted by the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Period During Which the Passamaquoddy Tribe May Acquire Land in the City of Calais" (H.P. 1479) (L.D. 1980) (Presented by Representative MORRISON of Baileyville) (Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke, Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, LABRECQUE of Gorham, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Promote Organ Donation" (H.P. 1448) (L.D. 1945) (Presented by Representative MARLEY of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, COLWELL of Gardiner, HALL of Bristol, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, McNEIL of Rockland, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, PARADIS of Frenchville, PERRY of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Safeguard Volunteer Firefighters' Regular Employment" (H.P. 1449) (L.D. 1946) (Presented by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, HALL of Bristol, SMITH of Van Buren, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, EDMONDS of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Promote Safety of Families through the Workplace" (H.P. 1463) (L.D. 1960) (Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MAYO of Bath, NORTON of Bangor, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senator: President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Status of Retirees Who Return to Service Under the Maine State Retirement System" (H.P. 1469) (L.D. 1970) (Presented by Representative NORTON of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, DAVIS of Falmouth, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MATTHEWS of Winslow, PARADIS of Frenchville, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Legal and Veteran Affairs

Bill "An Act to Support Businesses Engaged in Both Off-premises and On-premises Retail Sales of Malt Liquor and Wine" (H.P. 1470) (L.D. 1971) (Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, COLWELL of Gardiner, DORR of Camden, HALL of Bristol,

McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, NORBERT of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marine Resources

Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Participate in a Scientific Assessment of the Activities in the Great Salt Bay (H.P. 1478) (L.D. 1979) (Presented by Representative HALL of Bristol) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, LANDRY of Patten, PARADIS of Frenchville, RINES of Wiscasset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Regulate Lead Smart Renovators and Lead Sampling Technicians" (H.P. 1439) (L.D. 1936) (Presented by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Availability of Products with Excessive Levels of Arsenic" (H.P. 1447) (L.D. 1944) (Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne, Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin, SAWYER of Penobscot, TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Reduce Pollution of Androscoggin Lake by Repairing and Altering the Existing State-owned Barrier on the Dead River in Leeds" (H.P. 1465) (L.D. 1962) (Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne) (Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators: President BENNETT of Oxford, SAWYER of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Create and Fund a Household Hazardous Waste Collection System" (H.P. 1473) (L.D. 1974) (Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel, DUDLEY of Portland, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators: SAWYER of Penobscot, TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Amend the Boundaries Between Ripley and St. Albans" (H.P. 1429) (L.D. 1926) (Presented by Representative STEDMAN of Hartland) (Cosponsored by Representative TOBIN of Dexter, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Modify the Time of Constituent Service Allowance Payments" (H.P. 1444) (L.D. 1941) (Presented by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, COLWELL of Gardiner, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, LESSARD of Topsham, MAYO of Bath, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of Berwick, NORBERT of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief in Cumberland County" (H.P. 1445) (L.D. 1942) (Presented by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator

YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, GLYNN of South Portland, MARLEY of Portland, MURPHY of Berwick, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Municipal Reapportionment Authority" (H.P. 1446) (L.D. 1943) (Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, LABRECQUE of Gorham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to Convey a Crossing Easement (H.P. 1455) (L.D. 1952) (Presented by Representative SMITH of Van Buren) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Resolve, to Rename the Highland Avenue Bridge the Major General Henry Merriam Bridge (H.P. 1430) (L.D. 1927) (Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, McKENNEY of Cumberland, NUTTING of Oakland, PINKHAM of Lamoine, ROSEN of Bucksport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Economic Impact of Seasonally Posted Roads" (H.P. 1481) (L.D. 1982) (Presented by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by President BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: MAYO of Bath, McDONOUGH of Portland, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Speaker SAXL of Portland, Senator: President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Modernize the Procurement Practices at the Department of Transportation" (H.P. 1483) (L.D. 1984) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Utilities and Energy

Bill "An Act to Benefit Maine's Economy" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1440) (L.D. 1937) (Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLWELL of Gardiner, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senators: SAWYER of Penobscot, TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Utility Easements" (H.P. 1472) (L.D. 1973) (Presented by Representative HALL of Bristol) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, COWGER of Hallowell, CRABTREE of Hope, DORR of Camden, GOODWIN of Pembroke, MARLEY of Portland, RINES of Wiscasset, Senator: CARPENTER of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Charging of Tolls for Phone Calls Made Between Contiguous Communities" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1480) (L.D. 1981) (Presented by Representative MICHAUD of Fort Kent) (Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin, Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, MAYO of Bath, O'NEIL of Saco, PARADIS of Frenchville, SMITH of Van Buren, Senator: EDMONDS of

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

Bill "An Act to Avoid Incompatible Employment of Water Utility Employees" (H.P. 1484) (L.D. 1985) (Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
S/Pamela L. Cahill
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1540)

**STATE OF MAINE
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December 20, 2001

Hon. Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

120th Legislature

Hon. Richard A. Bennett

President of the Senate

120th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 19, 2001, 52 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 19, 2001, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Support the State's Homeless Youth" (H.P. 1528) (L.D. 2031) (Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Create the Adult Education Outreach Grant Program" (H.P. 1530) (L.D. 2033) (Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BLISS of South Portland, DUDLEY of Portland, ESTES of Kittery, ETNIER of Harpswell, JONES of Greenville, NORTON of Bangor, RICHARD of Madison, TESSIER of Fairfield, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: SMALL of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Provide funding for the Advisory Commission on Women Veterans" (H.P. 1532) (L.D. 2035) (Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec, Representatives: ASH of Belfast, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, COLWELL of Gardiner, DORR of Camden, HATCH of Skowhegan, JACOBS of Turner, KANE of Saco, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAILHOT of Lewiston, McGOWAN of Pittsfield, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, O'NEIL of Saco, QUINT of Portland, VOLENIK of Brooklin, WATSON of

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

Bill "An Act to Increase Home Ownership" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1533) (L.D. 2036) (Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by President BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, COLWELL of Gardiner, NORBERT of Portland, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, SHOREY of Washington, SMALL of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Maine State Housing Authority pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Banking and Insurance

Bill "An Act to Clarify Recent Amendments to the Maine Consumer Credit Code" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1496) (L.D. 1999) (Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GLYNN of South Portland, MAYO of Bath, SMITH of Van Buren, SULLIVAN of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Business and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Regulate Professional Boxing" (H.P. 1487) (L.D. 1990) (Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Representative MICHAUD of Fort Kent, Senator: YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Licensing Fee Caps of the Board of Osteopathic Licensure" (H.P. 1514) (L.D. 2017) (Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, Senator: SHOREY of Washington) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Control Internet 'Spam'" (H.P. 1538) (L.D. 2041) (Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, BRUNO of Raymond, COLWELL of Gardiner, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HALL of Bristol, NORBERT of Portland, SAVAGE of Buxton, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senators: CARPENTER of York, DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, McALEVEY of York, SMALL of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice

Bill "An Act Regarding Fire Safety Laws for Residential Care Facilities" (H.P. 1494) (L.D. 1997) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel, DUDLEY of Portland, JACOBS of Turner, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MAYO of Bath, NUTTING of Oakland, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WESTON of Montville) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study County Jail Population, Cost and Reimbursement by the State (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1499) (L.D. 2002) (Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: POVICH of Ellsworth, QUINT of Portland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TOBIN of Dexter, Senators: McALEVEY of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SMALL of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1518) (L.D. 2022) (Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Livermore) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Exclude Court Holidays from the Time Required in Which a Juvenile Detention Hearing Must be Held" (H.P. 1529) (L.D. 2032) (Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, QUINT of Portland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TOBIN of Dexter) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Administration of Epinephrine by Emergency Medical Personnel" (H.P. 1536) (L.D. 2039) (Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MARLEY of Portland, SKOGLUND of St. George) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Require that the State Board of Education Have One Student Member" (H.P. 1489) (L.D. 1992) (Presented by Representative JACOBS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: LANDRY of Patten, MAILHOT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PARADIS of Frenchville, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WATSON of Farmingdale) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Provisional Certification for Teachers and Administrators" (H.P. 1517) (L.D. 2021) (Presented by Representative RICHARD of Madison) (Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Establish the Asthma Prevention and Control Program in the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health" (H.P. 1495) (L.D. 1998) (Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester) (Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel, DUDLEY of Portland, JACOBS of Turner, KANE of Saco, MAYO of Bath, NORTON of Bangor, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Apply for a Federal Waiver to Provide Medicaid Benefits to Uninsured Residents with a Diagnosis of Cancer (H.P. 1497) (L.D. 2000) (Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: LOVETT of Scarborough, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Augusta) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, to Address the Crisis of a Shortage in Direct-care Staff in the Long-term Care System (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1504) (L.D. 2007) (Presented by Representative KANE of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LOVETT of Scarborough, MAYO of Bath, NUTTING of Oakland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Promote the Health of Maine Women and Girls" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1510) (L.D. 2013) (Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Senator TREAT of Kennebec

and Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAILHOT of Lewiston, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, McNEIL of Rockland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Transfer Responsibility for Determining Eligibility for the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Department of Human Services" (H.P. 1522) (L.D. 2026) (Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Child Care Facility Laws" (H.P. 1523) (L.D. 2027) (Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Health" (H.P. 1525) (L.D. 2029) (Presented by Representative KANE of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, FULLER of Manchester, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MATTHEWS of Winslow, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Assist the Maine Lead Advisory Council in Testing High-risk Children for Lead Poisoning" (H.P. 1535) (L.D. 2038) (Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco, Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, COLWELL of Gardiner, COTE of Lewiston, CUMMINGS of Portland, DUDLEY of Portland, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, PATRICK of Rumford, SIMPSON of Auburn, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Change the Registration Requirement for Certain Motorboats Used in Maine Waters" (H.P. 1537) (L.D. 2040) (Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Concerning Passamaquoddy Land in Grand Lake Stream Plantation" (H.P. 1491) (L.D. 1994) (Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, McKEE of Wayne, TWOMEY of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Background Checks on Prospective Adoptive Parents" (H.P. 1507) (L.D. 2010) (Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Make Certain Changes to the State's Child Support Enforcement Laws" (H.P. 1521) (L.D. 2025) (Presented by Representative NASS of Acton) (Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representative BERRY of Livermore, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Severance Pay" (H.P. 1498) (L.D. 2001) (Presented by Representative BOWLES

of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, LABRECQUE of Gorham, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MAYO of Bath, PATRICK of Rumford, STANLEY of Medway) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Protect Retirement Income" (H.P. 1503) (L.D. 2006) (Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, McDONOUGH of Portland, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, NORBERT of Portland, SMITH of Van Buren, STEDMAN of Hartland, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Retirement Equity for Capital Security Officers" (H.P. 1524) (L.D. 2028) (Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CARR of Lincoln, DAVIS of Falmouth, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, MATTHEWS of Winslow, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Fairness in State Bid Criteria" (H.P. 1531) (L.D. 2034) (Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLWELL of Gardiner, GOODWIN of Pembroke, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MAYO of Bath, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STANLEY of Medway, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KILKELLY of Lincoln) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Legal and Veterans Affairs

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Statutes Regarding Beano and Games of Chance" (H.P. 1512) (L.D. 2015) (Presented by Representative CHIZMAR of Lisbon) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Election Laws" (H.P. 1519) (L.D. 2023) (Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Establish Educational Requirements for Granting Noncommercial Lobster Licenses" (H.P. 1493) (L.D. 1996) (Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, DUNLAP of Old Town, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MAYO of Bath, Senator: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Phase Out the Availability of Mercury-added Products" (H.P. 1501) (L.D. 2004) (Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, ESTES of Kittery, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Public Benefits of Solid Waste Facilities" (H.P. 1502) (L.D. 2005) (Presented by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives:

DAVIS of Falmouth, DUNLAP of Old Town, McDONOUGH of Portland, NORBERT of Portland, NORTON of Bangor, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TOBIN of Dexter) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Stabilize Funding for the Air Quality Program within the Department of Environmental Protection" (H.P. 1511) (L.D. 2014) (Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Compliance with Spill Prevention Requirements and Authorize Reimbursement for Certain Oil Spill Remediation Expenses" (H.P. 1513) (L.D. 2016) (Presented by Representative CRABTREE of Hope) (Cosponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Retroactive Effect of Changes Made to the Subdivision Laws" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1534) (L.D. 2037) (Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator SAWYER of Penobscot and Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, COLWELL of Gardiner, CUMMINGS of Portland, DAVIS of Falmouth, LESSARD of Topsham, MAYO of Bath, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, WESTON of Montville, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding Criminal History Record Checks" (H.P. 1486) (L.D. 1989) (Presented by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Livermore) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Erect a Memorial in Capitol Park to the Victims and Heroes of the September 11, 2001 Tragedy (H.P. 1488) (L.D. 1991) (Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, DAVIS of Falmouth, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, MAYO of Bath, NORBERT of Portland, PERKINS of Penobscot, Speaker SAXL of Portland, Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Washington County Emergency Medical Services Authority" (H.P. 1490) (L.D. 1993) (Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke) (Cosponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Create the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy" (H.P. 1505) (L.D. 2008) (Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CARR of Lincoln, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JONES of Greenville, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senator: President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Restructure the Advisory Council on Tax-deferred Arrangements" (H.P. 1508) (L.D. 2011) (Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by President BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, MARLEY of Portland, McDONOUGH of Portland, NORBERT of Portland, NORTON of Bangor, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis)

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

Bill "An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking" (H.P. 1515) (L.D. 2019) (Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DORR of Camden, JACOBS of Turner, MADORE of Augusta, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Expand the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program" (H.P. 1509) (L.D. 2012) (Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of Berwick, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, SHOREY of Washington) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Specialty License Plates" (H.P. 1506) (L.D. 2009) (Presented by Representative McNEIL of Rockland) (Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, COLWELL of Gardiner, FISHER of Brewer, PARADIS of Frenchville, Speaker SAXL of Portland, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, SAVAGE of Knox) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 1485) (L.D. 2018) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Promote the Fiscal Sustainability of the Highway Fund" (H.P. 1516) (L.D. 2020) (Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, McNEIL of Rockland, MURPHY of Berwick, Senators: KNEELAND of Aroostook, O'GARA of Cumberland, SAVAGE of Knox) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Utilities and Energy

Resolve, Regarding Participation in Regional Transmission Organization (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1492) (L.D. 1995) (Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, HALL of Bristol) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Prepare Residential Electricity Customers for Competitive Electricity Markets in Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1500) (L.D. 2003) (Presented by Representative BLISS of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, GOODWIN of Pembroke, HALL of Bristol, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Improve the Safety Provided by the Underground Facilities Protection Law" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1520) (L.D. 2024) (Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

S/Pamela L. Cahill
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1423)
CITY OF PORTLAND
389 CONGRESS STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04101

November 20, 2001
Honorable Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House
Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Enclosed, please find a certified copy of a resolution regarding Universal Health Care passed by the Portland City Council at its meeting last evening.

The results of the vote on the Universal Health Care Advisory question from the City of Portland Municipal Election held on November 6, 2001 are as follows:

Yes 7,024

No 6,494

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

Yours truly,

S/Linda C. Cohen
City Clerk

READ and with accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE.**
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 325)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

January 2, 2002
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority, I have appointed the following members to serve on committees, study commissions and task forces:
Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management, Joint Order, H.P. 1330 as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-371)

Representative Theodore Koffman of Bar Harbor, House Chair

Representative Scott W. Cowger of Hallowell

Representative Janet L. McLaughlin of Cape Elizabeth

Representative Boyd P. Marley of Portland

Representative David L. Tobin of Windham

Representative Anita P. Haskell of Milford

Committee to Study the Loss of Commercial Fishing Waterfront Access and Other Economic Development Issues Affecting Commercial Fishing, Joint Order, H.P. 1384

Representative David G. Lemoine of Old Orchard Beach, House Chair

Representative David M. Etnier of Harpswell

Representative Deborah K. McNeil of Rockland

Elizabeth Sheehan of Coastal Enterprises Inc.

John Bubier of the City of Bath

Committee to Review the Child Protective System, Joint Order H.P. 1385

Representative Charles C. LaVerdiere of Wilton

Representative Deborah L. Simpson of Auburn

Representative David R. Madore of Augusta

Maureen Dea of Brunswick, serve in capacity of an experienced guardian ad litem

Lisa Kittredge of Cape Elizabeth, serve in capacity of a current foster parent

Committee to Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families, Joint Order H.P. 1386

Representative Gerald M. Davis of Falmouth, House Chair

Christine Hastedt of Freeport, serve in the capacity of a low-income advocate

Patti Wooley of Waterville, representative a childcare organization

Elizabeth Mahoney of Cumberland, representative of parents

Lu Bauer, representative of a small business

Connie LaPointe Brennan of Portland, representative of a large business

Committee to Study Access to Private and Public Lands in Maine, Joint Order H.P. 1387

Representative Joseph E. Clark of Millinocket

Committee to Study Reimbursement Rates for Maine's Bottle Redemption Businesses and Other Issues Related to the Handling and Collection of Returnable Containers, Joint Order H.P. 1389

Representative Gary J. Wheeler of Eliot, House Chair

Representative Harold A. Clough of Scarborough

Laurence Pullen of Seltzer & Rydholm

Leo Madden of Maine Recycling Corporation

Ted Brown of Hannaford Bros. Co.

Richard Pfeffer of Gritty McDuff's Brewing Company

Committee to Study Issues Concerning Changes to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forest and Lands, Joint Order H.P. 1391, as amended by Joint Order H.P. 1393

Representative Sharon H. Libby Jones of Greenville, House Chair

Representative Raymond G. Pineau of Jay

Representative Roderick W. Carr of Lincoln

Capital Riverfront Improvement District Governing Board, Chapter 58, P. & S. 1999

Representative David R. Madore of Augusta

Commission to Study Assisted Living, Chapter 36, P. & S. 2001

Representative Thomas J. Kane of Saco, House Chair

Representative Joseph E. Brooks of Winterport

Representative Glenys P. Lovett of Scarborough

Representative Robert W. Nutting of Oakland

Dana Totman of York Cumberland Housing of Gorham

Anthony Gorgione of Seventy-Five State Street of Portland

Veronica Sheehan of the Wardwell of Saco

Roberta Downey of the Eastern Agency on Aging of Bangor

Howard Dupee of Coastal Enterprises, Inc of Wiscasset

Advisory Board of the Maine Learning Technology Endowment, Chapter 358, Part II, P.L. 2001

Honorable Neil Rolde

Edward B. Dinan

Commission to Develop a Plan to Implement the Closure of State Liquor Stores, Chapter 358, Part V, P. L. 2001

Representative John L. Tuttle, Jr. of Sanford, House Chair

Representative Arthur F. Mayo III of Bath

Education Funding Reform Committee, Chapter 439, Part SSS, P. L. 2001

Representative Bonnie Green of Monmouth, House Chair
Representative Stephen S. Stanley of Medway
Representative Bernard E. McGowan of Pittsfield
Representative Janet L. McLaughlin of Cape Elizabeth
Representative Glenn Cummings of Portland
Representative Eleanor M. Murphy of Berwick
Representative David E. Bowles of Sanford
Representative Irvin G. Belanger of Caribou
Representative Richard W. Rosen of Bucksport
Representative Mary Ellen Ledwin of Holden
Long-term Care Implementation Committee, Chapter 362, P. L. 2001
Marilynn Morel of Biddeford
Health Care System and Health Security Board, Chapter 439, Part ZZZ, P. L. 2001
Representative Paul Volenik of Brooklin, House Chair
Representative Florence T. Young of Limestone
John Moran of the Maine Council of Senior Citizens
Violet Raymond of the Maine AFL/CIO
Patricia Philbrook of the Maine State Nurses Association
Howard Buckley of Mercy Hospital
Jim Amero of Borealis Breads
Frank O'Hara of Planning Decisions
Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine, Chapter 462, P. L. 2001
Representative Bruce S. Bryant of Dixfield, House Chair
Representative Zachary E. Matthews of Winslow
Round Table to Study Economic and Labor Issues Relating to the Forest Products Industry, Chapter 124, Resolves of 1999
Representative Rosita Gagne of Buckfield, House Chair
Honorable Roland Sampson of Jay, serve in an advisory role
Commission to Study Domestic Violence, Chapter 126, Resolves of 1999
Representative Judith B. Peavey of Woolwich
Task Force to Establish a Centralized Voter Registration List, Chapter 58, Resolves of 2001
Honorable Harry G. True of Fryeburg
Jess Knox of Portland
Alan D. Julson of the Maine Democratic Party
Janice P. Carpenter of the Maine League of Women Voters
Debra M. Lane of Cape Elizabeth
Honorable Richard Davies of Augusta will replace Jess Knox of Portland who resigned
Commission to Study the Implementation of a Unified Emergency Response for Emergency Releases and Spills of Toxic or Hazardous Materials, Chapter 65, Resolves of 2001
Representative Robert W. Duplessie of Westbrook, House Chair
Representative Randall L. Berry of Livermore
Representative Robert A. Daigle of Arundel
Raymond Loucier of Minot
Michael Hangge of Ellsworth
David Feeney of South Portland
Blue Ribbon Commission on Postsecondary Educational Attainment, Chapter 66, Resolves of 2001
Representative Elizabeth Watson of Farmingdale, House Chair
Representative Thomas W. Murphy, Jr. of Kennebunk
Wendy Ault of Augusta
President George Spann of Waterville
Colleen Quint of the Mitchell Institute
Children's Mental Health Oversight Committee, Title 34-B, M.R.S.A. §15004
Wesley Davidson of the Aroostook Mental Health Center in Caribou

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 326)
STATE OF MAINE
120TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

August 9, 2001
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:
Pursuant to our authority under Public Laws 2001, Ch. 358, Part V, we are pleased to appoint the following to the Commission to Develop a Plan to Implement the Closure of State Liquor Stores.
Senator Beverly C. Daggett of Kennebec, Chair
Senator Mary E. Small of Sagadahoc
Agent Peter Welch, RSVP of Portland
Agent Paul Klotzle, Bayside Liquors of Bar Harbor
Jack Weisman, Manager, North Windham Store
Sincerely,
S/Michael H. Michaud
President of the Senate
S/Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 327)
STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the paper to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, August 21, 2001.
S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

RESOLUTION OF THE
JOINT TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE
ADOPTED AT A MEETING HELD AT THE
PLEASANT POINT RESERVATION,
PERRY MAINE
ON AUGUST 15, 2001

WHEREAS, the Tribe has sought an amendment to the Maine Implementing Act to authorize any tribal lands in Township 19 M.D. certified to have been acquired by the Secretary of the Interior before January 31, 2020 for the benefit of the Tribe to be included in Passamaquoddy Indian Territory; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Maine has passed "An Act Regarding Passamaquoddy Land in Township 19, M.D."; and
WHEREAS, Section 4 of P.L. 2001, chapter 251 provides that it will not become effective unless it is approved by the Joint Tribal Council of the

Passamaquoddy Tribe and a certification thereof is filed with the Maine Secretary of State within 60 days of the adjournment of the Maine Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Title 25, Section 1725 (e) of the United States Code grants the consent of Congress to any amendment of the Maine Implementing Act affecting the Passamaquoddy Tribe when the amendment relates to (A) "the enforcement or application of civil, criminal, or regulatory laws of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. . . and the State within their respective jurisdictions," or (B) "the allocation or determination of governmental responsibility of the State and the tribe . . . over specified subject matters or specified geographical areas" or (C) "the allocation of jurisdiction between tribal courts and State courts," provided the amendment is made with the agreement of the Passamaquoddy Tribe; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2001, chapter 251 is deemed beneficial to the Passamaquoddy Tribe,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;
THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3, Section 601 of the Maine Revised Statutes and Section 4 of P.L. 2001, chapter 251, the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe hereby agrees to and approves the amendments to 30 M.R.S.A. § 6205, subsection (1) provided in P.L. 2001, c. 251 enacted by the Maine Legislature, and directs that a written certification to that effect be prepared, executed and submitted forthwith to the Secretary of State of Maine.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned officer designated by the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe pursuant to Title 3, Section 602 of the Maine Revised Statutes, do hereby certify that a meeting of the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy tribe was held at the Pleasant Point Reservation, Washington County, Maine on August 15, 2001, and do further certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Joint Tribal Council at that meeting.

DATED: 8/15/01

ATTEST: S/Donald G. Soctomah, Certifying Officer

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 328)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

November 26, 2001
Honorable Michael V. Saxl
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Saxl:
Please find enclosed certified copies of the Governor's Proclamations and the Official Tabulation displaying the final results of the November 6, 2001 Referendum Election.

Sincerely,
S/Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 329)
**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
20 UNION STREET, PO BOX 259
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0259**

November 27, 2001

Members of the 120th Maine Legislature
In accordance with 5 MRSA § 13070-J, we are pleased to submit the "agency report" for the Governor's Training Initiative, which has been an instrumental tool in the creation and retention of high skill, quality employment in Maine since its inception in 1996. In calendar year 2000 more than 105 companies participated in training. Fifty-four of fifty-six firms (96.42%) having received \$10,000 or more in reimbursements submitted in accordance with EDIR law. Training projects provided by these firms have impacted the skill development of 2,453 new hires and 4,387 incumbent workers. The attached report lists the amounts paid and the anticipated job growth and retention associated with those funds. Because the funding cycle is spread over a two-year period, funds related to EDIR reporting requirements of this calendar year may be associated with contract allocations spanning three funding cycles (PY98, PY99, PY00).

Statistics included in this report indicate the public benefit derived from the Governor's Training Initiative; these include private dollars leveraged via company match for direct training related activity and an estimated tax base increase associated with new job creation and a potential ensuing job multiplier. In addition, comments have been included from reports that represent overall responses regarding both company and public benefit.

Given our goal of encouraging employers to invest in workers and promote training for workers in all sizes and types of firms, the Governor's Training Initiative has ensured that the needs of small firms are included. In particular, the Governor's Training Initiative is one of the few public vehicles available to reach workers on the job. It acts as an incentive for companies of all sizes to invest in their employees. Importantly, the training plans approved for this program are geared to provide transferable skills to workers. This assists workers who are laid off by equipping them with current skills and is especially important during periods of recession or transition in the workplace.

The program is jointly administered by the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic and Community Development. Should you have any further questions about the program, please feel free to contact either Commissioner Levesque or me.

Sincerely,
S/Valerie R. Landry
Commissioner

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

At this point, Representative COLWELL of Gardiner reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Auburn, Representative MICHAEL, the Representative from Fairfield, Representative TESSIER and the Representative from Waldoboro, Representative TRAHAN and they were added to the quorum call of the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 470)
**SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0003**

October 24, 2001

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

Dear Speaker Saxl:

In accordance with Joint Rule 506 of the 120th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the nominations of:

Andrew B. Berry of Whitefield for reappointment as a member of the Board of Pesticides Control;
John M. Joseph, Jr. of Hallowell for reappointment as a member of the Maine Milk Commission;
Linda S. Pagels of Cherryfield for appointment as a member of the Land for Maine's Future Board; and
Jacquelyn L. Webber of Stockholm for reappointment, and Edward B. Laverty of Milo for appointment as members of the Land Use Regulation Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development, the nominations of:

Joy Bishop Blood of Cape Elizabeth and Reynold Raymond of Eagle Lake for reappointment and William H. Beardsley of Bangor, M. Kelly Matzen of Auburn, Joyce A. Maker of Calais for appointment as members of the Finance Authority of Maine; and
Philip A. Cyr of Van Buren and Philip J. St. Peter of Caribou for reappointment as members of the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

In addition, the following nominee was withdrawn by Governor King as she was not available on the hearing date. We have been advised that she will be reposted for nomination the next session:

Theodora J. Kalikow of Farmington for appointment as a member of the Finance Authority of Maine.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nominations of:

Brian N. Hamel of Presque Isle for reappointment and Dennis P. King of Freeport for appointment as members of the Maine Technical College System, Board of Trustees;
Richard J. Grosh of Brooklin for reappointment as a member and Andrew J. Scheuchzer of Falmouth for appointment as a student trustee of the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees;
David A. Peterson of New Sweden for reappointment as a member of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees;
James D. Mullen of Bangor for reappointment and William D. Johnson of Saco for appointment as members of the University of Maine Board of Trustees; and
Diane St. Lawrence of New Portland for reappointment as a member of the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, the nominations of:

Honorable John R. Atwood of Damariscotta for reappointment, Joseph M. Jabar of Waterville and E. Allen Hunter of Caribou for appointment as Maine Superior Court Justices;
Honorable James P. Archibald of Houlton and the Honorable Samuel W. Collins, Jr. of Rockland for reappointment as Active Retired Justices, Maine Supreme Judicial Court;
James Varner of Old Town for reappointment as a member of the Maine Human Rights Commission; and
John M.R. Paterson of Freeport, Lois Reckitt of Portland, Stephen J. Rich of Windham, and the Honorable Robert E. Murray, Jr. of Bangor for appointment as members of the Baxter Compensation Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, the nominations of:

Wayne W. Whitney of Brunswick, Carol B. Gilmore of Charleston and Robert L. Piccone of Portland for reappointment as members of the Maine Labor Relations Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, the nomination of:

Irving B. Faunce of Kennebunkport for reappointment as a member of the Board of Environmental Protection.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, the nominations of:

Harland C. Goodwin of South Berwick and Janis Cohen of Standish for appointment as members of the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 510)
**SENATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
3 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0003**

December 6, 2001

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

Dear Speaker Saxl:

In accordance with Joint Rule 506 of the 120th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development, the nomination of Theodora J. Kalikow of Farmington for appointment as a member of the Finance Authority of Maine.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, the nominations of the Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saufley of Portland for appointment as Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court; and Brenda Schertz of Portland for appointment as a member of the Baxter Compensation Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, the nomination of Jean T. Wilkinson of

Cumberland Foreside for reappointment as a member of the Board of Environmental Protection.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
S/Pamela L. Cahill
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bill was received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills was **REFERRED** to the following Committee, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act to Enhance Consumer-directed Personal Assistance Services for Maine Citizens with Disabilities"
(H.P. 1544) (L.D. 2045)

Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, SCHNEIDER of Durham.

At this point, Representative BERRY of Livermore reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

Resolve, to Reduce Paperwork for Maine Businesses
(H.P. 1543) (L.D. 2044)

Sponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CUMMINGS of Portland, DORR of Camden, HAWES of Standish, LANDRY of Patten, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, Senator: GAGNON of Kennebec.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative GREEN of Monmouth, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committees on **TAXATION** and **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Maine State Retirement System

Representative BERRY for the **Maine State Retirement System** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17103, subsection 13 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1526) (L.D. 2030)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Speaker SAXL of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P.1542) (Under suspension of the rules,

cosponsored by President BENNETT of Oxford, President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, ASH of Belfast, BAGLEY of Machias, BAKER of Bangor, BELANGER of Caribou, BERRY of Belmont, BERRY of Livermore, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BLISS of South Portland, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BOWLES of Sanford, BRANNIGAN of Portland, BROOKS of Winterport, BRUNO of Raymond, BRYANT of Dixfield, BUCK of Yarmouth, BULL of Freeport, BUMPS of China, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CANAVAN of Waterville, CARR of Lincoln, CHASE of Levant, CHICK of Lebanon, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CLARK of Millinocket, CLOUGH of Scarborough, COLLINS of Wells, COLWELL of Gardiner, COTE of Lewiston, COWGER of Hallowell, CRABTREE of Hope, CRESSEY of Baldwin, CUMMINGS of Portland, DAIGLE of Arundel, DAVIS of Falmouth, DESMOND of Mapleton, DORR of Camden, DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, DUPREY of Hampden, ESTES of Kittery, ETNIER of Harpswell, FISHER of Brewer, FOSTER of Gray, FULLER of Manchester, GAGNE of Buckfield, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GLYNN of South Portland, GOODWIN of Pembroke, GOOLEY of Farmington, GREEN of Monmouth, HALL of Bristol, HASKELL of Milford, HATCH of Skowhegan, HAWES of Standish, HEIDRICH of Oxford, HONEY of Boothbay, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, JACOBS of Turner, JODREY of Bethel, JONES of Greenville, KANE of Saco, KASPRZAK of Newport, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LABRECQUE of Gorham, LANDRY of Patten, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, LEDWIN of Holden, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, LESSARD of Topsham, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, LOVETT of Scarborough, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MADORE of Augusta, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MARLEY of Portland, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MAYO of Bath, McDONOUGH of Portland, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, McGOWAN of Pittsfield, MCKEE of Wayne, McKENNEY of Cumberland, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, McNEIL of Rockland, MENDROS of Lewiston, MICHAEL of Auburn, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MORRISON of Baileyville, MURPHY of Berwick, MURPHY of Kennebunk, MUSE of South Portland, MUSE of Fryeburg, NASS of Acton, NORBERT of Portland, NORTON of Bangor, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco, PARADIS of Frenchville, PATRICK of Rumford, PEAVEY of Woolwich, PERKINS of Penobscot, PERRY of Bangor, PINEAU of Jay, PINKHAM of Lamoine, POVICH of Ellsworth, QUINT of Portland, RICHARD of Madison, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, RINES of Wiscasset, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAVAGE of Buxton, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHIELDS of Auburn, SIMPSON of Auburn, SKOGLUND of St. George, SMITH of Van Buren, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, STANLEY of Medway, STEDMAN of Hartland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TESSIER of Fairfield, THOMAS of Orono, TOBIN of Windham, TOBIN of Dexter, TRACY of Rome, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, TREADWELL of Carmel, TUTTLE of Sanford, TWOMEY of Biddeford, USHER of Westbrook, VOLENIK of Brooklin, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WATSON of Farmingdale, WESTON of Montville, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot, WINSOR of Norway, YOUNG of Limestone, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, BROMLEY of Cumberland, CARPENTER of York, CATHCART of Penobscot, DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, EDMONDS of Cumberland, FERGUSON of Oxford, GAGNON of Kennebec, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock,

KILKELLY of Lincoln, KNEELAND of Aroostook, LaFOUNTAIN of York, LEMONT of York, LONGLEY of Waldo, MARTIN of Aroostook, McALEVEY of York, MILLS of Somerset, MITCHELL of Penobscot, NUTTING of Androscoggin, O'GARA of Cumberland, PENDLETON of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SAVAGE of Knox, SAWYER of Penobscot, SHOREY of Washington, SMALL of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec, TURNER of Cumberland, WOODCOCK of Franklin, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot)

**JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING MAINE VICTIMS OF THE
SEPTEMBER 11TH TRAGEDY**

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001 thousands of innocent people from Maine and across the United States lost their lives and their loved ones or were injured in a shocking assault on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, on the same day an airplane hijacked as a part of those cowardly acts crashed in the countryside outside Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, killing all aboard; and

WHEREAS, these losses were suffered by ordinary people as they were traveling or were working in buildings that had become symbols of America's extraordinary strength; and

WHEREAS, millions more people in this nation, and across the world, were sickened as they witnessed walls collapsing into rubble and faces collapsing into horror; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, join the citizens throughout Maine in acknowledging and expressing our sorrow to all those who have suffered loss through the deaths of loved ones or injury to themselves; and be it further

RESOLVED, That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature, believe that all those who participated in or sponsored these terrible crimes against humanity should be brought to justice without regard to region or border; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature, avow and affirm our love for and belief in this country and its people and principles and its confidence in our President and leaders as they guide us through these difficult days; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature, express the collective grief and anguish of our friends and neighbors throughout the nation and our allies in other countries who suffered loss in the aftermath of the appalling airplane hijackings and attacks on September 11, 2001 and pledge our prayers and our purpose in sustaining the strength and solidarity of this nation, our President and our leaders as we respond to this unprecedented attack on America; 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 United States House of Representatives, to the governors of the states of Maine and New York and the commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

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

Representative **TUTTLE**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I would be remiss in the number of years that I have served in this institution if I didn't mention the fine work of former Speaker, Elizabeth Mitchell, in bringing this House back to its grandeur. As one member, as I have seen friends who I have served with over the years, we watched year after year in 20 plus years of seeing this institution being run down year after year and even during surplus times we would say that we would postpone it to the following year and it never came. When Elizabeth Mitchell became Speaker of this House, this House was transformed, the work was done and in my opinion, Libby, it is because of you that this institution looks like it does today. I will always remember that until the day I die. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **MURPHY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. As a member of this body who is just starting her 18th year, I would like to join Representative Tuttle from Sanford in thanking the good former House Speaker, Speaker Mitchell, for what she has done for this building. It was sadly in need of renovations and I, for one, appreciate it. It is a job well done. It is just beautiful. Thank you.

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

On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, the House adjourned at 2:14 p.m., until noon, Friday, January 4, 2002.